

Foss Park District
Special Meeting June 12, 2023

Call to order: Commissioner Wyatt called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Roll Call:

Board members present: Commissioner Carmecia Hawthorn, Commissioner Donna King and Commissioner Vance Wyatt.

Board members absent: Commissioner Kingston Neal and Commissioner Johnny Johnson.

Pledge of Allegiance

Discussion

1. PARC Grant: Brooks Center purchase/renovations: Commissioner Wyatt stated this grant would be to purchase the Brooks Center (\$1 million) and renovations (\$600,000) and is due June 15.
2. Resolution 06122023: Committee on Local Government Efficiency: Commissioner Wyatt stated this was the item approved last month and the official resolution for the committee.
3. KABOOM project: Commissioner Wyatt stated this item refers to the email sent by Ms. Cowart regarding playground equipment at Foss Park.

Commissioner Johnson entered the room at 6:03 pm

4. Juneteenth holiday: Commissioner Wyatt stated Juneteenth is a Federal and State holiday.

Commissioner Johnson asked for explanation on item #2 and who suggested those individuals. Commissioner Wyatt stated the President can appoint individuals to the committee, but is open to suggestions.

Commissioner Neal entered the room at 6:06 pm

Commissioner Neal asked what their roles were and Commissioner Wyatt stated they will participate in determining if the Park District should remain a governmental entity. Commissioner Neal stated he was concerned with that piece. Commissioner Hawthorn stated she had the same question as Commissioner Johnson.

Business

1. Approval: PARC Grant: Brooks Center purchase/renovations
Commissioner King motions to approve PARC Grant: Brooks Center purchase/renovations. Second by Commissioner Hawthorn.

Commissioner Johnson asked if a study was done on project. Commissioner Wyatt stated the building has a gymnasium and office space. Commissioner Neal asked how the renovation costs were determined and he understands deadlines, however, the Board should have looked at this together and worked as a team to define the parameters. Commissioner Hawthorn stated the building is vital to the community. Commissioner King asked if the amount could be increased and Commissioner Wyatt stated the request can go up to \$2.8 million.

Aye: Commissioner Hawthorn, Commissioner King, Commissioner Neal, and Commissioner Wyatt.

Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Present: Commissioner Johnson.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIES

2. Approval: Resolution 06122023: Committee on Local Government Efficiency
Commissioner King motions to approve Resolution 06122023: Committee on Local Government Efficiency.
Second by Commissioner Hawthorn.
Aye: Commissioner Hawthorn, Commissioner King, Commissioner Neal and Commissioner Wyatt.
Nay: Commissioner Johnson.
Abstain: None.
Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIES

3. Approval: Participation in KABOOM project – new playground equipment at Foss Park
Commissioner King motions to approve participation in KABOOM project – new playground equipment at Foss Park. Second by Commissioner Hawthorn.
Aye: Commissioner Hawthorn, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner King, Commissioner Neal and Commissioner Wyatt.
Nay: None.
Abstain: None.
Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIES

4. Approval: Juneteenth holiday
Commissioner King motions to approve Juneteenth holiday. Second by Commissioner Neal.
Aye: Commissioner Hawthorn, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner King, Commissioner Neal and Commissioner Wyatt.
Nay: None.
Abstain: None.
Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIES

Citizens Comments

Brian Oglesby: Mr. Oglesby is a local small business owner and asked to be considered by the Foss Park District for his services on apparel, printing, etc. He asked if the purchase of the Daisy Center would create jobs in the community.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Wyatt stands the meeting adjourn with no objections at 6:40 pm.

This record is not verbatim.
Respectfully Submitted,
Kari Cowart, Board Secretary