The meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation was called to order by Chairman Williams, Thursday, February 27, 2014, at 3:45 p.m. Room 260, City-County Building, 200 East Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204.

Board Members Present: Chairman, John Williams, Mr. Joe Wynns, Josh Bowling and Anne Valentine

Staff Present: Louvenia Holstein, Board Secretary Suzanne Martin, Assistant Board Secretary Doug Kowalski, Deputy Corporation Counsel

Staff Absent: Dr. Jackie Greenwood

Directors Announcements: Chairman Williams greeted the Board and the audience and he thanked everyone for being there. Chairman Williams stated that he had a couple of announcements. First of all, Holliday Park this Saturday since it is going to be a relatively warm day considering the weather that we have been having here recently, they will be hosting the Sap and Syrup day. Also, at Eagle Creek Park beach this Saturday will be the Indianapolis Polar Bear Plunge and really a rather interesting activity considering the weather. Chairman Williams will not be participating in this event but will try to make it there to watch everyone. There will be a fee for both of these events. There will be a $5.00 gate fee at Eagle Creek Park for Marion County residents and a $6.00 gate fee for out of county patrons. There will also be an additional fee for the plunge event as well.

Approval of Minutes: January 23, 2014

A motion was duly made by Mr. Wynns and seconded by Mr. Bowling, and unanimously passed to approve the Minutes of January 23, 2014.

New Business

1. Agenda Item #1, 2014 - The Resource Development Division is recommending that the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Consolidated City of Indianapolis, Indiana award the professional services agreement to Storrow Kinsella Associates, Inc. for right of way engineering and property acquisition for the future portions of the Pennsy Greenway Corridor in the sum of $204,844. This work must be completed first in order to begin using INDOT grants to purchase land.

Andre greeted the Board and stated that the reason for this contract is that Storrow Kinsella has done an excellent job doing property acquisition since around 2008 and we currently need to amend or do a new contract to finish up the last 19 properties to purchase and what has happened is since we have been buying up the corridor and he pointed to the map on the overhead screen they have purchased all the corridor from Arlington over to Ritter and going up Ritter Avenue to the park is all the public right of way and we won't need to
purchase that but they are still purchasing properties to the east and hopefully be done with this by the end of this year but their contract will go until the end of 2015. This is basically just to get a new to finish work that they are already doing for us. If you have any questions he has Meg Storrow from Storrow Kinsella here to answer them.

Chairman Williams asked the Board of they had any questions or comments. There were none.

A motion was duly made by Mr. Wynns, seconded by Ms. Valentine, and unanimously passed to approve Agenda Item #1, 2014.

2. Agenda Item #2, 2014 - The Resource Development Division is recommending that the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Consolidated City of Indianapolis, Indiana award the professional services agreement to Shiel Sexton Company for Indy Park's 2014 Asset Assessment Study not to exceed the amount of $609,030.00.

Don Colvin greeted the Chairman and the Board stating what they have here today is the DPW put out a Request for Qualifications and Shiel Sexton was selected from those requests for qualifications to provide this Asset Management Study and what they are trying to do here is one of the challenges that Indy Parks has always had is having evaluation of our existing facilities, both the exterior of the building and the interior of the building as well as all of its mechanical components within the building. This study for the first time is going to actually go in look at the structure, look at the mechanical components, look at the roof, look at the aquatic components, the pump rooms, and then put life cycles on that so they will know that a particular roof has 20 more years of useful life to it, that an HVAC system is shot and they should anticipate an expenditure on that within the next 1-5 years. They are really going to drill down and give Indy Parks a full report on this. A unique thing about this is that in the past they would just develop a document, just a paper copy or a Kodak moment at the time. This will still be a Kodak moment but all the information is going into an electronic data base that will feed directly into the Hansen 8 Software system. The Department of Public Works is currently in the process of upgrading from Hansen 7 to Hansen 8 and the new feature will have a lot of capacity and capability to it that will actually be able to be linked to the geographical information system or mapping system so you will have a geo point exactly where the information is being collected. Much of what they will be doing is developing the database that will be able to perform on a tablet type of application, like an Ipad or a Microsoft product in the form of a tablet so a manager could in theory could call up a particular information, our maintenance staff could go out to a building, they have an HVAC (heating and cooling) problem, the go in there and see oh, this system was just put in last year, they know it is under a warranty situation, they now know to call the vendor in to make the repair, or they could see that this system is at the last year of its life cycle. It is a 15 year life cycle, the unit is 14 or 15 years old and it doesn't justify spending $5,000 making a repair, and this should bump up to a capital program and then make a replacement.

