

**MINUTES OF A THE FACILITY AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
OF THE PARK DISTRICT OF HIGHLAND PARK
HELD ON DECEMBER 18, 2024, 5:03 PM.**

Present: Commissioner Ruttenberg, Commissioner Grossberg, Vice President Freeman, President Bernstein

Absent: None

Also, Present: Executive Director Romes; Deputy Director Carr, Director Peters, Director Smith, Director Voss, Director Gogola, Director Baird, Manager Ochs, Manager Schwartz, Coordinator Hejnowski

Guest Speaker: Eric Risinger, Managing Partner Holabird and Root and Bryan Hadley, Architect Holabird and Root

Commissioner Labrador joined the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

Additions to the Agenda

None.

New Facility and Site Improvements at West Ridge Park

Architects, Holabird and Root, reviewed the sustainability strategies incorporated into the design of the new facility at West Ridge Park. These include a robust building envelop designed to exceed energy code minimums, all habitable spaces will have direct or indirect access to daylights and views, a translucent sandwich panel system in the gymnastics space to maintain thermal performance, a high albedo roof to lessen the load on the mechanical system, high efficient mechanical systems with heat recovery, led lighting throughout the building, low flow plumbing fixtures with automatic valves, use of healthy and recycled content, and solar panels and bollards. Furthermore, the project will reuse existing parking and drive areas, the new building will be compact with multi-use flexible spaces, incorporation of more native plants to increase biodiversity, minimal trees will be removed, and electric vehicle charging stations will be available at the site.

There are a couple of sustainability strategies still being considered, this includes bird-friendly window coating and permeable pavers. Three sustainability strategies were explored but will not be incorporated into the design, this includes geothermal heat pumps, use of mass timbers, and mineral wool insulation.

Mr. Risinger and Mr. Hadley concluded their presentation with interior and exterior renderings of the new facility and spaces.

Other Business

None.

Open to the Public to Address the Board

None.

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Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Roxanne Hejnowski".

Roxanne Hejnowski, Assistant Secretary