

METRO EAST PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT
104 United Drive, Collinsville, Illinois
Minutes of March 12, 2007 Meeting 7:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order President Harold Byers called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

II Attendance Roll call was taken.

Present were: Harold Byers, Madison County
 Paul Evans, St. Clair County
 Pamela Hogan, St. Clair County
 Earl McDowell, St. Clair County

 Mike Buehlhorn, Executive Director
 Bryan Werner, Planner
 Rene' St. Peters, Administrative Assistant
 Bill Baudendistel, Juneau Associates
 Anna Heavner, Intern

Absent were: Jerry Kane, Madison County
 Gene Peters, Madison County
 Ed Szewczyk, Attorney

III. Approval of Minutes

a) Director Evans made a motion, seconded by Director McDowell to approve the minutes from the February 12, 2007 regular meeting.

Voice Vote All Ayes No Nays 2 Absent Motion Carried

b) Director McDowell made a motion, seconded by Director Hogan to approve the minutes from the Public Hearing minutes of February 26, 2007.

Voice Vote All Ayes No Nays 2 Absent Motion Carried

IV. Consent Agenda

Director Evans made a motion, seconded by Director Hogan to approve the consent agenda as presented on pages 8-30 of the board packet.

Roll Call Vote 4 Ayes No Nays 2 Absent Motion Carried

Jerry Kane	Absent	Pam Hogan	Aye
Gene Peters	Absent	Earl McDowell	Aye
Harold Byers	Aye	Paul Evans	Aye

V. Finance

a) Director McDowell made a motion, seconded by Director Evans to approve the payments and claims as presented for February 2007 MEPRD.

Roll Call Vote 4 Ayes No Nays 2 Absent Motion Carried

Jerry Kane	Absent	Pam Hogan	Aye
Gene Peters	Absent	Earl McDowell	Aye
Harold Byers	Aye	Paul Evans	Aye

b) Director Evans made a motion, seconded by Director Hogan to approve the payments and claims as presented for February 2007 MMMP.

Roll Call Vote 4 Ayes No Nays 2 Absent Motion Carried

Jerry Kane	Absent	Pam Hogan	Aye
Gene Peters	Absent	Earl McDowell	Aye
Harold Byers	Aye	Paul Evans	Aye

c) Director Evans made a motion, seconded by Director Hogan to approve the Executive Director's recommendation to transfer \$600,000.00 from the Illinois Funds checking account to the Bank of Edwardsville money market checking account for District business purposes.

Roll Call Vote 4 Ayes No Nays 2 Absent Motion Carried

Jerry Kane	Absent	Pam Hogan	Aye
Gene Peters	Absent	Earl McDowell	Aye
Harold Byers	Aye	Paul Evans	Aye

Director Evans made a motion, seconded by Director McDowell to approve the Executive Directors recommendation to transfer \$50,000.00 from the Illinois Fund account to the Bank of Edwardsville checking account for business purposes.

Roll Call Vote 4 Ayes No Nays 2 Absent Motion Carried

Jerry Kane	Absent	Pam Hogan	Aye
Gene Peters	Absent	Earl McDowell	Aye
Harold Byers	Aye	Paul Evans	Aye

VI. Executive Director's Report

VII. Old Business

No old business to discuss

VIII. New Business

a) MCT Request for Reimbursement

Director Evans made a motion, seconded by Director McDowell to approve Bryan Werner's recommendation to reimburse Madison County Transit a total of \$100,000.00 for completion of their project titled: Nickel Plate West Connector as part of the Special Grant Cycle.

Roll Call Vote 4 Ayes No Nays 2 Absent Motion Carried

Jerry Kane	Absent	Pam Hogan	Aye
Gene Peters	Absent	Earl McDowell	Aye
Harold Byers	Aye	Paul Evans	Aye

Director Evans made a motion, seconded by Director Hogan to approve Bryan Werner's recommendation to reimburse Madison County Transit a total of \$100,000.00 for completion of their project titled: Nature Trail Connection as part of Resolution 05-12 Funding Cycle.