The other piece of this is as well as DPW does very well at this, they like to plan out where their expenditures are going to be in the future so they can try to manage their surprises, if you will, or their capital outlays. This program and data base when it is finished will allow us to have a very good planning tool for all the asset managers and directors of both departments to anticipate where future outlays of costs are. Not only is this important for the
Department of Public Works and the Department of Parks and Recreation, it also becomes a valuable tool to our Indianapolis Parks Foundation. As they are seeking various supports from various donors, they now will have a very accurate data base where they will know some potential costs of our facilities. Also, to try to simplify this, not only is it going to be in a data base realizing that all the people that make decisions may not want to have to go into the data base themselves, they are going to do kind of a white paper executive summary for each one of the facilities and if Director Williams would call him up and ask what are our problems over at Riverside Park because he is going to meet the community over there. Don should be able to pull out a paper copy and that would have all the issues that are at Riverside Park as far as the large capital facilities. Don has here with him today, representatives from Shiel Sexton, Blake Harvey and Jeff Anderson who are the project managers on this project and they have a whole team and as he mentioned they do meet the MBE, WBE requirements. They can speak more about the details of the project and about their company if anyone on the Board has any particular questions on that. Don mentioned that he wants to also speak to the big dollar amount here and he realizes that this is a big number for the Parks Board and that this is scary and he is sensitive to this, but here is some of the logic behind this. This is a two-year study. What he didn’t want to have to do is come back and forth to the Board on both things so what he currently has committed of Indy Parks dollars is $250,000. They will write the initial contract for $250,000. Invoices will come in on hourly time spent on the job. They will have either David Teachout or Danny Swails, or both as well as they have American Structure Point as his assistant behind the scene to make sure that Shiel Sexton is doing what they are being paid to do. Don has full confidence that they will do as they say they are, but like anything, we have to be good stewards of the public dollars, so we are going to check on them as they do all their contractors. The best of the best, we are still out there checking on those. We will be doing the same with this particular project, random spot checks. If they say they spent 24 hours at a particular facility, Don’s team will be able to justify or verify that yes, they truly did spend that amount of time and the product that they are going to produce is important to us and falls within this. So initially there is a $250,000 commitment from Indy Parks. There are also other commitments of non-public funding sources that are trying to raise additional support dollars for this. For instance, if a grant comes in to support this for another $250,000, if the Board gives approval for the full amount, he would just increase the PO or cut an additional PO to add to this contract. This contract particularly is focusing on our large assets and those are at his opinion are at the most risk, and our biggest expenditures, such as aquatic facilities when they go down or our family centers. At this point in the project, we are not evaluating, at least with the consultant, they are setting up the program that we can use as the model, and we are not evaluating our playgrounds and shelters and some of our miscellaneous facility features throughout the park. They may do that in house to save dollars or if we have some substantial savings in this initial phase, then we could also, because of our limited time and resources, we also could add that on to their services. It allows him, just like a mowing contract, you usually lock it in for 2 or 3 years at a set hourly rate which is put into the final contract, we can draw up against and not to exceed amount. At this time if you have any questions for the representatives from Shiel Sexton or himself, they would be happy to answer those at this time.

Mr. Wynns stated that asset planning and the concept is good and he doesn’t have anything against that but his concern is that after the plan is developed, what is going to happen. Parks only has about 3 million dollars or 4 million dollars in their CUM fund and he doesn’t
know how much money DPW is committing monies to implement this plan. This is his concern. He understands asset planning and he knows the importance of it, he has done asset planning, but if someone comes in and they identify that you have 10 facilities out there, which he knows there is about 20 of them, and he knows that there are that many you will find will have this kind of problem out there. Where is the money going to come from to fix them? We are talking about investing $250,000 and being around for 35 years, it is a mess out there. You are going to create this great plan and you are going to tell us how bad things are and what needs to be replaced and we have only 3 million. He knows the Parks Foundation is not in a position to raise 10 million dollars for capital improvements and he is trying to figure out what is the next step? How are we going to fund what you are going to tell us that are the issues out there? There are huge issues out there. He means huge issues out there and all needs to be replaced and you go and do this study and do this great document and you put it into DPW data base and all of a sudden you prioritize this stuff and you spend 3 million dollars. He doesn't know if there is a funder out there that is saying once you do this study we have 10 million dollars waiting for you. He is beyond the plan and he wants to know who is going to fund these repairs?

