

**MINUTES OF A BOARD MEETING OF THE
RECREATIONAL AUTHORITY OF
ROSEVILLE AND EASTPOINTE
HELD ON THURSDAY, JULY 11, 2013**

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. at the Roseville Recreation Center, 18185 Sycamore, by Chairperson Aiuto with the following Board Members present:

Frontera and Marion

Motion by Frontera, seconded by Marion, to excuse Vice Chairperson Duchane and Board Member Switalski.

MOTION CARRIED

Administrator present: Director Lipinski

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Frontera, seconded by Marion, to approve the minutes of June 13, 2013, with the following corrections: Page 1, fourth line under Review and Request Adoption of Combined Fee Schedule, place quotes before "it seems... and end quotes on Page 2, end of first paragraph; and Page 3, second paragraph, first line, delete "Director" and replace with "Board Member".

MOTION CARRIED

Discussion and/or Action on Disbursements and Budget Report:

Motion by Frontera, seconded by Marion, to approve the disbursements and budget report as provided.

MOTION CARRIED

Communications:

Director Lipinski informed the Board that anything on the right hand side of their folder is communications and asked if the Board had any questions. Highlighted the letter from Tim Tomlinson regarding the Authority's authority to assess fees which is spelled out in the Articles of Incorporation.

Old Business:

Update on Internal Footing Core Testing from AEW:

Director Lipinski informed the Board that there was no update at this time because the report was not received today; will have something by the next meeting and hopes to have the options to move forward at the next meeting also.

New Business:

Presentation by Christine McCullum, Senior Van Transportation Coordinator, to update the Board on the Senior Van Transportation Program (SMART):

Director Lipinski informed the Board that several months ago there was an update given on the senior van program and wanted Christine to introduce herself and tell us how the program is going today.

Ms. McCullum informed the Board and residents that she runs the senior transportation services and since we merged in October a lot of changes have happened; do a lot of group shopping trips, hair appointments, banks, area covered is Eight Mile to Fifteen Mile and Jefferson to Hoover; trips are \$1.00

each way; Eastpointe has a number for their services and Roseville has a number for their service; since October 7,400 rides have been given to residents and has brought in \$7,200 to go back into the SMART Program; the money for the improvements to the SMART bus stops along Gratiot came from our SMART credits.

Director Lipinski explained that bus updates have been discussed for a few years and City management talked about it and now all the bus stops along Gratiot are consistent; improvements were paid for from this program; we were told this was going to happen and wished he would have been more involved in the process; increase for bus trips for Eastpointe residents at \$1.00 each way and decrease for Roseville residents, but the money does go back into the program; do not have a FY2014 contract yet.

Ms. McCullum explained that another thing we are doing is working with Mary Grant on senior trips such as the Red Hat outing, Motor City Casino trip, etc.; the monies that we do have left from FY2013 is about \$137,000 and that has to cover administrative wages, driver wages, gas, electricity, etc.; wants everyone to know that if you do call in and don't get an answer, call back.

Chairman Aiuto asked the Board if they had any questions for Ms. McCullum.

A resident asked what the maximum number of people on a group trip is. Ms. McCullum responded that 14 are the most. The resident asked can you use more than one bus. Ms. McCullum replied yes, but mostly these buses are just to get the seniors to the center and then they get on a bigger bus.

A resident asked where the bigger buses come from. Director Lipinski responded that they bid it out and it could be Bianco Tours, etc.

A resident asked how far in advance you need to call for the bus. Ms. McCullum replied that you need to call at least one day in advance. A resident commented that one time they called and there was no ride available. Ms. McCullum explained that sometimes that happens.

A resident asked how many buses are in the fleet. Ms. McCullum responded there are three from Eastpointe and four from Roseville so usually have three to four buses running each day.

Hearing of the Public:

Walt Jakubiec (18318 Holland, Eastpointe) asked that after what happened at the last meeting with Councilwoman Richardson, how much authority the two cities have over this Authority because he thought it was a complete entity from both cities.

Chairperson Aiuto responded that it is a separate financial entity from the two cities but we do share resources.

Betty Ulrich (25296 Hayes, Roseville) asked is there no one keeping control over the six of you; if you want to spend \$1 million who do you have to have approval from. Director Lipinski responded that this Board approves what he does. Chairperson Aiuto responded that the Authority has a budget that they have to work with all year long and they make a determination on how that money is spent. Director Lipinski explained that the budget and books are audited each year by Plante Moran.

Theresa Peltz (27900 Van Howe, Roseville) asked about having more handicapped parking. Director Lipinski responded that he wants to see what we are going to do with the building first but he will work on this and asked if it would be all right to put the handicapped parking across the parking lot from the door. Ms. Peltz replied that she had no problem with that. Chairman Aiuto responded that the problem with putting handicapped parking at the end of the building is that there is no handicapped button on the door. Gerald Sanscartier (25844 Collingwood, Roseville) commented that they need to have some handicapped parking at the east end of the building. Chairman Aiuto asked if there is an ADA compliance problem about having no button on the door but having handicapped parking. Mr. Sanscartier commented that since the two city entities have been combined into this building there is a need for more

handicapped spaces. Director Lipinski replied that when we moved the Senior Center here, we added more handicapped parking spaces.

Mary Lazaris (26284 Barnes, Roseville) asked about getting more padded chairs like the ones in this room put in the senior coffee room. Director Lipinski responded that he would have to see how many more chairs we have like this and if we don't have enough, then we would need to budget for the chairs.

A resident asked can we put the padded chairs in the other room and put the plastic chairs in here. Director Lipinski responded that these chairs need to stay in this room because we rent this room out and we want to present it well.

Director Report:

Director Lipinski gave the Board Members the final copy of budget and the final copy is on the Authority's webpage; had a pretty bad summer for ballgame rain outs; worked with park maintenance in Eastpointe to get some additional ball material out at the ball fields to improve them but they need more because we had rain outs still today at Memorial Field; a lot of coaches and parents are upset because the rain was a few days ago and still not available to use fields so we need to work on the drainage problem; would like to work with the cities on this; Eastpointe Parks Division and Roseville Parks Division have been very helpful to work with the Authority; new signs installed at the building; American Cleaning began their cleaning contract here on July 1st and had a few things that came up this morning that were missed last night and was told they would be addressed immediately; Macomb Planning meetings to discuss the possibility of installing a splash pad in a park at our end of the County and very interested in the Roseville/ Eastpointe connection; Youthfest this Saturday at Kennedy Park at no cost; Handicap Olympics on July 19th behind the Recreation Center; take several calls each week regarding issues going on in the parks; typically for the pickle ball court, skate park and playground areas – he will listen and try to help them out; reminder last two weeks of August the building will be shut down for cleaning, repairs and getting ready for fall programs.

A resident asked what happened to Rotary Park and complaint is the condition because the backboard is gone from the basketball pole and the net is gone and if you are not going to make anyone responsible then just take the poles down; looks like it hasn't been serviced in a long time. Director Lipinski explained that several years ago with the basketball court issue we tried to work with the people and the Police Department said to take one basketball net down and then the following year same telephone calls and then recommended to take the other basketball net down; truthfully this department has not had any scheduling of maintenance of the park for the last four or five years, but will pass his comments along to the proper people.

Board Member Reports:

Board Member Frontera had no report.

Board Member Marion apologized for being late because of the traffic delay and voiced his concern that Director Lipinski has to listen to complaints, especially about water on the fields after all the rain we had.

Chairperson Aiuto thanked everyone for coming out and appreciates their input.

Motion by Marion, seconded by Frontera, to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED