

**Bloomington Park District  
Board of Commissioners SPECIAL Meeting  
February 15, 2017  
Johnston Recreation Center**

**Meeting Called to Order**

Vice President Andre Burke called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. In attendance were Commissioners Jerry Marshall, Karen Johns, Mike Vogl, and Andre Burke and Staff Members Carrie Fullerton, Sandy Vangundy, Joe Potts, June Fergus, and Jackie Tithof Steere.

President Puccio informed the Board with appropriate notice that he would be unable to attend this meeting.

**Recognition of Visitors**

There were no guests.

**New Business**

Presentation by FGM Architects

The FGM team—John Dzarnowski, Dan Purpura, August Battaglia, Louise Kowalczyk, and Reagan Porter—presented their renovation vision for the Johnston Recreation Center (JRC). Highlights included creating modern, interesting preschool rooms for a wow factor; allowing more natural light into the building; adding a slide that leads children downstairs to aftercare; and combining shared rooms and bay windows to maximize square footage.

Founded in 1945, FGM has worked on approximately 25 recreation projects in the last five years and offers both expertise in early childhood and knowledge of the JRC, having worked on the elevator addition, the pool, a few grant projects, and a prior JRC renovation.

The Board and Staff followed the presentation with questions and thanked FGM for their efforts and time.

**Recess**

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Marshall to recess the meeting at 7:32 pm. On voice vote the motion was approved 4-0.

**Call Back in Session**

The Special Meeting of the Bloomington Park District Board of Commissioners was called back in session at 7:58 pm. In attendance were Commissioners Jerry Marshall, Karen Johns, Mike Vogl, and Andre Burke and Staff Members Carrie Fullerton, Sandy Vangundy, Joe Potts, June Fergus, and Jackie Tithof Steere.

## **New Business**

### Presentation by Williams Architects

Tom Poulos, Frank Parisi, Stacy Jozwiak, and Carrie Kotera presented on behalf of Williams Architects, a 40+-year-old nationally recognized firm headquartered in Itasca. Williams' vision of a renovated JRC consisted of strategic additions and remodeling to improve functionality and introduce synergy, such as a control desk with free space at the entrance corner for customer service and security, a separate preschool entrance and bus and parent drop-off/pickup areas, an indoor slide to lead children downstairs, active adult/tween gathering spaces, and preschool rooms that meet DCFS licensing requirements.

Williams recommends a multi-purpose room with capacity for 100, durable floor surfaces and furnishings, interesting signage, barn doors/dividers/curtains to allow for flexible and decluttered spaces, and benches and lockers in long corridors. In addition, the firm broached the subjects of adding an indoor play structure to the building and creating space for a ropes course and a zip line at the top of the existing gym.

Staff and the Board followed up with questions and thanked Williams for their presentation.

### **Other Items for the Board**

There were no additional items to be brought before the Board.

### **Adjournment**

Commissioner Johns moved, seconded by Commissioner Marshall, to adjourn the meeting at 9:31 pm. On voice vote the motion was approved 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie A. Fullerton  
Board Secretary