Mr. Colvin stated that Mr. Wynns makes an excellent point. First thing is that Mr. Wynns has always been a supporter of parks and planning. You need a plan. This gives you a direction of where you are trying to go and then DPW has committed to use resources to help Parks. Right now they are assisting us in developing the rest of the Greenways Trails. They are using DPW dollars on the Penney Trails from Shortridge all the way to Ellenberger Park; DPW wrote a federal grant to do the construction from that. This year you will see some activity out there on that trail. This would have sat on the shelf in our department. They also wrote another grant to add for the rest of the land acquisition and currently they are developing the whole Eagle Creek Greenway corridor. They really are stepping up to the table and yes, they are going to have to be very creative too because their dollars are very limited as well, but as a team, if we have a plan, and we have it in our data bases then it allows everybody to participate. The Parks Foundation, Department of Public Works, and Indy Parks. Indy Parks is not going to be able to do this alone. You are absolutely correct and your points are well taken at 3.5 million dollars we are basically going to continue to put out brush fires.

Chairman Williams asked to step in and stated that when he first started with Indy Parks, he asked Don a very poignant question, “What kind of shape are our facilities in?” Quite honestly, he couldn’t show me. He could say this facility is in this shape and this facility is in this shape and this facility we just put a roof on but he couldn’t show him from the standpoint of asset management, what our facilities were actually like. He wanted to know this because as you look at it long term, he believes that in order for us to go out and solicit, you know, he looked at it from a two prong approach; 1) it gives us an opportunity to have a data base and identify what our problems are so if we are fortunate enough to go out and solicit support from the community at large we have a plan that we can take to them and we can show them our priorities are because that is what they are going to want. If we don’t know what we want, they are not going to be willing to give to us, to our need because quite frankly if I were in there position, I wouldn’t do it either. I would want to know weather or not you have a plan in place to make sure that the money is there and I want to know that the money that I am going to give you are going to be expended the correct way and used the right way. That was one of the things that he wanted Don to be able to do for him. The other approach was,
if we are going to continue to go down that path of having to address some of these needs with the resources that we have, we have to prioritize. We have to prioritize based on what is the most expedient thing to do for the organization. That gives us that planning document to be able to do that as well, because you are right if we are going to be stuck with it, if you will, 3.5 million dollars in perpetuity, then we need to be able to tell the community at large the reason why you are not going to get this, is because this is our need, and these are the things that we have to do in order to continue to be transparent this is what he believes the community needs to hear and be able to see.

Mr. Wynns stated that he supports planning and he supports asset planning he just remembers we had a gentlemen by the name of Allen Demos who did an asset planning for Parks and doing the same thing that you are asking to do many years ago. He went out and looked at everything, identified the need and what you have and Allen was a full time staff and he created the huge document of all the problem areas and there was no money and people said, wait a minute, why did we waste all this time and paid this guy $50,000, who was an engineer doing asset management plan and we didn’t have any money to fix any of the issues. He is speaking from history, in saying that he hopes it doesn’t repeat itself because he has been through the asset planning process with Allen Demos and engineering. Chairman Williams stepped in and added that he has a ray of hope when he started again he asked Don to go out and take a look at all hard court surfaces and he did that. Chairman wanted to know what shape they were in and grade them. A to F. Don did this. He came back with a listing of all of our hard court surfaces and said these courts are in this shape, this shape and this shape and we were able to take that information and go to IPL, go to the Pacers Foundation, the Parks Foundation, and Indy Parks came together as a partnership and now we are addressing those courts. We are using that particular information to be able to do something meaningful in the Parks Department and you are absolutely correct, we can put a plan together but we have to execute upon it as well. He is committed to do that. He is committed to making sure that we just don’t have the plan, that we actually go out and do something about it. We have done this, and he thinks this was a great partnership and he believes that the Parks Foundation can speak to this as well. He believes these are the opportunities that we will have by having a legitimate asset management plan in hand. Don stated that he also wants to add one thing that he forgot to mention which is because based on a tablet type format if the maintenance in DPW Operations go out and makes a repair or if recreation staff creates a work order this will show up through a wi-fi situation on this tablet so as improvements are made it automatically should update and goes into the Hansen module it should automatically update the data base that this furnace was replaced by Operations on such and such a date. Unlike the old fashioned way, where we had a paper document, this is a live inter-active data base so it is current all the time and this is very powerful!

Mr. Wynns stated that what he hears Don saying is the original contract is $250,000. Don stated yes, not to exceed $609,000 and will try to obtain other funding to get to the $609,000. Don stated that this is correct. Chairman Williams stated that we are on the hook for not to exceed the $609,000. Mr. Wynns asked if there is going to be any bench marking in between what we have before we go to the $609,000 to see how well it is working.

Don replied that they discussed using Riverside because they know there are a lot of issues at Riverside, and Bethel Pool Family Center and Pool, this is relatively new asset will come
on line. They are going to do their first evaluations of both of these. American Construction Point and Indy Parks Planning Team are also going to do their evaluation and then they will get into the same room and make sure that they are delivering a product that is useful to us. There will be some DPW folks in there as well.

