

**GATEWAY SPECIAL RECREATION ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
SPECIAL MEETING
2-9-2023**

- I. Call to Order:** Chairman Dean Hoskin called the Gateway Special Recreation Association Board of Director's SPECIAL Meeting to order at 2:01 pm on 2-9-2023 at the Oak Brook Park District Family Recreation Center, 1450 Forest Gate Road in Oak Brook, Illinois. A Quorum was present.

Roll Call: Board Members present:

Jim Pacanowski, Burr Ridge; Michele Sullivan, Countryside; Sean Tovey, Elmhurst;
Mike Hayes, Hinsdale; Mike Contreras, Oak Brook; Matt Russian, Pleasant Dale;
Dean Hoskin, Westchester; Dustin Kleefisch, Willowbrook; Jeremy Flia, York Center;

Absent: None

Guest: Laure Kosey; Oak Brook and Jessica Marquez; Elmhurst

II. Discussion of Oak Brook Park District Providing Contractual Special Recreation Service:

- Below will be bullet points of different discussion points on these topics.
- Laure Kosey, Oak Brook would like to provide a proposal to becoming the independent contractor to replace Ray Graham Association. We would like to host Gateway at Central Park West (CPW).
- May 1st, 2024 Central Park West location will no longer be a rental facility. The park district would convert this location into office and programming space.
- Questions were asked about payment structure of program fees and member contributions and how they are allotted to the organization.
- Dean Hoskin, Westchester asked what it would take to make CPW more accessible. Laure Kosey, Oak Brook stated that we would need to focus on updating the bathrooms, doors and office space.
- Dean Hoskin, Westchester asked about vehicles as Ray Graham Association (RGA) provides us with their vehicle if needed. Would Oak Brook do that same? Laure Kosey, Oak Brook stated that Oak Brook doesn't have vehicles.
- Matt Russian, Pleasant Dale asked about the relationship between RGA and Gateway Board (GB) as independent contractor and how that would change with OBPD replacing RGA. Laure Kosey, Oak Brook stated that we would use our resources at the park district such as marketing, payroll, etc.
- Jim Pacanowski, Burr Ridge asked about OBPD decision if the GB didn't decide to go with OBPD or if GB went with a different RFP provider would OBPD pull out of the agreement. Laure Kosey, Oak Brook stated that at this time OBPD has no intension or pull out of the agreement.
- Sean Tovey, Elmhurst asked what the model would look like with OBPD as the leader. Laure Kosey, Oak Brook stated that OBPD would just take the place of RGA and be an independent contractor. Jim Pacanowski, Burr Ridge stated that it might be more difficult b/c OBPD is both the provider and member.
- Dean Hoskin, Westchester asked Sean Tovey, Elmhurst where they stood b/c they are a heavier user of GSR. Sean Tovey, Elmhurst stated it's been pretty status quo with GSR. If there would be a change Elmhurst would be looking for the bar to be set higher than what we currently have. If it is going to be the same services it might not be worth the switch for Elmhurst.
- The question was asked of Dustin Kleefisch, Willowbrook about if they would think about coming back to GSR if things were different with an RFP for services. Dustin stated he would talk to the village about this discussion.

- Jessica Marquez; Elmhurst asked about performance services reviews for GSR and if we are doing them. The group stated that it hasn't been enough of a problem that the board had to do performance services reviews.
- Dean Hoskin, Westchester wrapped up the meeting stated that OBPD will provide some sort of RFP to be able to go out to different groups to submit a proposal for services. The next item was asking board members to email him with any issues that they have with RGA within a week.
- Jessica Marquez; Elmhurst asked about the timing of the RGA contract and the work to get the CPW building up to board standards. The board would have to make a decision about what the service contract and how we would fill that gap.

III. Adjournment: Jim Pacanowski, Burr Ridge made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mike Hayes, Hinsdale Motion passed on a voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.