

RIVER FOREST CIVIC CENTER AUTHORITY
BOARD OF MANAGERS
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 18, 2010

Manager Davis called the meeting to order at 7:11 PM on May 18, 2010 at the River Forest Civic Center. Roll called.

Present: Managers J. Davis, M. Kelty, M. O'Brien, V. Krawczyk, A. Romeo

Absent: None

Also present: Avis Rudner (RF Township Human Services Administrator), RFCC Director Dick Chappell, Bill Dwyer (Pioneer Press), Ben Myerson (Wednesday Journal), Dale Jones (President, RF Park District)

Manager Romeo made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2010 meeting of the River Forest Civic Center Authority. Manager Krawczyk seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Public Participation - River Forest Park District President Dale Jones previously sent a proposal to Veronica Krawczyk (dated April 13, 2010) for the Park District to enter into a long-term lease with the River Forest Civic Center Authority for the RF CCA building. This proposal was intended to be a "framework for negotiation".

Mr. Jones handed out an abridged version of this proposal (see enclosure 1). His stated goal was to formally present the proposal to the CCA Board and to further dialog between the CCA Board and the Park District Board.

Enclosure 1 outlines the Park District's space constraints and the need for its own facility, as described by Mr. Jones. The Park District proposes spending \$2 million to renovate the CCA building and anticipates having the capital available to do so. Enclosure 1 also outlines the Park District Board's proposed terms for the lease, as well as the Park District's perceived benefits of the lease to both parties.

Mr. Jones indicated that the Park District Board was open to questions submitted in writing and to a joint Board meeting with the CCA.

Manager Krawczyk thanked Mr. Jones for the Park District's proposal. She stated that the proposal should be discussed in a small joint forum. She indicated that a 99-year lease is unrealistic. She noted that the non-profit group occupying the building does not use tax dollars to support the building. The CCA wants that organization to continue to exist. Manager Krawczyk challenged Mr. Jones and the Park District Board to "think outside the box". How can we space share in the building? How can we work together to achieve what we need in the community? What does the Park District really need to be able to expand and grow? She noted that the CCA already has long-term rental agreements with two organizations other than the RF Community Center: Opportunity Knocks and the CITE program.

Manager Romeo stated the CCA is not interested in discussing the question further in this forum. She asked that Mr. Jones discuss the CCA's comments with the Park District Board. Mr. Jones asked that the CCA provide its questions in writing.

Bills – Manager Romeo made a motion to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$1095.17 (see enclosure 2). Manager Krawczyk seconded. Roll called:

Ayes: J. Davis, M. Kelty, V. Krawczyk, M. O'Brien, A. Romeo.

Nays: None. The motion was unanimously approved.

Director's Report – RFCC Executive Director Dick Chappell reported that the Early Childhood programs are preparing for graduation. The dance recital is upcoming. RFCC is hiring staff for its summer camps and programs.

Old Business - None.

New Business – None.

The next meeting of the RF Civic Center Authority will take place on Tuesday, June 15, 2010.

Manager Romeo made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Manager Kelty seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Carla Sloan, Clerk