

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK
HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 26^h, 2009 AT 7:30 P.M.
IN ROOM 101 OF OAK PARK VILLAGE HALL**

OFFICIAL RECORD:

PRESENT: Trustees Brewer, Hale, Hedges, Johnson, Lueck, and Pate
ABSENT: President Pope
QUORUM: President Pro-Tem Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. and declared that a quorum was present.

AGENDA:

President Pro-Tem Johnson asked that the Agenda dated May 22, 2009, 4:37 P.M. be approved.

He then noted that, contrary to the Board decision made in the Protocol meeting, this agenda did not allow for Special Meeting Public Comment. President Pro-Tem Johnson then invited anyone in the audience who wished to address the Board to complete a Public Comment sheet and turn it in to Village Clerk Powell.

President Pro-Tem Johnson then asked Trustee Pate to provide a review of the Forestry Field Tour. Trustee Pate stated that of the 19,000 trees on public land in Oak Park, as many as 3,000 may be overcrowded and unhealthy. More is not necessarily better in a tree replacement program. The Forestry Commission will bring forward recommendations in July.

It was moved by Trustee Hedges, seconded by Trustee Brewer, that the Agenda be approved.

A voice vote was taken and the agenda was approved.

MINUTES:

It was moved by Trustee Lueck, seconded by Trustee Pate, that the Minutes of the Special Meeting of May 11, 2009 be approved. President Pro-Tem Johnson praised both the format and timeliness of this set of minutes.

A voice vote was taken and the Minutes were approved as written.

**VILLAGE MANAGER REPORT:
Ad Hoc Stadium Neighborhood Committee**

Village Manager Barwin provided a follow-up report on the development of an Ad Hoc Stadium Neighborhood Committee pursuant to Item D from the May 18th, 2009 Regular Meeting pertaining to Stadium Lights. Conferring with Superintendent Weninger, Manager Barwin determined that a Committee of twelve members would be a reasonable, manageable size. It would be made up of three staff from the Village including Police Chief Tanksley or his assignee, Director of Community

Relations Cedric Melton and Village Planner Craig Failor. One member would be from school administration, that being Superintendent Weninger. Four members would come from the neighbors, in particular from the APRIL organization. The Avenue-Lake Business Association would have representation, as well as three other representatives from the high school community at large.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Richard Newman, 312 Linden.

Topic: Include more than 2 members from the neighborhood.

President Pro-Tem Johnson noted that there were four members from the neighborhood in Village Manager Barwin's proposal, not two. Trustee Lueck suggested that one of the members from the school community be a student, possibly student body President Mara Blesoff who provided Public Comment at the May 18th meeting. Trustee Hale urged flexibility on the final size of the committee. Both Trustee Pate and President Pro-Tem Johnson urged that committee move forward, articulate the conditions, not re-hear the case, and not lose the momentum.

PROCLAMATION: National Preservation Month – May 2009

It was moved by Trustee Pate, seconded by Trustee Hedges, to concur in a Proclamation to declare May 2009 National Preservation Month in the Village of Oak Park. Trustee Brewer read the Proclamation aloud.

A voice vote was taken and the Proclamation was adopted.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. It was moved by Trustee Lueck, seconded by Trustee Brewer, that Ordinance 2009-0-033 entitled **ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING BUILDING PERMITS FOR THE AVENUE CLUB [A.K.A. THE LINK] PLANNED DEVELOPMENT AND THEREFORE REINSTATING ORDINANCE 2008-0-026 FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 100-106, 126-134 OAK PARK AVENUE AND 715-717, 721-723 SOUTH BOULEVARD** be adopted, true and correct copies of said Ordinance herewith being ordered filed in the Office of the Village Clerk.

Village Attorney Ray Heise reported that the developer had – since May 18th – met certain conditions that brought this item back to the Board tonight. Those conditions included plans that are 90% complete, permits due to come in June 16th, pre-sales information, assurance that streetscaping commitments to the Opera House would be kept, and a \$75,000 letter of credit to assure that remaining items on the Regency Condominium punch list be completed.

Trustees questioned the developer and architect directly. They verified that ground will be broken by December 16th, 2009 for The Link, and that this is a good project for that corner

in this economic climate. Trustees agreed to evaluate developers' past performance on development projects when approving new projects in Oak Park.

The roll call on the Ordinance was as follows:

AYES: Trustees Brewer, Hale, Hedges, Lueck, Pate

NAYS: President Pro-Tem Johnson

The amended Ordinance was approved.

2. PRESENTATION BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief Rick Tanksley provided statistics on crime in Oak Park. He noted that burglars are more sophisticated now, working in teams with cell phones. Police response times for high priority calls are just over three minutes, which is better than the national norm. Chief Tanksley also noted that there were 38,000 calls to 911 so far this year. He described the online, interactive Crime Map, summer crime tips, and the importance of a visible police presence on patrol as deterrent.

Looking at statistics over the years, Trustee Hale asked why there was a drop in crime in 2004. Chief Tanksley responded that the FBI used to get involved in local bank robberies, but have pulled away from that in recent years. Responding to questions about why crime is up over last year, Chief Tanksley blamed the ease with which stolen property is sold for cash within minutes of a theft combined with the ready availability of drugs.

3. CALENDAR DISCUSSION

Trustees discussed the June meeting schedule and meeting topics.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 4. Motion entitled Motion Authorizing the Release of an Amendment to the 2008 Action Plan for a 7-day Public Comment Period, and Resolution 2009-R-089 entitled RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AMENDMENT TO THE 2008 ACTION PLAN**
- 5. Resolution 2009-R-087 entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACT FOR COMPLETION OF 2010-2014 CONSOLIDATED HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$49,932**
- 6. Resolution 2009-R-088 entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACT FOR THE COMPLETION OF ANALYSIS OF IMPEDIMENTS OF FAIR HOUSING CHOICE AND FAIR HOUSING ACTION PLAN IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$34,840**

Approval of the Consent Agenda

It was moved by Trustee Hedges, seconded by Trustee Brewer, to approve the items under the Consent Agenda. True and correct copies of the Resolutions and Ordinances are herewith ordered to be filed in the Office of the Village Clerk.

The roll call on the vote was as follows:

AYES: Trustees Brewer, Hale, Hedges, Lueck, Pate, and President Pro-Tem Johnson

NAYS: None

The Consent Agenda was approved.

ADJOURN

It was moved by Trustee Brewer, seconded by Trustee Hale, to adjourn the meeting to an executive session. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved. The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 P.M. Tuesday, May 26th, 2009.

SUBMITTED AND RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF:

Teresa Powell, Village Clerk

By: Karen Morris Muriello
Deputy Village Clerk