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MAYOR'S ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
OF THE CITY OF PARK RIDGE, ILLINOIS
October 29, 2007**

Ald. Richard DiPietro, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

Members present: Ald. DiPietro, Allegretti, Wsol

Members absent: Ald. Bach.

Others Present: Deputy City Manager Juliana Maller and Sr. Administrative Assistant Raluca Bruce

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ald. DiPietro moved to approve the September 24, 2007 Advisory Board minutes.

Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

None

INTERVIEWS

Cathy Piche: Planning and Zoning Commission

The Advisory Board reviewed the Advisory Board's goals, the importance of attending at least 75% of the meetings and the City's ethics requirements.

Ms. Piche agreed with the requirements.

- Ms. Piche has been a Park Ridge resident for approximately 3 years.
- Ms. Piche has participated to a few Appearance Commission meetings.
- Her family and her are planning to remain residents of Park Ridge for a long time.
- Ms. Piche feels that her education and professional experience can provide a positive addition to the City of Park Ridge.
- She is excited to see the continued growth and development of the City consistent with the overall Master Plan.

Ald. DiPietro thanked Ms. Piche for interviewing for the Planning and Zoning Commission, and explained that they will be concluding some of the interviews tonight. He informed her that the Board would be discussing the applicants and then make their recommendation to the Mayor.

Ald. DiPietro moved to recommend Cathy Piche to be appointed to the Planning and Zoning Commission, for a term ending on 9/1/2011. The motion passed unanimously.

Ken Boyce: Electrical Commission

The Advisory Board reviewed the Advisory Board's goals, the importance of attending at least 75% of the meetings and the City's ethics requirements.

Mr. Boyce agreed with the requirements.

- Mr. Boyce stated that he would like to continue his contribution on the Electrical Commission to the community of Park Ridge.
- He has been on the Electrical Commission for 4 years. They meet on call, several times per year.
- He is an electrical engineer with 22 years of experience.

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Ald. DiPietro thanked Mr. Boyce for interviewing for the Electrical Commission, and explained that they will be concluding some of the interviews tonight. He informed him that the Board would be discussing the applicants and then make their recommendation to the Mayor.

Ald. Wsol moved to recommend Ken Boyce to be reappointed to the Electrical Commission, for a term ending on 8/16/2010. The motion passed unanimously.

Linda Horan Zei: Board of Fire and Police Commissioners

The Advisory Board reviewed the Advisory Board's goals, the importance of attending at least 75% of the meetings and the City's ethics requirements.

Ms. Horan Zei agreed with the requirements.

- Ms. Horan Zei has been on the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners since 2004.
- Ms. Horan Zei has been a Park Ridge resident since 1981.
- She feels that it is important to have female members on the board (she is the only woman)
- She feels qualified to be reappointed given that she has been consistently available to attend numerous meetings over the years.
- Ms. Horan Zei has a strong background in corporate law and she believes in community service.

Ald. DiPietro thanked Ms. Horan Zei for interviewing for the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners, and explained that they will be concluding some of the interviews tonight. He informed her that the Board would be discussing the applicants and then make their recommendation to the Mayor.

Ald. Allegretti moved to recommend Linda Horan Zei to be reappointed to the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners, for a term ending on 4/5/2010. The motion passed unanimously.

Leon H. Tate: Fair Housing Commission

The Advisory Board reviewed the Advisory Board's goals, the importance of attending at least 75% of the meetings and the City's ethics requirements.

Mr. Tate agreed with the requirements.

- Mr. Tate feels that he has a long and varied experience in public and private housing sectors.
- He has recently retired and is looking for interesting volunteering opportunities.

Ald. DiPietro thanked Mr. Tate for interviewing for the Fair Housing Commission, and explained that they will be concluding some of the interviews tonight. He informed him that the Board would be discussing the applicants and then make their recommendation to the Mayor.

Sally Fortney: Fair Housing Commission

The Advisory Board reviewed the Advisory Board's goals, the importance of attending at least 75% of the meetings and the City's ethics requirements.

