

MINUTES OF THE
BERKELEY PARK DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING
ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2021

A special meeting of the commissioners of the Berkeley Park District was held on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at Berkeley Park District's Lind Park building. The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m.

Roll call: Commissioners present: J. Traina, D. Ditchfield, P. Smith, and T. Larem.
Commissioners absent: K. Lowe

Others Present: A. Hord, Secretary

Commissioner Ditchfield reported to pursue the Rebuild Downtown and Main Street Capital Grant offered by the state needs to be applied for in January. A discussion took place to decide how the money should be used. New playground equipment, replace the picnic shelter, an exercise station, new courts, restroom facilities and a walking path through Berkeley Park were decided to be the items for the first phase of Berkeley Park renovations. The need for a grant writer was discussed and the decision to approve the conceptual phase with Williams Architects, Jim Moreno at the Berkeley Village will be contacted to write up the grant.

Commissioner Larem discussed her wishes for having more staff in Berkeley Park District. In order to move forward with the plans, she wants to be sure staffing is sufficient. A discussion of having college and high school aged employees in the past, and having the Park Director a full time position.

A discussion of a community center building originally went from 12,000 square foot to 15,000 to 17,000 to 20,000 then returning to 12,000. Having more green space at Berkeley Park was discussed and possibly renovate the existing Lind Park building for the program building.

Commissioner Ditchfield stated that he and Commissioner Traina had a meeting with Mayor Lee and Administrator Rudy Espiritu regarding the ownership of the property that water tower and cell towers are located. The revenue from the cell towers would bring in \$120,000.00 annually. This will be tabled to the December meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ditchfield and seconded by Commissioner Smith to move forward with Williams Architects with the Conceptual Design Development Phase, for the amount of \$58,000.00.

Commissioners voting "aye" were: J. Traina, D. Ditchfield, P. Smith, and T. Larem Motion approved.

Public Comment: none

Next meeting: Regular Meeting – Wednesday, December 1, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. at Lind Park building

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Commissioner Ditchfield and seconded by Commissioner Smith to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

Commissioners voting "aye" were: J. Traina, D. Ditchfield, P. Smith, and T. Larem Motion carried.

Ann Hord
Secretary