

THE RENSSELAER PARK BOARD / RENSSELAER PARK CORPORATION SPECIAL MEETING

THE RENSSELAER PARK CORPORATION HELD A SPECIAL MEETING ON TUESDAY JANUARY 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017 AT THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 4:00 pm. PRESIDENT MICHAEL MANIS CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 4:05 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT AT THE SPECIAL MEETING ON JANUARY 17<sup>th</sup> 2017 ARE AS FOLLOWS; PRESIDENT MICHAEL MANIS, BILL WORNHOFF, THOMAS EFFINGER, CONNIE KINGMAN, JULIE KOCZAN, SCOTT BARTON, AND STACE PICKERING.

OTHERS PRESENT AT THE SPECIAL MEETING ON JANUARY 17<sup>th</sup> 2017 ARE AS FOLLOWS: GEORGE COVER, BRIENNE HOOKER, RICH BAUNACH, MAYOR WOOD, ED DUMAS, JACK DRONE, ROBERT SCHENK, AND SUPERINTENDENT JOE EFFINGER.

ED DUMAS CAME TO THE PARK CORPORATION'S SPECIAL MEETING TO DISCUSS WITH PARK CORPORATION MEMBERS ON GETTING A PROFESSIONAL FUNDRAISER GROUP INTO RENSSELAER TO GUIDE US AND HELP RAISE MONEY FOR THE PARKS. ED TOLD PARK CORPORATION MEMBERS IF THEY AGREE ON USING A PROFESSIONAL FUNDRAISER GROUP THE BLACKER TRUST IS WILLING TO PAY FOR IT. A LENGTHY DISCUSSION FOLLOWED.

AFTER THE DISCUSSION A MOTION WAS MADE BY THOMAS EFFINGER AND SECONDED BY SCOTT BARTON TO WORK WITH THE BLACKER TRUST TO GET THE FUNDRAISER STARTED. A DISCUSSION STARTED. BRIENNE HOOKER AND JACK DRONE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE JASPER FOUNDATION TOLD THE PARK CORPORATION BOARD THE JASPER FOUNDATION IS WILLING TO HELP AND BE A PARTNER IN FUNDRAISING BUT THE JASPER FOUNDATION CANNOT BE THE SOLE FUNDRAISER. MAYOR WOOD TOLD THE PARK CORPORATION BOARD HE LOOKS AT THE OFFER THE BLACKER TRUST PRESENTED TODAY AS AN OPPORTUNITY. THE MAYOR TOLD CORPORATION MEMBERS TO GET BEHIND ONE MAJOR PROJECT AND BE POSITIVE. MICHAEL MANIS IS CONCERNED ON WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF ALL THE EFFORT WENT INTO THE FUNDRAISING AND NO FUNDS ARE RAISED.

AFTER THE DISCUSSION MICHAEL MANIS THANKED ED DUMAS FOR ATTENDING THE MEETING AND TOLD HIM THE CORPORATION MEMBERS NEEDED TO DISCUSS THE OFFER FURTHER. ED ASKED WHEN WOULD HE HEAR BACK FROM THE PARK CORPORATION AND MICHAEL TOLD HIM AFTER THE NEXT MEETING WHICH WILL BE ON FEBRUARY 6<sup>TH</sup> 2017. ED THANKED THEM FOR THEIR TIME AT SAID HE WOULD LOOK FORWARD TO THEIR ANSWER.

AFTER MR. DUMAS LEFT CORPORATION MEMBERS DISCUSSED THE OFFER AND A MOTION WAS MADE BY SCOTT BARTON AND SECONDED BY JULIE KOCZAN TO HAVE MICHAEL MANIS CONTACT ED DUMAS TO TELL HIM WE WILL BEHIND HIM ON DOING A FUNDRAISER. MOTION CARRIED.

SCOTT BARTON MADE A MOTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY BILL WORNHOFF. MOTION CARRIED

BY  
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