

MUSEUMS & HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Glenview Park District-Park Center
2400 Chestnut Street, Glenview, IL 60025

Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 23, 2016 @ 8:30 a.m.

1. Roll Call

Chairman Bill Casey called the meeting to order at 8:34 am and the roll was called.

Commissioners present: Commissioners Charlie Kuhn, Bill Casey, Angie Katsamakis, Daniel Peterson, Dave Dillon

Official Staff present: Executive Director Mike McCarty, Superintendent of Leisure Services Elsa Fischer, Director of Wagner Farm Todd Price, Director of The Grove Steve Swanson, Recording Secretary Tanya Trapani

Guests: Andy Dogan, Gary Pingel, and Tom Poulos of Williams Architects, Bill Marquardt of Glenview Hangar One Foundation, Kirsten Bergin of Bring It Home Glenview. Refer to the attendance record for visitors.

Late Arrivals, Early Departure: Commissioners Daniel Peterson and Dave Dillon arrived at 8:38 am, Tom Poulos arrived at 8:38 am, Tom Poulos, Andy Dogan and Gary Pingel left at 10:42 am, Bill Marquardt and Kirsten Bergin left at 10:42 am.

Commissioners/Official Staff absent: None

2. AGENDA TOPICS

a. Naval Air Station Glenview Museum Site Options Update

Staff discussed possible site locations for a new Naval Air Station Glenview Museum located on the old Navy base site and requested direction from the committee on how to proceed.

Representatives from *Bring it Home Glenview* and *Glenview Hangar One Foundation* have been working for several years to get a new museum built in Glenview to honor the history of the Naval Air Base and those who trained in Glenview. At a Recreation, Museums & Swimming Pools committee meeting in February 2016, the committee requested that staff provide a report on the viability of constructing a Naval Air Station Glenview Museum located on the old Navy base site. Staff has been working with Williams Architects to develop plans for the potential museum.

Williams Architects' Andy Dogan, Tom Poulos and Gary Pingle presented a Power Point presentation of the 12 different sites that were considered for the Glenview Naval Air Station Museum. Williams Architects looked at criteria such as site size/scalability, acquisition cost, existing infrastructure and impact on neighboring developments. Sites that were considered included Hangar One Tower in The Glen Town Center, Schram Chapel, the southwest corner of Air Station Prairie, locations within Gallery Park and potentially adding a second floor

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over a section of Park Center. A Site Evaluation Matrix was provided showing criteria scores of each site that were evaluated to determine how feasible the potential sites would be for a museum.

Superintendent Fischer requested that the committee keep in consideration the Ice Center and Paddle Tennis expansions, the existing Capital Replacement Plan and the possible State of Illinois Tax Freeze. If the committee would like to move forward, staff requested to be directed towards certain sites to research further and potentially scaling back the museum to be more consistent with the current Park District museum facilities. Staff also requested that Glenview Hangar One Foundation and Bring It Home Glenview contribute funds for the next steps in the process and creating a formal agreement.

Commissioner Daniel Peterson expressed that the operating cost efficiencies of attaching the museum onto Park Center could be beneficial by being able to utilize Park Center's maintenance staff, bathrooms, meeting rooms and classrooms. Kirsten Bergin of Bring It Home Glenview expressed concern that the success of the museum would suffer if programming is continuously pulled from the environment it was intended for. Executive Director Mike McCarty noted that preschool parents use the pathway behind Park Center for student drop-off and alternatives would need to be researched if site plans C or M are considered.

The committee discussed the pros and cons of each potential site plan and requested that staff meet with the Village of Glenview staff to discuss and gain approval on sites E and H (Northeast and Northwest corners of Gallery Park), C and M (attachment onto Park Center and directly behind Park Center, unattached) and A (Hangar One Tower in the Glen Town Center). Wetlands, flooding, parking, neighboring homes and potential rental costs will all be taken into consideration. Once the possible locations are narrowed, the committee requested that Bring It Home Glenview and Hangar One Foundation provide the funds to move forward with a feasibility study. Williams Architects suggested having a design team involved, an Architect who is familiar with the design of museums, a Civil Engineer and a Landscape Architect.

Bill Marquardt of Hangar One Foundation thanked the committee, staff and Williams Architects for putting together great site options for the Naval Air Station Glenview Museum. Director McCarty thanked Superintendent Fischer, Director Price and Director Swanson for all of their hard work on researching potential sites for the Naval Air Station Glenview Museum.

b. Renewal of the NSSSED Agreement for Wagner Farm

Staff requested consideration of an agreement with NSSSED and Wagner Farm, which expires at the end of June 2016.

The NSSSED program at Wagner Farm has been in existence for four years and has been very successful. The only change to the updated agreement was a 2-year agreement instead of a one-year agreement.

NSSSED pays the District \$20,000 per year for this program.

Staff recommended that the two-year agreement with NSSD be moved to the full board for approval at the July board meeting as a consent agenda item.

The committee recommended that the two-year agreement with NSSD be moved to the full board for approval, on the consent agenda.

c. Update on the National Park Service Realignment of Boundaries at The Grove

Director of The Grove Steve Swanson discussed redefining the borders of the Grove National Historic Landmark. The dimensions of the 143 acres owned by the Glenview Park District would constitute The Grove National Historic Landmark. Future acres acquired by the Glenview Park District would be added to the existing boundaries of the National Historic Landmark site.

The current borders are outside the District owned property. The borders were set from a wish list developed in 1975. The discrepancy was noted at the time of the Redemptorist property sale.

This is first of a three part project approved as a committee recommendation at the February 25, 2016 Board meeting.

3. Other

None

4. Matters from the Public

None

5. Adjourn

Commissioner Bill Casey moved seconded by Commissioner Dave Dillon to adjourn the Open Session at 10:58 am. On Voice Vote: All present voted aye, motion carried.

ATTEST:

Daniel B. Peterson
Board President

Michael D. McCarty
Board Secretary

Approved this 25th day of August 2016