

**Foss Park District**  
**Special Meeting June 4, 2024**

**Call to order:** Commissioner Wyatt called the meeting to order at 11:31 am.

**Roll Call:**

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

Board members absent: Commissioner Johnny Johnson.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Discussion**

1. City of North Chicago: Mr. Bob Miller - review of City projects

Mr. Miller distributed a packet of information with future City projects. Discussion included planning; installation of water lines and the projects will create clean landfill that the City would like to keep in the area.

Commissioner Wyatt stated fill could be used for the bluff at the beach. Commissioner Neal asked about an approximate timeline. Mr. Miller stated fall 2025/spring 2026.

Commissioner King leaves the room at 11:37 am.

Commissioner Neal stated the fill can be used for erosion control and it's good to keep the material in the City.

Commissioner King enters the room at 11:38 am.

Mr. Miller stated the City is anxious to get the road built.

Commissioner Johnny Johnson enters the room at 11:40 am

Commissioner Neal stated the spoils should be delivered before a new road is built and this needs to be expedited. Mr. Miller stated timing is paramount and permits may be an issue.

Mr. Miller stated the City is trying to work with the Park District and Commissioner Neal stated the community needs savings and there should be cooperation between the entities.

Commissioner Neal stated the runoff from the road is affecting the beach and there needs to be an immediate fix. Mr. Miller stated the City is trying to move the projects along and both entities want to work efficiently.

2. Juneteenth Celebration: closing of swimming beach during event

3. Juneteenth Celebration: charge for parking - \$10.00 per vehicle

Commissioner Neal stated it is the responsibility of Greater Waukegan Development Coalition to close the gap in the expenses and revenues. Commissioner Johnson stated if they received a grant, the Foss Park District should not be paying for anything. Commissioner Neal stated there should have been more clear communication from the beginning.

Commissioner Johnson stated he can understand the point of closing the beach. Commissioner King feels the beach has to remain open. Commissioner Hawthorn asked if the Park District could be reimbursed for the generator since a grant was received and if the contract can be adjusted.

**Business**

1. Approval: Juneteenth Celebration: closing of swimming beach during event

Commissioner King motions to not approve Juneteenth Celebration: closing of swimming beach during event.

Second by Commissioner Hawthorn.

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

Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None

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2. Approval: Juneteenth Celebration: charge for parking - \$10.00 per vehicle

Commissioner King motions to not approve Juneteenth Celebration: charge for parking - \$10.00 per vehicle.

Second by Commissioner Hawthorn.

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

Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None

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**Citizens Comments**

None.

**Adjournment:**

Commissioner Wyatt stands the meeting adjourned with no objections at 12:46 pm.

This record is not verbatim.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kari Cowart, Board Secretary