

**COLUMBUS PARKS AND RECREATION  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2014  
12:00 NOON**

Present: B. Russell, M. Tucker, N.A. Brown and David Jones

Councilman D. Bunch, Dave B., M. Caldwell, J. Farber, W. Hanrattie, J. Hartsook, D. Hayward, K. Johannesen, J. Logston, T. Mann, J. Sargent, J. Brinegar, C. Fry, M. Jones, C. Ritz, S. Sasse, B. Wagner and C. Brummett

President B. Russell called the January 9, 2014 meeting of the Columbus Park Board to order.

Subject: Nomination and election of officers

N.A. Brown moved that officers from 2013 remain the same for 2014. (B. Russell – President; M. Tucker – Vice-President; N.A. Brown – Secretary) M. Tucker seconded. Motion approved.

Subject: Approve minutes

M. Tucker made a motion to approve the Columbus Parks and Recreation minutes for the December 12, 2013 meeting and the January 6, 2014 Executive Session as distributed. N.A. Brown seconded. Motion carried. D. Jones abstained from the vote.

Subject: Approve claims and payrolls

B. Russell asked Board Members if they had a chance to review the claims and payrolls to be approved. N.A. Brown and M. Tucker said they had reviewed. M. Tucker moved to approve the claims and payrolls as submitted. N.A. Brown seconded. Motion carried. D. Jones abstained from the vote.

Discussion items:

B. Russell welcomed David Jones as the newly appointed member of the Columbus Park Board. He also voiced appreciation to Jim Hartsook for all his work and input provided over the past 2 years.

B. Russell said an additional discussion item today was assignment of the managerial responsibilities for the department. He said the Park Board was assigning J. Brinegar with these managerial duties. He said the Park Board had prepared a letter requesting assistance from the Mayor and City Council to increase J. Brinegar's pay while serving in this capacity with increased responsibility. D. Jones said there are a lot of things going on and we need to have someone in-house to handle day to day operations. He noted this is a temporary move.

N.A. Brown reported that the Park Board received two letters and it was requested that they be read into the record. N.A. Brown then read the letters from John & Arleen Keele and Chuck Wilt aloud in the public meeting. (Copy of each letter attached).

M. Tucker asked Councilman D. Bunch to read a letter from the City Council. D. Bunch said there are a lot of grey areas depending on who you talk with regarding state statute and the Park Board. The City Council has offered to hire an independent attorney to get clarification on this situation. M. Tucker voiced appreciation for the offer. Park Board indicated a desire to pursue this option.

D. Jones said there are a lot of gray areas, some confusion and there needs to be something done. He would like to go cautiously moving forward so we are not getting too far out of our scope to deal with what we are doing.

N.A. Brown said as a Park Board member, we want to be sure the department is run properly according to law. It is important for the public to know the department is running well with the management that we have within the department and it will continue to run well as we move through the internal questions we might have. B. Russell thanked N.A. Brown for her well stated comment.

There being no further business, N.A. Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting. D. Jones seconded. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,

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B. Russell, President  
Columbus Park Board

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N.A. Brown, Secretary  
Columbus Park Board

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J. Brinegar, Director of Business Services  
Parks and Recreation Department