Ms. Fortney agreed with the requirements.

- Ms. Fortney has been on the Fair Housing Commission for a half year and desires to be reappointed.
- Ms. Fortney has been a Park Ridge resident for 37 years.
- She would like to continue her service on this commission to promote fair housing and diversity in the city.

Ald. DiPietro thanked Ms. Fortney for interviewing for the Fair Housing Commission and explained that they will be concluding some of the interviews tonight. He informed her that the Board would be discussing the applicants and then make their recommendation to the Mayor.

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Ald. Wsol moved to recommend Sally Fortney to be reappointed to the Fair Housing Commission, for a term ending on 12/31/2011. The motion passed unanimously.

Richard Shewfelt: Fair Housing Commission

The Advisory Board reviewed the Advisory Board's goals, the importance of attending at least 75% of the meetings and the City's ethics requirements.

Mr. Shewfelt agreed with the requirements.

- Mr. Shewfelt has been serving on the Fair Housing Commission and would like to be reappointed.
- He feels that his experience as a mediator is helpful.
- Mr. Shewfelt reviewed the Fair Housing Commission's activity for the last year.
- He said that that demographics are changing in Park Ridge and he hopes that the Fair Housing Commission would bring a fair approach to this problem.

Ald. DiPietro thanked Mr. Shewfelt for interviewing for the Fair Housing Commission, and explained that they will be concluding some of the interviews tonight. He informed him that the Board would be discussing the applicants and then make their recommendation to the Mayor.

Ald. Allegretti moved to recommend Richard Shewfelt to be reappointed to the Fair Housing Commission for a term ending on 12/31/2011. The motion passed unanimously.

Brian Claus: Board of Fire and Police Commissioners

Mr. Claus did not attend the scheduled interview.

Thomas Farinella: Board of Fire and Police Commissioners

The Advisory Board reviewed the Advisory Board's goals, the importance of attending at least 75% of the meetings and the City's ethics requirements.

Mr. Farinella agreed with the requirements.

- Mr. Farinella is a former fire chief and he feels that he is qualified for a position on the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners.
- He has been a Park Ridge resident for 8 years.
- He believes that he has a thorough understanding of the "public servant" concept.
- Mr. Farinella would like to be involved in the community.

Ald. DiPietro thanked Mr. Farinella for interviewing for the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners, and explained that they will be concluding some of the interviews tonight. He informed him that the Board would be discussing the applicants and then make their recommendation to the Mayor.

Ald. Allegretti moved to recommend Thomas Farinella to be appointed to the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners, for a term ending on 4/5/2010. The motion passed unanimously.

Larry Friel: Board of Fire and Police Commissioners

The Advisory Board reviewed the Advisory Board's goals, the importance of attending at least 75% of the meetings and the City's ethics requirements.

Mr. Friel agreed with the requirements.

- Mr. Friel was a Park Ridge Ald. between 2001-2005.
- He said that he is well known among the Police and Fire staff.
- Mr. Friel and the Advisory Board discussed the general situation of the Police Department, related to the community and he said that no abuse should be tolerated and also that the Police and community should form a partnership.

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Ald. Wsol disclosed that Larry Friel donated \$250.00 to his campaign.

Ald. DiPietro thanked Mr. Friel for interviewing for the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners and explained that they will be concluding some of the interviews tonight. He informed him that the Board would be discussing the applicants and then make their recommendation to the Mayor.

Ald. Allegretti moved to recommend Larry Friel to be appointed to the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners, for a term ending on 4/5/2009. The motion passed unanimously.

Ignacio Maramba: Board of Fire and Police Commissioners

The Advisory Board reviewed the Advisory Board's goals, the importance of attending at least 75% of the meetings and the City's ethics requirements.

Mr. Maramba agreed with the requirements.

- Mr. Maramba is an attorney with over 14 years experience.
- He stated that he is proud to be a Park Ridge resident and wishes to volunteer his efforts to contribute to public safety and law enforcement.
- Mr. Maramba feels that his background qualifies him for a position on the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners

Ald. DiPietro thanked Mr. Maramba for interviewing for the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners, and explained that they will be concluding some of the interviews tonight. He informed him that the Board would be discussing the applicants and then make their recommendation to the Mayor.