Mr. Wynns stated that he is talking about the other benchmark on the other side. He is talking about if you invest the $250,000, before you invest another $250,000 will there be any return on investment. In other words is there going to be any funding sources identified to help with those returns before you invest another $250,000. This is the kind of benchmark he is talking about. For instance, you say the original contract is $250,000 and they go out and do $250,000 worth of work, are we going to be able to identify some funders to help do that work before we add another $250,000 to make it a half of million dollars and we have not identified any funding sources to do those repairs. We need to see how much money we can raise before we do additional work. Mr. Wynns does not doubt the Director will not do it he is just saying there needs to be some benchmarking before you invest $609,000 on a study and no money has been brought in to do any of those repairs.

Chairman Williams stated that he understands what Mr. Wynns is talking about. As Dcn had articulated earlier, what they are trying to do is identify additional resources to help, not only pay for necessarily the study, but also the repairs that need to take place in the long term. As we move along, he guesses the genius to him of developing this program and moving this project along would be that this is real time and data and when they start populating that data we can start using that data to go out and start doing the kind of work that they need to do. For example we see that at Riverside we need $50,000 HVAC System, we can take a look at where can we find the savings within our own department. DPW has been very good at identifying things that we can pull off of our capital and they can do for us and that releaves us of that expenditure. That expenditure then can be tied directly back to doing the kinds of work that we would have in our asset management data base. That is what he is trying to say. If you invest $350,000 how do we fund something $350,000. This is the benchmark he is talking about. He supports the plan. He knows asset planning is important. He just wants to make sure that there is a return on this investment and as a Board member he has to protect.

Ms. Valentine has just a few questions about the tool you said you will be using. The virtual tool, the Hansen product. Is this a software that is used in City-County government?

Chairman Williams responded that Hansen Data Base is two things. One the upgrade gives us the ability to have the asset management feature that is more functional to what we are trying to do. As a work flow or work progress system what you can do is go in there and create work orders and then track time and material for which you expended on that work order and when it was completed. There are different key performance indicators you can pull out of that to see whether or not you are on time, on task or what it is that you are trying to do. The Hanson 3 upgrade gives us a little more functionality in being able to look at it from an asset management standpoint. Not only can se say that it took us “x” number of hours and that time and that material that we used to do this we know now what that asset really cost us to own and maintain. We have that hopefully in perpetuity because the system will continue to get upgrades. Ms. Valentine asked if there will be ongoing costs to keep that upgraded. Chairman Williams answered that this is something that DPW will do. Don mentioned that they will tie in on the sidelines they have a whole IT group. Sheil is not responsible for the IT side of it. And he will let them speak to their data base they are using,
but that data base when they give it to us will feed right into the Hansen and DPW has a whole IT team that is focused on the Hansen 8 product and how it is going to integrate into both the operations side of Public Works as well as the capital side of Public Works and really it serves the whole city so it keeps it live and active.

Don asked the representatives from Shel Sexton to speak a little bit about some of the tasks they will be doing and the products they will be using and the team that they have assembled. The representative from Shel Sexton stated that they will actually be using a GIS cloud based data collection tool that will actually allows them to customize what they are collection but it actually allows you that real time as they are collecting it, where they are at, is there any assets that they have collected and identified as funding sources, can we go out right away. The deliverable like Don said is going to be that data base that they will be in hand it over to the IT team and they will work closely with that intergration. It is a fully customized thing which can capture any and all data in any and all forms that you want and it is also GIS based so you can have that location feature. The other representative stated that they can also take pictures of the actual asset condition and embed it into it and that can be uploaded to your system.

Ms. Valentine stated that she is assuming multiple user’s throught their agency as well as DPW and Indy Parks; everyone can have access to that so if there is a park and someone in the park that knows that we just added this asset that can be entered as well. The representative stated that they will set up a template of all the parks, get it all preloaded and it can be accessed from any location and do an assessment right then and there. Don stated that they would actually like to be able to drive it down to the park managers themselves instead of going maybe to their desktop, or even if they are not on their desk top, once the enter the information they can see the progress themselves of who is doing what, what the cost is, or if it was recently repaired, so they are trying to be very transparent for all the users. There will be certain limitations of what the users can do for the protection of the document, but at least for looking at the data and querying it they will have access to this information. Ms. Valentine stated that in our December meeting we looked at lengthy spreadsheets of asset information and work that had been done. Don stated that this was the capital improvement program. Ms. Valentine asked if this links in. Don stated “yes” that was what Joe was speaking about, o.k. you are going to study these things but do you have that capital program that is going to follow all the issues that you found. We will find a few. Don stated that they will probably find more than what is on the list.

