

**METRO EAST PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT**  
104 United Drive, Collinsville, Illinois  
**Tuesday, November 10, 2009**

**I. Call to Order** President Paul Evans called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

**II Attendance** Roll call

Present were:

Harold Byers, Madison County
Jerry Kane, 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
Heather James, Intern
Paul Homann, TWM, Inc.
Bill Baudendistel, Juneau Associates
John Papa, Attorney

Absent were: Gene Peters, Madison County

**III. Approval of Minutes**

**a) Director Kane made a motion, seconded by Director Byers to approve the minutes from the October 13, 2009 regular meeting with the correction for the next months (November meeting date).**

Voice Vote All Ayes Motion Carried

**IV. Consent Agenda**

**Director Kane made a motion, seconded by Director Byers to approve the consent agenda items a thru d as presented on pages 6-26.**

Voice Vote All Ayes Motion Carried

**V. Finance**

**a) Director Hogan made a motion, seconded by Director Kane to approve the payments and claims for October 2009 MEPRD on pages 27-34.**

Roll Call Vote

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

5 Ayes No Nays 1 Absent Motion Carried

**b) Director Hogan made a motion, seconded by Director McDowell to approve the payments and claims for October 2009 MMMP as presented on pages 35-37.**

Roll Call Vote

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

5 Ayes No Nays 1 Absent Motion Carried

**c) Director Byers made a motion, seconded by Director Kane to approve the Executive Director's recommendation to deposit the CD from Cornerstone Bank and Trust in the amount of \$249,033.77 into the Bank of Edwardsville money market checking account for District business purposes.**

Roll Call Vote

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

5 Ayes No Nays 1 Absent Motion Carried

**VI. Executive Director's Staff Report**

Report accepted as presented.

**VII. Old Business**

**a) Long Range Plan Update**

Planner Bryan Werner has begun gathering and organizing data to help create an easier transition when a consultant is hired.

**VIII. New Business**

**a) National Park Service Expansion Update**

Executive Director Buehlhorn met with Tom Bradley of the National Parks Service regarding an article on the design phase of the proposed Arch grounds. The Illinois side of the proposed second plan did not have the Malcolm Martin Memorial Park included. This was a change from the first plan, which included a small portion of the Malcolm Martin Memorial Park. Planner Bryan Werner has assisted Executive Director Buehlhorn by drafting a letter to the National Parks Service, creating maps and visual references for comparison of proposed phases. Executive Director Buehlhorn has tried to emphasize the importance of including the Malcolm Martin Memorial Park in the plan. The National Parks Service has drafted a new general management plan including the Malcolm Martin Memorial Park overlook, but has not included the Geysers.

**Director Kane made a motion, seconded by Director Hogan to authorize the Executive Director to take all written measures; contacting our Congressman, Secretary of the Interior or any other individual that may have part in the decision making process, either by phone or written letters, to pursue having the entire Malcolm W. Martin Memorial Park included in the plans.**

Voice Vote All Ayes Motion Carried

**b) McKinley Bridge to Cahokia Corridor Update**

Engineer Paul Homann updated the Board on the proposed corridor, and also offered some alternatives for the Confluence Bikeway Trail.

**c) Report of District Engineers**

Engineer Paul Homann informed the Board that the steel is on the pavilion and the roof will be installed by Thanksgiving. Executive Director Buehlhorn also stated that IDNR has given MEPRD a 6 month extension for project.

Engineer Bill Baudendistel explained that the north portion of the trail is under review by the Corp of Engineers. Eagles Point Trail has the dirt delivered and they are waiting for the lime to stabilize. Rock will be placed on the southern end soon, depending on the weather.

**IX. Public Discussion and/or Comment**

Executive Director Buehlhorn informed the Board that MCT has decided to donate a used 9 passenger van to the District. He is working on an agreement with MCT and MEPRD for such van.

**X. Executive Session**

**At 7:41 p.m. Director Hogan made a motion, seconded by Director McDowell to enter into Executive Session to discuss the acquisition of Property pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(5).**

Roll Call Vote

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

5 Ayes No Nays 1 Absent Motion Carried

Back into regular session at 8:02 p.m.

Roll Call Vote

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

5 Ayes No Nays 1 Absent Motion Carried

**XI. Adjournment**

**At 8:03 p.m. President Evans asked to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Director Byers, seconded by Director Hogan to adjourn meeting. All voted aye on a voice vote and the meeting was adjourned.**

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

**Next MEPRD meeting will be held on December 8, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.**