

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE FARGO PARK DISTRICT OF
JANUARY 13, 2009**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Park District of the City of Fargo was held on Tuesday, January 13, 2009, at 5:30 p.m., at the Fargo Park District office at 701 Main Avenue, Fargo, North Dakota. Present at the meeting were Commissioners Ron Sorvaag, Joe Deutsch, Joel Vettel, Barb Johnson and Mary Johnson. Also present were Roger Gress, Jim Larson, Attorney Greg Selbo, Dave Leker and Clay Whittlesey.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Joel Vettel moved and Commissioner Mary Johnson seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the regular December meeting. Commissioner Mary Johnson moved and Commissioner Joe Deutsch seconded a motion to approve the special meeting minutes. Upon call of the roll, the motions passed unanimously.

Approval of December 2008 Bills

Commissioner Mary Johnson moved and Commissioner Joe Deutsch seconded a motion to approve the bills for December, 2008, as presented. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

Approve Order of Agenda

Commissioner Barb Johnson moved and Commissioner Joel Vettel seconded a motion to approve the order of agenda as presented. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

**2009 IIHF World U18 Championship Committee to Request Partnership
Opportunities with the Fargo Park District**

Lance Johnson addressed the board regarding the U18 Championship Tournament. He formally withdraw a request to ask the Park District to assist in obtaining tax free lodging and food. Next, Kali Mork then addressed the board and listed several potential partnership opportunities that the Park District on which the Park District's assistance would be appreciated for the tournament. Ms. Mork listed several nations that would be participating in the conference and further explained that this was the first time that this tournament would be held in North America. Examples of the type of assistance requested from the Park District included using the Southwest Youth Hockey arena for a practice facility and as a place for the volunteer headquarters. They also requested the use of Park District freezers to store hockey pucks in order to be in conformance with regulations for the tournament. Further, it was discussed that back up zamboni services would be available.

Cole Carly from the Fargo Moorhead Convention and Visitors Bureau then addressed the board. He noted that this tournament would have a direct impact of \$2,000,000.00 in spending by the visitors in the community.

Clay Whittlesey then addressed the board. He stated that he had met with the tournament committee and discussed a number of ways in which assistance could be provided and in which the Park Board could promote its name. They had discussed several possibilities including having a movie night, skating with the hockey teams, athletes training at Courts Plus and the like.

Commissioner Joel Vettel moved and Commissioner Barb Johnson seconded a motion to accept the partnership request from the 2009 IHF World U18 Championship. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

Metro Sports Foundation to Request Additional Assessment Amount for Parking Lot at the UP Arena

Todd Berning presented to the board regarding this agenda item. He noted that \$125,000.00 had originally been budgeted for the parking lot, but that costs had overrun due to several factors out of their control and that the cost was now approximately \$225,000.00. He was asking that this cost be special assessed back against the property and that the Metro Sports Foundation would then pay the special assessment over time as opposed to being forced to pay it all at once.

Commissioner Mary Johnson moved and Commissioner Joe Deutsch seconded a motion to increase the special assessment for the parking lot from \$125,000.00 to \$225,000.00. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

Approve Engagement Letter with Eide Bailly, LLP for 2008 Audit

Jim Larson addressed the board regarding this matter. It was noted that there were two engagement letters due to the way that the audit of a governmental agency must be structured. It was noted that the cost estimates were provided in the engagement letters and that jointly the cost would not exceed \$15,750.00.

Commissioner Mary Johnson moved and Commissioner Joe Deutsch seconded a motion to approve the engagement letters with Eide Bailly for the 2008 audit. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:05 p.m.

Christopher M. Kennelly