Chairman Williams asked if there were any other questions from the Board. Mr. Bowling stated that his comment is or it could be a question, he finds it hard to believe that we are going to be sitting here in December of 2015 and they will not be close to that $600,000. He stated that it seems we will be looking at roughly $300,000 a year that he is assuming is coming out of the Parks budget. Did we anticipate that this was going to be here and did we budget accordingly? Did we know that there was going to be about $300,000 going out to study our facilities and if we didn’t what are we doing this in lieu of?

Chairman Williams answered that the way that the capital works and Joe has been around for a long time and understands that the department receives that $3.5 million dollars per year to do a priority of things that may come up and that changes and that really could change from time to time. To say is there anything specifically ever budgeted; he could say
that they don’t technically budget for anything specific. We have certain allocations and then as projects come about and the things that we find out that come up, we move those to a a level of priority and so we just believe that this is the time for us to start looking at building a asset management database so that we can be a little more business minded with regard of how we are going to manage our assets. Mr. Bowling stated so the study is being paid for out of the 3.5 capital allocated to the department. Mr. Colvin answered, “Yes” the $25C,000 this year is coming right out of that capital improvement dollars which comes from property taxes and we are looking for an outside non-public funding sources to supplement that but the only thing on the table of expenditures this year, because the budget won’t allow for anything more, is that $250,000. Mr. Wynns stated that they are not going to hit the $250,000 for the next two years; you are going to hit it one time and then raise the rest? Mr. Colvin interrupted that their goal is to do that. Ms. Valentine then asked what happens if we... Mr. Colvin interrupted that if he doesn’t complete the project in 2015, yes, he is going to tag another $250,000 or whatever the remainder is and hopefully as we go through this we find efficiencies because it is an hourly pay out, it is not a lump sum contract with. Chairman Williams stated that is why it is written “not to exceed amount”. Mr. Bowling stated that roughly what we are saying is this study is in lieu of actually completeing some of the things on that list? Mr. Bowling stated that he is assuming we could use another $250,000 to do some of the capital things that are on the ever growing list? Mr. Colvin stated that this is correct. We are trying to be pro-active instead of re-active but right now so often we are in a re-active mode and we are trying, for the things that we can manage, to be in a pro-active situation as well as, having this information before us it allows us to seek out other partnerships like the IPL, the Pacers, Citizens Energy, the Parks Foundation, and others to help us do those capital projects. Mr. Wynns stated that we have to trust the Director and also the staff, but he just prays that it turns out because when you talk about $600,000 out of CUM and all the things that could be done with playgrounds, bathhouses and stuff like that he just hopes that the $609,000 doubles into 3 to 4 million dollars worth of improvements because if we sit back and 3 years from now and we spendd $609,000 and we only, you know what I mean, because the CUM is so tight, you know and you could take $250,000 out a year and do playgrounds and never catch up on all of your playgrounds. We know we have playgrounds that are down, we have bath houses that are down, and you are hitting the CUM for $250,000, he is not saying you shouldn’t, that is why we have to trust the Director and what he wants to do, and staff is recommending, he is just saying that at the end of 3 years, you want to show the value because it will be very hard to justify you spending $609,000 and playgrounds are still looking bad and what have you, we really have to put the elbow to the grind here and make sure this thing will work because you are asking the Board to take a big risk and trust the Director that he said he is going to do it, staff is recommending, and their concern as a Board is just to protect the investment. He is supporting it but he is going to be watching this. Chairman Williams stated that this is a legitimate concern. Mr. Wynns stated to Mr. Colvin that he knows how it is. Mr. Colvin replied that he knows exactly how it is. Mr. Wynns stated that when you take $609,000 for three years he is just hoping that it is a home run. Mr. Colvin stated that possibly we can get it done cheaper. Mr. Bowling stated that maybe we could find the guy that did it earlier for $50,000. Mr. Colvin stated that Alan did very fine work for us but it wasn’t the same with this day and age and technology was different back then.
Chairman Williams asked if there were any more comments or questions. There was none.

A motion was duly made by Mr. Wynns, seconded by Ms. Valentine, and unanimously passed to approve Agenda Item #2, 2014.

