



## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

### Board of Park Commissioners

January 20, 2026

6:30 PM – Mallinckrodt

#### PRESENT

**Commissioners:** President Patrick Lahey, Vice President Allison Frazier, Patrick Duffy, Julie Adrianopoli, Cecilia Clarke, Mike Murdock (arrives at 6:43 p.m.)

**Absent:** Commissioner Julia Goebel

**Secretary/Executive Director:** Chris Lindgren

**Visitors:** Mary Lawlor

#### 1.0 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Vice President Frazier calls the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

#### 2.0 COMMUNICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

None.

#### 3.0 PUBLIC COMMENT/RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

None.

#### 4.0 OLD BUSINESS

None.

#### 5.0 NEW BUSINESS

##### 5.1 2025 LAKEFRONT REPORT – MEGAN WHITE

Megan White presents the 2025 Lakefront Report to the board. This report and a full video of the presentation can be found on our website.

##### Library Beach Pass Program

Regarding the beach pass program, Commissioner Adrianopoli asks what the impetus for the library pass program was. Megan answers that the district examined how the changes to South Beach affected the rest of the property and wanted to give a route to access the beach for a discount or for free. Commissioner Duffy adds that a former commissioner heard about this type of program and asked staff to look into it. Commissioner Clarke says that one of the concerns when we started charging for South Beach was that low income families would no longer be able to access the beach.

Beach pass sales went up by 27% in 2025 from 2024.



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### **Boat Storage**

Vice President Frazier asks for clarification on whether or not the district plans to put more storage space on the beach. Megan clarifies that there are not any plans to increase storage of water vessels on the beach for many reasons. Commissioner Murdock asks if staff track usage to make sure that vessels stored in our facility are being used each season. Megan answers that if a larger boat is being stored and is not seaworthy, the owner is contacted and given an opportunity to replace it with a boat that is seaworthy or relinquish their spot. There is a requirement to have masts up by a certain date. As far as usage of vessels, that is harder to track. Vice President Frazier asks if residents are prioritized on the waitlist. Megan explains that only 10% of our boat spots are being used by non-residents.

### **Sailing, SUP and Kayak spot waitlist**

The waitlist is not prioritized by resident/non-resident, as it is a multi-year waitlist. Commissioner Adrianopoli points out that users who have a larger boat can store up to two SUP boards or kayaks underneath their boats. There is a charge to store the items underneath your boat, but it is around \$170 versus \$590 per year. We imagine most people would take the cheaper option and do not have any additional SUP/kayak spots on the beach, unless they have more than 3 vessels. Megan will cross-reference the lists to make sure. Staff has thought about having a limit to how many spaces each family has. The board would like staff to brainstorm about how to chip away at the long waitlists.

### **Pavilion Shelter**

Commissioner Murdock asks about the booking of the pavilion. Back in 2019 we were seeing much higher number such that we were considering constructing another shelter. He asks if the reservations of the shelter have gone down. Megan explains that the pavilion is busy on weekends and is used for summer camps during the in-season weekdays. She does not think we need to explore a second pavilion at this time.

### **Post-season**

This year we had amazing weather post-season, which made some things challenging. Because of the post-season parking issues, we had meetings with the police department and the Village. Those meetings resulted in a decision to require parking passes through October 15<sup>th</sup>, which is the end of the sailing season. We think this will solve a lot of issues.

### **5.0 BIG TREE LANE UPDATE**

Director Lindgren has a memo in the packet outlining the phases of the planning process. He provides the board with a high level update about Big Tree Lane. He is starting the RFP process in February and will be bringing updates to the board when appropriate. He talks about completing facility assessments and programming needs assessments for the CRC and Centennial in 2026. He stresses the importance of hiring the right consulting firm for this project and keeping the community informed.



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Commissioner Duffy stresses the importance of engaging the community early in the process to include the community in the creation of the plan for the site. Commissioner Adrianopoli recommends staff reach out to park districts who have done this recently and ask them what worked, what didn't work, etc. Staff could also ask for RFPs from different districts to compare. Because park districts don't compete with each other, it's important to remember that we have these resources available to us, which can make us stronger. Commissioner Murdock asks staff to put up preliminary timelines, including when the facility will go dark. Vice President Frazier expresses her appreciation for an Executive Director who has gone through this process before. President Lahey adds that the board and staff are going to the IAPD conference next week and will have the opportunity to converse with other districts who have done this process before and recently.

### **5.0 ADJOURNMENT**

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Commissioner Clarke moves and Commissioner Duffy seconds a motion to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

By a voice vote; **motion carried.**

Minutes Approved on: **March 9, 2026.**