

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

DATE: November 18, 2004

CALLED TO ORDER: 5:00p.m.

ADJOURNED: 5:25 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Attending Members

Monroe Gray, Jr., Chairman
Bob Cockrum
Susie Day
Ron Gibson
Dane Mahern
William Oliver
Earl Salisbury

Absent Members

PROPOSAL NO. 628, 2004 - approves an increase of \$30,090 in the 2004 Budget of the Department of Parks and Recreation (Non-Lapsing Federal Grants Fund) to fund Kindergarten before and after school programs at Indianapolis Public School (IPS) #82, Christian Park Elementary, financed by a grant from the United States Department of Education

"Do Pass" Vote: 7 - 0

PROPOSAL NO. 661, 2004 - clarifies the types of expenditures that can be made from the Department of Parks special recreation fund and to allow the fund to receive and hold private grant dollars and donations

"Do Pass" Vote: 7 - 0

PROPOSAL NO. 718, 2004 - reappoints Rick Cockrum to the Board of Parks and Recreation

"Do Pass" Vote: 7 - 0

PROPOSAL NO. 719, 2004 - reappoints Emily Nichols to the Board of Parks and Recreation

"Do Pass" Vote: 7 - 0

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Parks and Recreation Committee of the City-County Council met on Tuesday November 18, 2004. Chairman Monroe Gray, Jr. called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. with the following members present: Bob Cockrum, N. Susie Day, Ron Gibson, Dane Mahern, William Oliver, and Earl Salisbury.

PROPOSAL NO. 718, 2004 - reappoints Rick Cockrum to the Board of Parks and Recreation

Mr. Cockrum was not able to be present. Joseph Wynns, Director, Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), spoke on his behalf. Mr. Wynns said that he supported Mr. Cockrum being reappointed to the Board. He said that Mr. Cockrum attends all of the meetings and is an asset to the Board.

Councillor Gibson stated that Mr. Cockrum is qualified and recommends his reappointment.

Councillor Gibson moved, seconded by Councillor Cockrum, to send Proposal No. 718, 2004 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. This motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 719, 2004 - reappoints Emily Nichols to the Board of Parks and Recreation

Ms. Nichols was not able to be present. Mr. Wynns spoke on her behalf. He said that it is a pleasure to have Ms. Nichols on the Board. He stated that she is a park advocate and most recently played an active role in acquiring a \$30,000 grant. He described her as energetic, active, asks a lot of questions, and she attends the board meetings regularly.

Councillor Cockrum added that she is active with the Scarborough Peace Games.

Chair Gray pointed out that attendance at the meetings is important, and both of these reappointments have been recognized as having good attendance.

Councillor Gibson moved, seconded by Councillor Day, to send Proposal No. 719, 2004 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. This motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

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Stephanie Seawell, Grants Manager, explained that a grant was received by Indianapolis Public Schools (IPS). IPS requested that DPR expand the before and after school program. This program will be available for grades Kindergarten through twelve. Mr. Wynns added that this program will provide half-day service for kindergartners.

Councillor Gibson thanked the Director for the partnership with IPS.

Councillor Gray asked where Christian Park Elementary is located. Mr. Wynns replied that it is on English Avenue on the Southeast side of town. Councillor Gray asked where School #82 is located. Mr. Wynns stated that it is east of Sherman Drive.

Councillor Mahern moved, seconded by Councillor Gibson, to send Proposal No. 628, 2004 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. This motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 661, 2004 - clarifies the types of expenditures that can be made from the Department of Parks special recreation fund and to allow the fund to receive and hold private grant dollars and donations

Mr. Wynns said that this proposal is not new; it is a revision. Wayne Simpson, Chief Financial Officer, DPR, explained that there are now new opportunities for new special programs because of facilities expanding. These new programs are not in the budget. This revision allows these programs and special needs to be available quickly. The goal is to satisfy these new special needs of the City without having to wait for the request to be processed and completed.

Councillor Cockrum asked if the only item being changed is the deletion of subparagraph D. Mr. Simpson replied in the affirmative. Councillor Cockrum stated that the Council should try this, and if it does not work then change it. He also stated his concern of money being divided equally among the districts.

Councillor Gibson said this will allow for a more flexible way to attain money for special projects.

Councillor Oliver asked if this will affect current projects. Mr. Simpson responded in the negative, noting that the funds used will be for new special programs.

Councillor Oliver moved, seconded by Councillor Salisbury, to send Proposal No. 661, 2004 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. This motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

Mr. Wynns thanked the committee. He stated that the Council's entrustment has allowed DPR to be successful. Councillor Gray congratulated Mr. Wynns for his three-year appointment to the Board of Trustees of the National Park Administration.

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Mr. Wynns replied that in his role as a member of the Board of Trustees of the National Park Administration, he will be leading the Finance and Public Policy Division as the first urban director. He added that the National Parks Administration Conference will be in Indianapolis in 2007.

Chair Gray said that DPR has come to a forefront by contributing to Indianapolis and making this a great city. He concluded by adding that he hopes 2005 will be as productive in 2004.

With no further business pending, and upon motion duly made, the Parks and Recreation Committee of the City-County Council were adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Monroe Gray, Jr., Chairman
Parks and Recreation Committee

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