



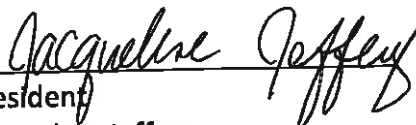
Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
January 13, 2025
6:00pm

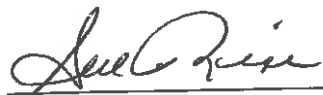
Call to Order	Commissioner Jeffery called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.				
Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance	<p>Present: Commissioners Jeffery, Gramann, Bird, Parisi, Powers, and Sokolowski. Commissioner Witteck was absent.</p> <p>Staff: Executive Director Rini, Directors Bachewicz, Quinn, and Scumaci, Superintendent Adamson, and Executive Assistant Greninger.</p>				
Public Hearing	<p>Budget and Appropriations Ordinance</p> <p>Commissioner Bird made a motion to move to Public Hearing at 6pm. Seconded by Commissioner Parisi. Voice Vote taken. None opposed. Motion passed 6-0-1.</p> <p>Director Scumaci addressed the Board regarding the 2025 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance in the amount of \$18,013,265; it represents the District’s plan for expenditures for the coming year. The Budget and Appropriation Ordinance was put on display on December 10, 2024 and a public hearing notice also appeared in the Daily Herald on December 30, 2024 as required under state statute. This public hearing is required as part of the process.</p> <p>Public Comment: None</p> <p>Commissioner Powers made a motion to adjourn from Public Hearing at 6:03pm. Seconded by Commissioner Gramann. Voice Vote taken. None opposed. Motion passed 6-0-1.</p>				
Listening Post	None				
Changes to the Agenda	Executive Director Rini reversed item 7A and 7B so Carlos Tiscareño will be first, followed by Dan Leahy.				
Consent Agenda	<p>Commissioner Powers made a motion to accept the consent agenda as read. Seconded by Commissioner Bird.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">A. Approval: Regular Minutes: December 9, 2024 B. Ratify: December 2024 Bills</p> <p>Voice Vote. All in favor. None opposed. Motion Passes.</p> <p>Commissioner Sokolowski made a motion to approve the consent agenda as read. Seconded by Commissioner Powers.</p> <p>Roll Call Vote:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Commissioner Bird: Aye</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Commissioner Powers: Aye</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Commissioner Gramann: Aye</td> <td>Commissioner Sokolowski: Aye</td> </tr> </table>	Commissioner Bird: Aye	Commissioner Powers: Aye	Commissioner Gramann: Aye	Commissioner Sokolowski: Aye
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	Commissioner Jeffery: Aye Commissioner Parisi: Aye Motion Passes 6-0-1 Commissioner Witteck: Absent
Discussion Items	<p>A. Introduce Carlos Tiscareño Carlos introduced himself, saying he graduated from North Central College in Naperville with a degree in Sports Management. He previously worked for the Village of Glendale Heights Recreation Department and seasonally for Chicago Fire. He has been a lifelong resident of Glendale Heights. He will oversee Soccer, Dodgeball, Volleyball, Softball/Baseball, Pickleball, GBN Camps, and supervise Recreation Attendants. The Board welcomed him to the staff and wished him success.</p> <p>B. WDSRA Update Dan Leahy presented the 2024 Gratitude Report (attached), emphasizing all the support the Carol Stream Park District provided during the time their offices were being repaired from the flood in October 2023. Everyone is back in the building now and programs are running smoothly. Commissioner Bird asked about the increase in inclusion needs. Dan believes it is due to more awareness and additional diagnosis of people with special needs.</p> <p>C. Weekly Happenings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Bird said he is having lunch with new Village Trustee Jim Guthrie to discuss some ideas he has suggested. • Commissioner Parisi said the Basketball Kick-Off Event at Fountain View was well done. The kids really enjoyed the parade and activities. • Commissioner Parisi also attended Dodgeball last week and said the new Simkus gym floor looks awesome. • Commissioner Sokolowski was pleased to hear our Pleasant Hill Park OSLAD Grant application was approved for \$600,000. • Commissioner Sokolowski said the gift baskets for the Relay for Life look great. Executive Director Rini added that the first basket includes a Coral Cove Water Park family membership and the second basket includes a Fountain View Fitness membership. Trustee McCarthy has been very generous in donating proceeds from Bags tournament to the Carol Stream Parks Foundation. • Commissioner Sokolowski thanked the Parks Department for putting up fishing line disposal receptacles at Evergreen Lakes. • Commissioner Sokolowski thanked Executive Director Rini for sharing the dates for the Memorial Park Bike Fix-it Station Dedication (April 26) and the Community Park event (May 8). • Commissioner Gramann thanked Executive Director Rini for answering her questions on Commissioner Expense budgets from surrounding park districts.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Jeffery said the Park District will plant a Dedication Tree in memory of Barbara O’Rahilly at Volunteer Park this spring. • Executive Director Rini reminded the Board about the Parks Day for the Relay for Life Bags Tournament (February 6), The WDSRA Bash (March 1), and the Legislative Breakfast (March 7). • Executive Director Rini said the annexation ordinance for Judith and Riviera Courts will be presented at the February 24 Board Meeting. The Legal Notice will appear in the Daily Herald on January 17.
Action Items	<p>A. Ordinance 583, 2025 Budget and Appropriation in the amount of \$18,013,265 for the fiscal year January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025.</p> <p>No discussion. Commissioner Sokolowski made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 583, 2025 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance in the total amount of \$18,013,265 for the fiscal year January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025. Seconded by Commissioner Powers.</p> <p>Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Bird: Aye Commissioner Gramann: Aye Commissioner Jeffery: Aye Commissioner Parisi: Aye Motion Passes 6-0-1</p> <p>Commissioner Powers: Aye Commissioner Sokolowski: Aye Commissioner Witteck: Absent</p>
Closed Session	None
Action Pertaining to Closed Session	None
Adjournment	Commissioner Powers made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Gramann. Voice Vote taken. Motion passed 6-0-1. Meeting adjourned at 6:37 pm.


