

**HANOVER PARK PARK DISTRICT
1919 WALNUT AVENUE
HANOVER PARK, ILLINOIS 60133**

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORKSHOP MEETING
COMMUNITY CENTER BOARDROOM & ZOOM CONFERENCING APP
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2022**

**MINUTES
7:01 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

The Workshop Board Meeting of Park Commissioners was called to order on Monday, September 12, 2022 by President Fuentez at 7:01pm.

Upon the roll being called, the following answered:

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present:	5	Commissioners Elkins, Vences, Mustafa, Reilly, and President Fuentez
Commissioners Absent:	0	None
Staff Present:	5	Executive Director O'Brien, Superintendent of Parks & Planning Bessette, Superintendent of Recreation Cox, Business Services Manager Santucci, Executive Assistant Quigley, and Marketing & Communications Manager Gomez
Staff Absent:	0	None
Guests Present:	3	Attorney Mraz, Belinda Mustafa, Aaron Gold

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Elkins and seconded by Commissioner Vences to approve the agenda, as presented

Commissioner Reilly recommended the addition of addition of item 16 add an executive session under Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss "compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees"

A motion was made by President Elkins and seconded by Commissioner Reilly to make the following amendments to the agenda: addition of item 16, Executive Session under Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss "compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees"

With no further discussion and upon the roll being called, the following answered:

Ayes	5	Commissioners Elkins, Vences, Mustafa, Reilly, and President Fuentez
Nays:	0	None
Abstain:	0	None

Motion carried.

A motion was made by President Elkins and seconded by Commissioner Vences to approve the agenda as amended.

With no further discussion and upon the roll being called, the following answered:

Ayes	5	Commissioners Elkins, Vences, Mustafa, Reilly, and President Fuentez
Nays:	0	None
Abstain:	0	None

Motion carried.

MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

Belinda Mustafa brought forth the issue of blown glass necklaces for sale on behalf of the foundation, for the purposes of rising funds for YES program, and for doggie waste stations and helping rebuild the parks. Belinda also asked that the Foundation be treated as a sister organization by the Park District. This issue was brought before the board as Mrs. Mustafa felt that Secretary O'Brien did not take the steps to check that the Foundation had a booth or a table at Fall fun festival. Secretary O'Brien clarified the situation, stating that there was no follow up on the initial mention and thus was unaware of the desire, despite being on the Foundation board. This began a dispute amongst the board. Commissioner Mustafa stepped in to try and assist, and alleged that the Park District, in particular Staff and Secretary O'Brien were simply disregarding the request. Commissioner Elkins spoke out to thank Belinda, and agreed with Mrs. Mustafa's sentiment that Secretary O'Brien should have been proactively aware, however he disagreed that the Foundation is the same as the Park District, as they are a separate entity. There is one organization for our programs, and one for our 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Commissioner Elkins went further to state that Secretary O'Brien can not be fully blamed for the lack of representation at the Festival, and that Commissioner Mustafa should stop criticizing and instead focus on how to avoid this in the future. Superintendent Cox stepped in to agree and state that the foundation should come meet with the department heads here in the park district to go over our Standard Operating procedure, so this can be avoided in the future. Commissioner Mustafa took exception to the idea that the festival was successful in any way and proceeded to personally attack Superintendent Cox and Secretary O'Brien as well as Staff as a whole.

It was at this point that President Fuentez called for a 10 minute recess to the Board Workshop Meeting, beginning at 7:25 pm, with a return time of 7:35 pm.

Upon return to the meeting, Aaron Gold of Speer Financial was recognized and given the floor to go over the upcoming BINA hearing for supplemental General Obligation Parks Bonds, as well as offer a refresher for the Board as to how they worked. After the presentation, Mr. Gold left the meeting.

Commissioner Mustafa then proceeded to bring forth the matter of the recent Board to Board meeting with the village, expressing his displeasure that the Board was not granted time to speak in the meeting itself, despite the sections in which Commissioners would have the opportunity to speak having been clearly listed on the Agenda. This began another dispute amongst the board, wherein Commissioner Mustafa made allegations against Commissioner Elkins regarding the board not backing his (Commissioner Mustafa's) motion regarding a situation with an employee, and stated he would sue Commissioner Elkins.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by President Fuentez and seconded by Commissioner Elkins to adjourn the 9/12/2022 Workshop Meeting of the Hanover Park Park District Board of Commissioners as it became clear that nothing was going to be accomplished by continuing on.

With no further discussion and upon the roll being called, the following answered:

Ayes	5	Commissioners Mustafa, Reilly, Elkins, Vences, and President Fuentez
Nays	0	None
Abstain:	0	None

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob O'Brien
Board Secretary

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