3. Agenda Item Resolution #3, 2014 - The Resource Development Division is recommending that the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Consolidated City of Indianapolis, Indiana adopt Agenda Item Resolution #3, 2014 to authorize the grant of a temporary and permanent easement to the Department of Public Utilities across DPR owned property located in Pleasant Run Golf Course, 601 North Arlington Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Mr. Denman greeted the Board again and stated that Mr. Colvin stated earlier that he didn’t talk enough earlier and as you can see there was a need to allot for more time for all the questions that were asked. Mr. Denman stated that he is filling in for Mr. Paul Smith, the Real Estate Manager (Uncle Paul) as we affectionately call him, this is a resolution to allow Citizens Gas to come in for an easement to connect with 2 existing sewers across Pleasant Run Golf Course, he believes it is around the 14th hole, the size of the easement is approximately a tenth of an acre. Paul left him some notes stating that there is one big tree that will be removed but Citizens has agreed to mitigate that with 6 new trees. We are thankful for this. There will be a cost that will come with this and Citizens will pay for the easement. This is still being appraised so we don’t know the cost for this but they are asking that you trust staff to be able to make the right decision on this as well as golf management and the parks director have been involved. Citizens plans to have this work done before the spring and golf season and they have been pretty good to us in the past and whenever they need to get in and they understand our normal lines of business and Pleasant Run is a well used course and he believes the pro there, Denny, has been there for years and he trusts us as well. This will be just something else that is going on at Pleasant Run and he thinks a year or two ago they actually had a mitigation project with the State and they have done a good job of making sure that any project that is going to take place there doesn’t displace the golf which he knows a number of people on the east side like to play golf there. If there are any questions he would be happy to answer them.

Mr. Wynns stated that he has a comment. He thinks you have to have heat and you have to have utilities and he will just put his public service announcement in again. He would hope that when we do easements and we generate income from it that that money goes back into some type of fund that we can use to purchase land, and you all have heard him before, so he won’t get into that long speech but he just thinks that we need to set aside money to do land acquisitions. That is up to the director to do this. Chairman Williams stated that actually it is not up to him. Whether or not it is ratified and our legal attorney can probably chime in on this better than him. It is whether or not the ordinance would support where that money goes. Mr. Wynns stated that when he used to do easements, they always set some money aside for land acquisition and the foundation used to hang on to it when Cindy was there and then this enabled us to purchase land and what have you, so, and there is nothing wrong with doing easements but we should also try to make sure we can grow our achorage with some of the funding.
Chairman Williams asked if there were any other questions from the Board. Ms. Valentine stated that she has a new Board member question. She stated that it is her assumption that it is not uncommon for us to enter into a memo like this and not know what price we are going to get; this is common practice for us? Chairman Williams answered, yes. Mr. Colvin stated that there are certain statutes that we have to follow as far as getting 2 appraisals on the average of them, so we have a governance of law that they have to follow. This is the only way we can do business. Chairman Williams stated that as long as the Board gives their approval for them to go ahead and do this work, it is o.k. Chairman Williams asked if there were any other questions from Board members. There were none. Louvenia, the Board Secretary, stated that Chairman Williams may want to point out that this item is an actual Resolution and will require all the Board’s signatures. Chairman Williams thanked the Board Secretary for reminding them of this.

A motion was duly made by Mr. Wynns, seconded by Ms. Valentine, and unanimously passed to approve Agenda Item Resolution #3, 2014.

Mr. Colvin stated that he had a senior moment with his last presentation and he thinks this is worth mentioning. When he looked at the Pleasant Run imagery he noticed all the bridges running across there and DPW is actually going to be doing bridge assessment on all of our Indy Park bridges, not only vehicle but pedestrian bridges so they are creating there asset plan on bridges across streams and so forth and they are picking that up on their side. He apologized for not remembering to mention this during his presentation. They are actually going to evaluate the bridges in our golf courses as well because we want to know and understand that and have better conversations with the pros at the various golf courses that have golf cart bridges across the creeks.

4. Agenda Item #12B, 2013 - The Resource Development Division is recommending that the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Consolidated City of Indianapolis, Indiana accept Change Order No. 2 in the amount of $4,482.12 for additional work on Garfield Park’s Sunken Gardens Fountain renovation from Ellis Electrical and Mechanical for additional work as follows:

   Purchase and install three (3) 4,000 watt heaters in vaults to drive out moisture from floors and walls of underground vaults.

David Teachout greeted the Board and stated that during the course of their work at Garfield Park Sunken Gardens there are manual pumps that will pump the water out of the fountains and dump it into the creek, and when he saw this, his concern was that these pumps could fill up with water if it is cold and freeze the pumps which would damage them so he had requested that they put some valves in so all they have to do then is when the snow accumulates in the fountains themselves and melts, then there is a place for that snow to go where it will not freeze up any pipes. So the water is going across the floor to the sumps that are in vault right now and what we did with these heaters is to dry up the floors where this water is coming across and just to get the moisture out of there so we don’t hurt the pumps with moisture setting there for the whole winter.
Chairman Williams asked if there were any questions from the Board. There were none. David stated that this should be the last change order. At least he is hoping it is the last change order for dealing with this part of it.

