

**: OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS:**

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

Workforce Network, Peoria, Illinois, May 20, 2009, a Renaissance Park Neighborhood Advisory Council Meeting was held this date at 8:01A.M., at the One Technology Plaza, 211 Fulton, Suite 300, Chair Binkele presiding.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll call showed the following Council Members present: Binkele, Dugard, Ginn, Mitchell, Nowlan, – 5; Absent: – Slane, Somogyi, Zerla - 3.

**COUNCIL, STAFF & OTHERS**

Bobby Gray, Economic Development, Stephanie Grayson, Economic Development.  
Commissioner Wayne Nowlan

**MINUTES**

**Council Member Nowlan moved to approve the minutes of the Joint Renaissance Park Advisory Council and Commission Meeting held on March 18, 2009; seconded by Council Member Dugard.**

Motion approved by viva voce vote.

**I. DISCUSSION ON A RESOLUTION TO THE SCHOOL BOARD AND DISTRICT 150 ADMINISTRATION TO CONVERT FRANKLIN EDISON INTO K-8 NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL**

Chair Binkele stated this topic was brought up at the last West Bluff Council meeting. Council Member Nowlan asked has this topic been brought up to the District. Chair Binkele stated no, this is just for discussion. Council Member Nowlan stated she would be in support of converting Franklin Edison into a K-8 Neighborhood School.

Council Member Dugard stated Franklin Edison have been doing well in getting their test scores up. He feels this school is a gem. He stated he is not sure of the impact of the MSTA, to be located at the Adult Education building, on Franklin becoming K-8. Council Member Ginn stated she does not think the MSTA will affect Franklin.

**Council Member Dugard moved to make a recommendation to the Renaissance Park Commission to support the concept of Franklin becoming a K-8 and Neighborhood School; seconded by Council Member Mitchell.**

Motion approved by viva voce vote.

**II. UPDATES**

A. Crime and Public Safety Committee  
No meeting held.

**B. Education Committee**

Council Member Dugard stated June 1, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. there will be a board meeting to proceed with the charter school. The steering committee is currently working on a partner to build the RFP and establish funding, curriculum, evaluation and governance of the school. There will be a website to be set up soon, June 2, 2009. Net Platform will be in charge of the website.

There is a Public Relations Communication Plan that will be put into effect after the vote. Council Member Dugard stated there is a timeline and by Oct 2009, the RFP will be complete and ready to go. The tentative opening of the school will be Fall of 2010 or 2011.

Council Member Ginn asked will the Adult Education School be relocated. Council Member Dugard stated he is unsure.

Chair Binkele stated at the last West Bluff Council meeting, the neighborhoods who opted out of Renaissance Park, asked if they are able to work on the sub-committees for the MSTA. Mr. Dugard stated the committees are open to the public and welcome any participants.

**C. Home Ownership Committee**

Chair Binkele stated they are working on identifying what is available in the area as rental, vacant buildings and what is for sale. She stated their goal is to get property filled and rented, especially on Main Street. She stated more information will be offered at the Commission meeting.

**D. Marketing Committee**

Council Member Ginn stated the West Main Merchant Association will be completing a directory. The Bradley Students, faculty and neighborhood have completed the survey. She stated Mr. Wayne Nowlan will be going into more detail at the Commission meeting.

**III. OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS****A. Hold Joint Meetings with the Renaissance Park Commission**

Chair Binkele asked for input on having joint meetings. Commissioner Nowlan stated the primary reason will be to save money. Mr. Gray stated the concerns will be with two separate votes. Chair Binkele suggested of having the Advisory Council meeting a half hour prior to the Commission meeting.

Council Member Mitchell stated she is in favor of starting a half hour before. Council Member Ginn stated she is in favor of having joint meetings.

**Council Member Dugard moved to have staff check on the viability and accommodations of meetings and options of holding joint meetings; seconded by Council Member Nowlan.**

Motion approved by viva voce vote.

Chair Binkele stated this will be her last meeting. She will remain in Renaissance Park but will be in a new neighborhood.

Council Member Mitchell asked if there were funds available to purchase four new trash cans.

**Council Member Dugard motioned to get approval to purchase or find up to five trash receptacle, 1 for Randolph Roanoke and 4 for East Bluff United Neighborhood Associations; second by Council Member Mitchell.**

Motion approved viva voce.

**CITIZEN REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Council Member Nowlan moved to adjourn the Regular Renaissance Park Neighborhood Advisory Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Mitchell.**

Motion approved by viva voce vote.

The Advisory Council Meeting adjourned at 8:35 A.M.

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Mary Ruth Ginn, Secretary  
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