Ald. Allegretti moved to recommend Ignacio Maramba to be appointed to the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners, for a term ending on 4/5/2010. The motion passed unanimously.

James Lifton: Board of Fire and Police Commissioners

The Advisory Board reviewed the Advisory Board's goals, the importance of attending at least 75% of the meetings and the City's ethics requirements.

Mr. Lifton agreed with the requirements.

- Mr. Lifton has been on the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners for around 6 years and he would like to continue.
- He reviewed the Board's activity and also stated that they meet as needed (approximately 6 times/year).
- Mr. Lifton explained how the Board provides input to the Police Chief and gives recommendations.
- He stated that there is a need for civilian involvement in the Police Department.

Ald. DiPietro thanked Mr. Lifton for interviewing for the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners and explained that they will be concluding some of the interviews tonight. He informed him that the Board would be discussing the applicants and then make their recommendation to the Mayor.

Ald. Allegretti moved to recommend James Lifton to be reappointed to the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners, for a term ending on 4/5/2009. The motion passed unanimously.

Kristin Berg: Fair Housing Commission

The Advisory Board reviewed the Advisory Board's goals, the importance of attending at least 75% of the meetings and the City's ethics requirements.

Ms. Berg agreed with the requirements.

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- Ms. Berg said that she has time and is willing to give back to the community and also to add value to the commission.
- She said that she has experience in property management and would like to contribute this experience to the community.
- Ms. Berg stated that she would work on the commission under the ordinance limits.

Ald. DiPietro thanked Ms. Berg for interviewing for the Fair Housing Commission and explained that they will be concluding some of the interviews tonight. He informed her that the Board would be discussing the applicants and then make their recommendation to the Mayor.

The Advisory Board unanimously decided to recommend Kristin Berg to be appointed to the Fair Housing Commission for a term ending on 12/31/2011.

Greg Fahey: Community Health Commission

The Advisory Board reviewed the Advisory Board's goals, the importance of attending at least 75% of the meetings and the City's ethics requirements.

Mr. Fahey agreed with the requirements.

- Mr. Fahey has been on the Community Health Commission for 2 years.
- The Advisory Board and Mr. Fahey reviewed the Health Commission's activity.

Ald. DiPietro thanked Mr. Fahey for interviewing for the Community Health Commission, and explained that they will be concluding some of the interviews tonight. He informed him that the Board would be discussing the applicants and then make their recommendation to the Mayor.

Ald. Wsol moved to recommend Greg Fahey to be reappointed to the Community Health Commission, for a term ending on 9/1/2009. The motion passed unanimously.

Steven Huening: Liquor License Review Board

The Advisory Board reviewed the Advisory Board's goals, the importance of attending at least 75% of the meetings and the City's ethics requirements.

Mr. Huening agreed with the requirements.

- Mr. Huening has been a Park Ridge resident for 25 years.
- Mr. Huening has been on the Liquor License Review Board for 2 years and would like to continue.
- He stated that this is balancing game: protection-attraction for Park Ridge, because the city is pretty conservative, and it has to combine attracting new dining places and keeping it safe.

Ald. DiPietro thanked Mr. Huening for interviewing for the Liquor License Review Board, and explained that they will be concluding some of the interviews tonight. He informed him that the Board would be discussing the applicants and then make their recommendation to the Mayor.

Ald. Allegretti moved to recommend Steven Huening to be reappointed to the Liquor License Review Board, for a term ending on 12/31/2011. The motion passed unanimously.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

The Advisory Board members were impressed by the quality of candidates applying for the City of Park Ridge Boards, Committees and Commissions.

NEW BUSINESS

None

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ADJOURNMENT

Ald. DiPietro moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m. Seconded by Ald. Allegretti.

Motion carried.

Ald. Richard DiPietro
Chairman/Advisory Board on Boards and Commissions