Roll Call Vote 4 Ayes No Nays 2 Absent Motion Carried

Jerry Kane	Absent	Pam Hogan	Aye
Gene Peters	Absent	Earl McDowell	Aye
Harold Byers	Aye	Paul Evans	Aye

b) Resolution 07-06 Re: Amendment to Resolution 07-02's original description of Madison County Transit Grant for "Quercus Grove to Hamel Trail" to now be Madison County Transit Grant for "Hamel to Worden Trail"

Director McDowell made a motion; seconded by Director Evans to approve Resolution 07-06 and the new description of Madison County Transit's grant project title.

Roll Call Vote 4 Ayes No Nays 2 Absent Motion Carried

Jerry Kane	Absent	Pam Hogan	Aye
Gene Peters	Absent	Earl McDowell	Aye
Harold Byers	Aye	Paul Evans	Aye

c) Engagement Services Letter for Ganim, Meder, Childers & Hoering, P.C.

Director McDowell made a motion, seconded by Director Evans to approve the Executive Director's recommendation to enter into an agreement with Ganim, Meder, Childers and Hoering for a period of one year at a cost of \$800.00 per month.

Roll Call Vote 4 Ayes No Nays 2 Absent Motion Carried

Jerry Kane	Absent	Pam Hogan	Aye
Gene Peters	Absent	Earl McDowell	Aye
Harold Byers	Aye	Paul Evans	Aye

d) Security Facility

Director Evans made a motion, seconded by Director McDowell to authorize the Executive Director to acquire a temporary structure to hold the security services at the Malcolm Martin Park at a cost not to exceed \$30,000.00 and be subject to assurances that the Gateway Foundation will be reimbursing MEPRD for the purchase.

Roll Call Vote 4 Ayes No Nays 2 Absent Motion Carried

Jerry Kane	Absent	Pam Hogan	Aye
Gene Peters	Absent	Earl McDowell	Aye
Harold Byers	Aye	Paul Evans	Aye

e) Report from District Engineer

Bill Baudendistel informed the board that the Eagle Points Trail application has been submitted to IDNR for an overall project total of \$409,000.00 and looking at a \$200,000.00 reimbursement from IDNR. Steve Gonzales will be inspecting the trail on the 15th. The project will go from the

Chain of Rocks road south to the southern tip of Chouteau Island along the levee. We should hear something from IDNR around August or September.

A revised master plan has been submitted to Jan Nation which resulted in more points for the OSLAD project.

Meeting with AT&T regarding the new placement for the utilities at the Overlook; at first we were under the impression that the line would have to be incased but AT&T seems to believe that this can be done by just running pvc pipe along the trench. This would be an incredible savings. Ameren has given us some preliminary plans and we are not quite satisfied with the alignment going out and around the south side of the Overlook. One concern is regarding all the bollards that will be placed 36 inches deep and we are looking at a possible alignment that would take the new concrete conduit between were the land forms are (just north of the Platform) and the Platform itself. We are working to get this issue resolved.

Wolf is working on getting a bid for the earth work. As far as the other work to be done on the Overlook the columns have been all poured and the scaffling is going up.

A meeting was held with Great Rivers Greenway regarding the McKinley Bridge and there are some questions to the accessing of the levee. In the meeting with Great Rivers Greenway one of the goals was to make sure that we had a terminus acceptable to them. Our terminus right now starts at Memorial Park at Venice and future plans to include looping under the bridge and connect up to the levee.

There has been no additional action taken on the Scott Troy Trail. There is a punch list meeting that will be held in the office on Wednesday with the consultants and a meeting on Thursday with the contractors and subcontractors. Many of the items have been contingent on the weather and were unable to be done. One major issue that has developed is that the frost walls were not put in and due to this issue water has gotten under the concrete and caused the concrete to rise. This in turn caused the water to run back into the comfort station and crack the concrete.

Director Hogan asked questions regarding storm water issues, flooding issues and permitting issues and who is responsible for these issues. Bill Baudendistel stated that all our permits are in place and we are providing storm and sewer collections sites. We had to submit our plans to the state and all has been approved. One issue that the Executive Director is currently working on is the sanitary sewer for the concession area and restrooms.

IX. Public Discussion and/or Comment

No public discussion or comment

X. Adjournment:

At 8:45 p.m. Director Hogan made a motion, seconded by Director McDowell to adjourn the meeting. All voted and the meeting was adjourned.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

Next MEPRD meeting will be held on Monday, April 9, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Rene' St. Peters, Administrative Assistant**