

METRO EAST PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT
104 United Drive, Collinsville, Illinois
Tuesday April 12, 2011

I. Call to Order President Byers called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.

II Attendance Roll call

Present were: Harold Byers, Madison County
Jerry Kane, Madison County in meeting at 11:19 a.m.
Gene Peters, Madison County in meeting at 11:14 a.m.
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
Jacob Volkmar, Intern

Bill Baudendistel, Juneau Associates
Paul Homann, TWM, Inc.
John Papa, Attorney

Guests were: Lyndon Joost, TWM
Jared Collier, Juneau Associates
Kristy DeGuire, Arcturis
Traci O'Bryan, Arcturis
Amy Huller, TWM
Julie Hauser, The Hauser Group

Absent were:

III. Approval of Minutes

a) Director McDowell made a motion, seconded by Director Hogan to approve the minutes from the March 8, 2011 regular meeting.

Voice Vote all ayes motion carried

IV. Consent Agenda

Director Hogan made a motion, seconded by Director Evans to approve the consent agenda items a through d as presented on pages 4-28.

Roll Call Vote

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

4 Ayes No Nays 2 Absent Motion Carried

V. Finance

a) Director Evans made a motion, seconded by Director McDowell to approve the payments and claims for March 2011 MEPRD as presented on pages 29-34.

Roll Call Vote

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

4 Ayes No Nays 2 Absent Motion Carried

b) Director Hogan made a motion, seconded by Director Evans to approve the payments and claims for March 2011 MMMP as presented on pages 35-36.

Roll Call Vote

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

4Ayes No Nays 2 Absent Motion Carried

c) No transfers to be made.

VI. Executive Director's Staff Report

Report accepted as presented.

Director Gene Peters entered meeting at 11:14 a.m.

Director Jerry Kane entered meeting at 11:19 a.m.

VII. Old Business

No old business to discuss.

VIII. New Business

a) Resolution 11-07 Re: SIUE Grant Application

Director Kane made a motion, seconded by Director Evans to approve resolution 11-07 as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

6 Ayes No Nays No Absent Motion Carried

b) Request from Tour de Belleville

Director Kane made a motion, seconded by Director Hogan to approve the request to the Belleville Parks & Recreation Department, for the 2011 Tour de Belleville bike ride, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

6 Ayes No Nays No Absent Motion Carried

Director Kane excused himself from the meeting at 11:57 a.m.

c) Request for reimbursement MCT/Nickel Plate Trailhead

Director Peters made a motion, seconded by Director Evans to approve the request for Madison County Transit District for reimbursement for project titled Nickel Plate Trailhead and bicycle trail crossing.

Roll Call Vote

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

5 Ayes No Nays No Absent 1 Abstained Motion Carried

Director Kane back in meeting at 12:04 p.m.

d) Report for engineers / LRP team

Engineer Bill Baudendistel explained that the Ameren fencing has been approved and is being installed.

Engineer Paul Homann stated that the sidewalk design is completed and they are waiting for easement/right of way from Cargill and Casino Queen, so work can begin.

Kristy with Arcutris presented the board with the top 10 projects from each county.

Feedback from presentation went as follows:

The team’s top 10 priority recommendations selected from the priority projects submitted by the municipalities were accepted by the board for further study, feasibility and evaluation for inclusion in the long range master plan. It was agreed to avoid on street connections as much as possible. Arcturis will continue to evaluate all of the recommended trails or close alternatives and also identify where acquisitions will be required for completion of recommended trails.

A1 – Alton Bike Bath/MCT Confluence/Vadalbene Trail (3 miles). Continue to study the portion between Riverfront Park and Piasa Park and look for the best solution with the least amount of street trail.

B1 – Highland Connector Trail US RT 40 (13 miles) Continue to evaluate the Route 40 option. There is a significant right-of-way south of 40. Consider where the largest population growth occurs and how the trail will allow access.

C2 – Bethalto Bikeway (5 miles). Ultimate desire is to connect to the Gordon F. Moore Community Park. Bethalto controls the majority of the ownership. One private owner has interest in allowing the trail to go through their development. There is a current easement under Interstate 255. Evaluate whether the trail can follow the creek south rather than straight through the neighborhood.

E1 – Pontoon Beach Connector (6 miles), Understand from the agency why they have chosen the route to be submitted trail. This is a major connection opportunity; find the best way to connect the MCT Nature Trail and MCT Schoolhouse Trail to the MCT Confluence Trail. Dobrey Slough drainage way is a possible route.

F2 – Arlington/Mounds Connector (4 miles) Rename the trail to the new public park name opposed to the Arlington Greens Golf Course and connect to the new park rather than the golf course.

H1 – Longacre Corridor (6 miles). Evaluate the old rail access option rather than the on street option. Verify St. Ellen Park Trail is paved.

G2/G3/G4 – Bicentennial/Citizens/Belleville/Memorial Corridor (5 miles). Lyndon is working with the city of Belleville to adjust the alignment near Althoff's Catholic School and Memorial Hospital Campus. This will be included in the final recommendations.

N4/I1 – Engle Creek/College Road Trail (8 miles) No notes

M2/M3/M4/M5 – Schranz/Old Collinsville/Huntwood Road Trails (4 miles). M2 is probably the most feasible as the first section. Review the possibility of following Richland Creek.

P1/Q1 – Silver Creek Trail – Mascoutah (5 miles). The creek bed floods frequently. Review the potential use of the elevated trestle and the location and connection to Silver Creek Reserve.

IX. Public Discussion and/or Comment

No public discussion.

X. Adjournment

At 2:19 p.m. President Byers asked to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Director Evans seconded by Director Hogan to adjourn the 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 May 10, 2011 at 11:00 a.m.