

**: OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS:****: OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS:**

Workforce Network, Peoria, Illinois, November 19, 2008, a Renaissance Park Commission Meeting was held this date at 9:01 A.M., at One Technology Plaza, 211 Fulton St., Suite 300, Interim Chair Sue Wozniak presiding.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll call showed the following Commissioners present: Engdahl, Hoke, Nowlan, Peters, , Wozniak – 5; Absent: Ewalt, Fischer, Schierbeck – 3

**ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Lynne Binkele, Fulvio Zerla

**COUNCIL STAFF & OTHERS**

Bobby Gray, Economic Development, Stephanie Grayson, Economic Development

**MINUTES**

**Commissioner Nowlan moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Renaissance Park Commission Meeting held on September 17, 2008; seconded by Commissioner Peters.**

Motion approved by viva voce vote.

**I. INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMISSIONERS**

Mr. John Engahl is with Bradley University, Chair of the College of Engineer. He stated he teach courses on engineering, medical imaging and bio-chemical. He stated he has been with Bradley for 4.5 years. Before Bradley he worked at GE in medical imaging.

Ms. Carol Hoke stated she is with the Heart of Illinois, HIV center. She stated she has been there for 7 years. She co-pastors for the United Church of Christ.

**II. ADVISORY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Ms. Lynne Binkele stated the Council Members unanimous in the vote to have meeting every other month instead of quarterly.

Ms. Binkele stated that some of the Committees are not fully staffed and they hope to have those staffed and active for the new year. She stated Commissioner Fischer is in Chicago to get more information on how to finance a charter school. She stated Mr. Dugard announced the committee has been divided into working groups. The groups consist of Finance, Community Involvement, Operations and Goal and Objectives.

**II. UPDATES**

A. Marketing Committee

Commissioner Nowlan stated they will like to hold an open house at the Innovation Center. He would like for representatives from all anchor institutions of Renaissance Park to attend. He stated he would like to have the event on December 4, 2008.

B. Homeownership Committee  
No meeting held.

C. Crime and Public Safety Committee  
No meeting held.

D. Education Committee  
See Advisory Comments. An update will be forwarded from Commissioner Fischer after the Commission meeting.

Discussion occurred on filling vacant seats on the Committees. Council Member stated he will serve on the Marketing Committee. Commissioner Engdahl will serve on the Education Committee and Commissioner Hoke will serve on the Crime and Safety Committee.

### **III. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF NEW COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON**

Interim Chair Wozniak stated the bylaws stated the chair person is on a rotating basis, which means this term is for neighborhood representation.

Mr. Gray stated the work plan needs to be submitted to City Council. He stated new objectives and goals can be added as we progress with the current objectives. He stated there were no additional monies requested for this fiscal year. He stated there is a \$46,000 in the contingency fund.

**Commissioner Peters moved to elect Commissioner Wayne Nowlan as Chairperson of the Renaissance Park Commission; seconded Commissioner Engdahl.**

Motion approved by viva voce vote.

**Commissioner Wozniak moved to elect Commissioner John Engdahl as Vice Chairperson of the Renaissance Park Commission; seconded Commissioner Nowlan.**

Motion approved by viva voce vote.

### **V. OLD BUSINESS**

**Commissioner Nowlan moved to hold meetings bi-monthly instead of quarterly; seconded by Commissioner Peters.**

Motion approved by viva voce vote.

### **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**CITIZEN REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Commissioner Nowlan moved to adjourn the Regular Renaissance Park Commission Meeting; seconded by Commissioner Peters.**

Motion approved by viva voce vote.

The Commission meeting adjourned at 9:36 a.m.

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Golda Ewalt, Secretary  
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