



**MINUTES OF THE
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH ADVISORY COMMITTEE
OF THE
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
Oakton Community Center
4701 Oakton Street, Skokie, IL 60076
Tuesday, June 12, 2018 – 7:00 P.M.**

ATTENDANCE AT MEETING

Board Members Present: Commissioner/Chair Khemarey Khoeun
Board President Susan Aberman
Board Vice President Mike Reid

Staff Present: Executive Director John Ohrlund

Committee Members Present: Jessica Beverly
Rebecca Abraham (awaiting Board approval)

Committee Members Absent: Ashley Moy-Wooten
Kristina Mallorca

Public Present: None

CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Khemarey Khoeun called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm.
Commissioner Khoeun thanked everyone for attending. Introductions were made.

Chairman Khoeun said that the Board of Park Commissioners approved the appointment of three individuals to the Community Engagement and Outreach Advisory Committee at the May 15 Board meeting. The three current members of the committee approved by the Board are Ashley Moy-Wooten, Jessica Beverly and Kristina Mallorca. Rebecca Abraham is awaiting Board approval to be appointed to the committee. Chairman Khoeun thanked Jessica and Rebecca for volunteering their time to serve the District in this capacity.

Chairman Khoeun discussed information and resources currently available including the District's 2014-2019 Comprehensive Master Plan and the community needs assessment survey that was completed in 2013 as part of the master planning process. Highlights for residents not participating in recreational programs included not enough

time, age (too old), health issues, costs, young children, school activities, busy schedules, lack of information, busy being a caregiver for others, lack of interest and the time/dates that some programs are offered.

Specific suggestions or problems included:

- Reviewing camp schedules
- Extended camp bus transportation
- More evening programs
- More adult programs
- Transportation issues, especially for families with young children
- Recommendations for a variety of recreational programs
- School connections including recreational sports
- Coordination with high schools
- Coordination with ethnic communities, such as Assyrian
- Ensure program guide included in Village welcome packets for new residents
- Ensure program guides are available at the library
- Provide/promote scholarship programs
- Time for another community survey for park district
- Work on developing a community network
- Get (ethnic) community representatives to “push” the survey as a trusted representative of that community
- Reach out to businesses for survey input
- Any survey developed should be statistically relevant

The group discussed how committee members could reach out to the various groups and communities within Skokie to solicit their input. Ram Villivalam, who is running for 8th District State Senator was suggested as a source for community research information. President Aberman suggested each committee member select several groups/communities to contact. To follow up the April meeting, committee members are to identify active residents who have networks to others and bring those names to the next meeting as potential ambassadors. With so many ideas the committee needs to consider what work to tackle and how to prioritize what to work on first.

Communicating via conference calls was discussed.

Chairman Khoeun said she would contact a number of individuals to see if they would like to be involved in community engagement and possibility becoming a member of the committee. Some of these contacts may be interested in doing some of the work of the committee without the commitment of membership on the committee.

Commissioner Khoeun will determine the date and time for the next committee meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Khoeun adjourned the meeting at 8:02 pm.

Khemarey Khoeun, Commissioner

John Ohrlund, Executive Director

Vision Statement

The Skokie Park District envisions a community where all of its residents enjoy a high quality of life through leisure time pursuits, beautiful open spaces, and first rate facilities.

Mission Statement

The Skokie Park District will realize its vision through teamwork, community partnerships, sound fiscal management, and creativity in every area of its operation.

Core Values

The Skokie Park District will fulfill its mission through:

- Commitment ● Integrity ● Innovation ● Service ● Openness ● Environmental Stewardship