 President
 Jacqueline Jeffery


 Secretary
 Sue Rini

February 10, 2025
 Date



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2023-2024 Gratitude Report

- Two Rec n' Roll sites – both housed at Fountain View for majority of 2024
- Programming at CSPD sites, special events, inclusion requests. High levels of satisfaction in service and requests being met in a timely manner.
- Foundation support partners in our Golf Outing and annual BASH fundraisers
- Summer Camp at Simkus, Coral Cove
- Administrative/business staff accommodated at Simkus

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Year in Review

- Building restoration (13 months total)
- Business interruption
- New programs, new partnerships
 - Lincoln-Way Special Recreation - Synergy Adaptive Sports
 - Day of Play with Northern Will County SRA
 - Marianjoy Rehab Center clinic
- Program registrations up 8%
- Inclusion all-time demand – 20% increase
- New financial software system implemented
- Stable staffing – 32 FTE, 300+ part-time

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Facts and Figures

WDSRA Seasonal Program Registrations

Location	Registrations	%
Carol Stream	550	8%
Gene Ryan	410	7%
Wheaton	1,030	14%
West Chicago	100	1%
Marionville	500	6%
Rollins	221	3%
Wheat Ridge	1,216	16%
Bloomington	151	2%
Wheaton	111	1%
West Chicago	144	2%
Marionville	401	5%
Rollins	91	1%
Wheat Ridge	286	4%
Wheaton	182	2%
Carol Stream	300	4%
Gene Ryan	100	1%

WDSRA Inclusion Program Registrations

Location	Registrations	%
Carol Stream	300	10%
Gene Ryan	100	3%
Wheaton	111	4%
West Chicago	144	5%
Marionville	401	13%
Rollins	91	3%
Wheat Ridge	286	9%
Wheaton	182	6%
Carol Stream	300	10%
Gene Ryan	100	3%

Who We Serve

Category	Count
Total individuals served - Regular Programs	1,237
Programs offered in person	754
Programs offered virtually	71
Individual program locations	103
Total individuals served - Inclusion Programs	647

Age Group	Regular Programs		Inclusion Programs	
	% of Participants	% of Program Registrations	% of Participants	% of Program Registrations
Age 0-4	11%	<1%	0%	0%
Age 5-10	11%	0%	0%	0%
Age 11-15	23%	10%	7%	3%
Age 16-21	48%	64%	1%	<1%
Age 22-40	10%	14%	<1%	<1%
Age 41-55	8%	9%	1%	0%
Age 55+	0%	0%	0%	0%

Fiscal Year	WDSRA Seasonal Program Registrations	WDSRA Inclusion Registrations
FY 2020-21	7,048	642
FY 2021-22	6,091	1,498
FY 2022-23	6,015	2,204
FY 2023-24	6,565	2,824

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The WDSRA Foundation

We believe in building lasting relationships in our communities that will benefit participants and create long term impacts while furthering the WDSRA mission. There are many ways to support the WDSRA Foundation. We welcome your support however you feel comfortable.

Foundation Highlights
Fundraising and community partnership efforts continue to create greater awareness, reach new audiences, and bring in new donors:

- The number of donors increased by 18%
- The amount of donations increased by 25%
- The Foundation welcomed a 12% increase in major donors

Possibilities Society 11 Members Added FY23-24 42 Total Members	Scholarship Endowment 141 Hours \$50,060 raised	Foundation 988 Donors \$877,071 Financial and in-kind Donations	90 ↑72%
			340 ↑93%
			\$25,125 ↑38%


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Impact Story

Thriving with WDSRA

ERIN'S STORY



Erin Feeney, at 32, exemplifies resilience and achievement despite living with cerebral palsy. Her vibrant personality shines through her intelligence, humor, and sass. Erin is not only a college student but also an accomplished author and a credited Disney writer.

Erin's journey with WDSRA began eight years ago, following the passing of her mother. In search of a supportive environment and a sense of purpose, she found exactly what she needed in WDSRA. Joining a WDSRA social club became a transformative experience for her.

Today, WDSRA is an integral part of Erin's life. She regularly participates in special events, dances, social clubs, trips, and more. Erin thrives in the midst of all this activity, finding joy and connection.

WDSRA offers Erin the stimulation and social connections she values. The dedicated staff understand her physical needs, communicate easily with her, and appreciate her sense of humor, ensuring she feels supported and celebrated every step of the way.

"After that very first social club program, Erin was screaming with delight. I knew WDSRA was good for her! That was rare but it felt really good."
—Kevin Feeney, Dad

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What's Next?

Final Thoughts

- IAPD Award Nominee
- Continued progress on our Strategic Plan – continuous improvement
- #WDSRA50 in 2026

Questions? Thank You!




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