A motion was duly made by Mr. Bowling, seconded by Mr. Wynns, and unanimously passed to approve Agenda item #12B, 2013.

**Presentation** – Indianapolis Parks Foundation Update of Projects for Parks – Lori Hazlett, President of the Indianapolis Parks Foundation and Kevin Osbourn the Board Chair of the Parks Foundation. Lori Hazlett thanked the Board for allowing them to present their brief update on 2013 and then give the Board some information on what is going to be happening in 2014. The 2013 overview, you can see that they secured basically $893,000 in grants and as Chairman Williams mentioned earlier they entered into an agreement with Indianapolis Power and Light and the Pacers Foundation and the City of Indianapolis and secured 1.1 million dollars to reduce basketball courts over the next 5 years which breaks down to 3 to 4 courts per year depending on when they get out there and see what is going on. The next three are just three of the bigger ones that they received in 2013. The Glick Fund gave them $75,000 for Indy Urban Acres, which they will talk more about in just a minute. 3M gave them $50,000 for a geo thermal education pond at Eagle Creek Park which is very exciting and unique. $47,000 came for Summer Youth Program Fund which is programming opportunities, life guard training, youth achievers, and those types of programs. If you have questions about grants in particular or any of these, these are just quick highlights. Chairman Williams suggested to the Board members to take notes and then we can ask questions at the end of the presentation.

Lori stated that some of the Board members may know, some of you may not know, we have an 8 - acre organic farm on the east side of Indianapolis at 21st and Shadeland. Tyler Gough is our farmer and he is here today to talk about the farm. Tyler walked to the microphone and introduced himself. He did so. He stated that he Tyler Gough and he is the farm manager at the Indy Urban Acres. Just briefly he wants to talk about where we have come from May 5th 2011 this property was an empty piece of land, a site for illegal dumping and under used and in 2 ½ years they have turned it into a great farm and educated over 3,000 kids and 2,000 last year and donated close to 70,000 lbs. of produce to area food pantries and 100% of their produce goes to help the families in need but education is really what he thinks going to change the future of the food system and change peoples lives. 660 volunteers help them do this. It has really turned into a community farm. This vacant piece of land is now a gathering place. Kids come back there and not only play but they help them work too. They help them take things to the food pantries and it is a neighborhood farm. Like he said, 660 volunteers, 25 service groups are really what help them get a lot of the work done. Last year they had a group through the Glick Fund of 13 kids and this year we will have 24 kids. Inner-city high school kids this is their summer job for 6 weeks. It has changed his life. This was very impactful to see these kids who had no idea where their food comes from and see them transform into farmers and ambassadors for the community and they also have become role models... they were giving the tours for the younger kids that came out to the farm tours. This was amazing and good things are coming. Last year they had 30,000 lbs. of produce. This is one reason the the Parks Department and the Parks Foundation are partners and Urban Acres are always looking ahead to see what we can do better. We have 150,000 foods insecure in Indianapolis and we are not done until that
number is down to "0". We are not done until all the kids in our community know where their food comes from and know how to get healthy. It isn’t good enough for us just to do what we can, we are always looking for ways to improve and get better at helping the community. So, that is what we are doing in 2014 and it is so hard to look at the slides or pictures and he would like every Board member to come out to the farm and see it. Mr. Wynns stated, you say it is at 21st and Shadeland. Tyler replied that it is kind of hidden behind the neighborhood and between 21st Street and Franklin. What you will see from 21st is some raised beds, the food orchard, the green house and chickens and bees and all that. We would love to have the Board out there and see first hand. Chairman Williams thanked Tyler and thanked him for all he does for us.

Ms. Hazlett added that in 2014 the Foundation has quite a few projects going on and a lot of those projects are because of the grant they received from the Lilly Endowment at the end of 2012. You can see on the overhead screen there is a list of parks they plan to work on in 2014. She will quickly go over what is going into those parks.

61st & Broadway – restroom.

Beckwith - sprayground, walking trails, playground upgrade and also basketball court which is going to be part of the IPL – Pacers partnership.

Bel Aire – playground upgrade, comfort station, soccer field and shelter.

Bertha Ross – water sprayground, shelter, playground and again part of the basketball court partnership they will again get a new court.

Dubarry – shelter, restroom, playground and basketball court which is part of a different partnership with the Finish Line Youth Foundation. They had a Holliday campaign with their employees and raised some money to redo the tennis courts into basketball courts.

Eagle Creek – geo-thermal pond, gardener, walking trail, playground, basketball courts.

Garfield – basketball court renovation.

Green – sprayground, playground and parking lot.

