

## July 2022 Board Briefs

### **JULY 20 FACILITY AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

Staff received consensus from the Facility and Recreation Committee to place the total base bid from Wilderness Graphics, Inc. for the 2022 Heller Nature Center Exhibition Fabrication and Installation Bid on the consent agenda at the July 27 Regular Board Meeting.

Dunja Vla from Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates (WJE) presented the findings from their investigation of the heaved ice rink slab at Centennial Ice Arena, and provided an opinion on a possible short-term repair so long as the existing heating system is operational.

Staff provided an update on the visioning, site selection and programming services from Holabird and Root for the West Ridge Park and Facility Project. This step is intended to confirm and validate the project approach prior to the design phase. Holabird and Root met with staff and the Park Board to understand program needs, reviewed the District's existing plans, and analyzed the site to understand efficient and buildable areas. Holabird and Root will present a Program Book to the Park Board in August to guide the design process. The program book will include site planning, program needs, spatial needs, and desired program adjacencies.

### **JULY 20 LAKEFRONT, PARKS, AND NATURAL AREAS COMMITTEE MEETING**

Three repair concepts were developed by AECOM to address the damages along the southeast corner of the South Storage Lot at Park Avenue Boating Facility. Staff received consensus from the Lakefront, Parks, and Natural Areas Committee to continue engineering for the third repair concept: Steel Sheet Pile Wall with a phased approach.

The Park District was recently awarded an Open Space Land Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grant in the amount of \$400,000 for Phase One of the Park Avenue Boating Facility Site Master Plan Improvement Project. Staff discussed potential projects for the upcoming OSLAD grant cycle.

The Park District had a bid opening on July 14 for the Millard Bluff Grading and Tree Removal Project. The Park District received one bid that was \$150,500 over budget. Staff received consensus from the Lakefront, Parks, and Natural Areas Committee to rebid the tree removal and bluff grading as two separate projects.

### **JULY 27 REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARK BOARD**

President Grossberg opened the meetings with a statement about the Fourth of July Tragedy which can be read [here](#).

The Park Board of Commissioners approved the intergovernmental agreement between District 113 and the Park District for use of certain park and school property, accepted the total base bid from Wilderness Graphics, Inc. for the 2022 Heller Nature Center Exhibition Fabrication and Installation Bid, and authorized the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with Camera Corner Connecting Point for purchase and installation of the 2022 IT Infrastructure Upgrade Project in the amount of \$145,859.21

After conducting a pressure test of the heating system under the ice rink at Centennial Ice Arena, it was determined that a large leak exists which cannot be repaired. Since the underfloor heating is not operational, the short-term repair option provided by Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates (WJE) is no longer a viable option. Staff are exploring long-term repair options and will contact neighboring Districts to help

the current hockey and figure skating user groups find ice time while Centennial is closed. Staff will provide an update at the next Board Meeting.

Lastly, staff provided an update on the scheduled work at the Recreation Center of Highland Park during the annual cleaning and maintenance closure taking place August 15 – 19. Additionally, the indoor pool at the RCHP will be shut down from August 15 – 28 for cleaning and maintenance.

Respectfully submitted,

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