Haughville – sprayground (funded by United Water), playground, shelter and parking lot.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. – playground, shelter,

Municipal Gardens – water sprayground (funded by United Water).

O’Bannon – comfort station and possibly a sprayground and playground (if funding is available).
Thatcher -- Tameka Catchings Court is almost complete and needs to be striped, which will be done this Spring and then they will have a ribbon cutting out there with Tameka to announce that.

Wildwood Park -- (Brand New Park on the southeast side of Indianapolis in Franklin Township and right now they will receive playground, sprayground and a restroom facility out there. It is going to be busy and they are very excited and ready for the weather to break and the ground to dry so that we can get started on all of these projects.

Also the map on the overhead show the projects are spread out throughout Marion County.

Their Mayor’s Lunch is coming up next week.

Kevin stated that it is his job to tell the Board about that. He stated that this is the 12th year for the Mayor’s lunch and will be their 2014 new and improved version and he believes that most of the Board has been to one of these events and all have been invited again this year. This event is their largest annual fundraiser. They hold this event every year and it is essential to their operations and their ability to continue to do the things that they do with their partnership with Indy Parks. IPL is there presenting sponsor this year and they have been since the beginning of these luncheons and the foundation is very appreciative of that. The Foundation has set a goal of $200,000 and he believes they are closing in on that pretty well. This event in the course of 12 years has raised over one million dollars for the Indianapolis Parks Foundation. We certainly hope the Board can make it to the luncheon on March 5th from 11:00 a.m to 1:30 p.m.

Lori stated that this presentation is very quick and if the Board has any questions or comments they would be happy to hear them.

Ms. Valentine stated that first off she wants to thank them for the invitation to the luncheon and she is terribly disappointed in her own schedule that she will not be able to attend but she has heard great things. She has a question about the Urban Acres and maybe Tyler can answer. She stated that the foundation has a huge vision that he articulated. How do you get there and sort of what else does he need besides money? Are you finding partnerships corporations? Are there other things that you are looking for in the near future for growth? Maybe more space, more land.

Tyler replied that they have seen the impact of what this small piece of land can have on the east side of Indianapolis, not only the food, not only the education, but he thinks it is really changing lives. Just having this space that is a place of learning, it has turned into a place of healing with the food and he can see all of this happening in a short amount of time and he would like to see this on each side of the city would be perfect. How do we get there? Well, its with money which is always a factor. Right now, in 2 years it seems what they have been able to do is get the word out. Many people know about their mission and this is really helping quite a bit. The ball is rolling on this he believes and he is confident that they can see these farms evolve through the city.
Ms. Valentine stated that it is very impressive work that Tyler and the Parks Foundation have been able to do with this farm and she is excited to see the projects that are coming on board this next year.

Mr. Wynns stated that it is a great job and outstanding work. Don Colvin stated that he knows that we are limited on time but he asked Lori to speak briefly on how DPW has been helping offset some of the costs of the projects which also solved some of Indy Parks problems too.

Lori stated absolutely. With all these projects they have been working very closely with Don and his team, Lori Miser and Jeremiah Shirk from DPW to see what values could be added so parking lots, sidewalks bumpers, the things that aren’t as striking amenities, DPW has stepped up and is right on hand to figure out how they make this a full package and it has been a great partnership working with Indy Parks and DPW and the Parks Foundation and their funders and it is going very well.

Chairman Williams stated that Don kind of stole his thunder. Chairman Williams stated that they do appreciate the work that the Foundation does and all the stuff that goes on behind the scene that everyone doesn’t get a chance to see. Going back to Indy Urban Acres, when he first started with the department he was unsure of how this was to work. It has flourished. He believes the first year we had about 10,000 pounds of food and then jumped up to 30,000 pounds, so we are totalling around 75,000 pounds of food produced in the last 2 years and when you look at who the hungry are, you just don’t know. His family was displaced when he was a child and he had to eat at a mission due to not having a home for a while. He is sure that the mission received food from donations or what not. The food that is harvested at Indy Acres and having a partnership with Gleanors and places like that to make sure that every individual has an opportunity to have a well balanced meal is a tremendous thing that the Foundation does and Indy Parks does and he hopes to continue this. Thanks for the presentation.

Adjournment

A motion was duly made by Chairman Williams for adjournment, seconded by by Ms. Valentine and unanimously passed to adjourn.

The next Board of Parks and Recreation meeting is scheduled for February 27, 2014 at 3:45 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in Room 260 of the City-County Building, 200 East Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204.

SUBMITTED:

Lovenia Holstein, Board Secretary

APPROVED:

John W. Williams, Chairman
Board of Parks and Recreation

Date 4-17-14