Call to Order
President Taylor called the Special Meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Roll Call of Commissioners
Upon roll call those answering present were President Taylor and Commissioners Dallman, Schoen, Aubrey, Jourdan and Minogue. Executive Director Atwell was also present.

Comprehensive Plan Update
Director Atwell reported staff is working on updating the Park District’s Comprehensive Plan. A copy of the inventory of each park was distributed to the Board. The report shows what amenities are in each park and proposed capital projects for the next five years. Director Atwell asked that the Board take time to review the reports and provide him feedback in the next few weeks.

The purpose of the Board Retreat was to focus on capital projects 2009, projects to include in the five-year Comprehensive Plan for 2009/2013 and develop a strategy to accomplish the projects. The driving force behind the direction must be a fluid plan that will adjust with the economy, funding and changes in the community.

Board members stressed the importance of getting the word out on the consistently good things and upgrades that are always taking place throughout the Park District.

The Board spent a great deal of time discussing what funds would be available and prioritizing proposed capital projects for the next five years for the 29 parks as well as the Lake Ellyn Boathouse, Spring Avenue Recreation Center, Main Street Recreation Center and Johnson Center. Focus on completing projects. Board members expressed a desire to complete project that have been delayed such as the Churchill Park Nature Center.

Director Atwell reported staff had found a more cost effective means for a nature center facility in Churchill Park. Previous prices received for tearing down the existing house and building a new facility or renovating and turning the existing house into a nature center facility ranged from $600,000 to $900,000. A prefab structure could be purchased and constructed for approximately $300,000.
During discussion of Village Green Park the desire to relieve traffic congestion access/egress at was covered. Staff will continue to monitor over next summer.

Included in the Ackerman Park discussion was WDSRA’s interest in permanent space in the Sports Complex. They would contribute financially toward construction cost as well as a monthly or annual fee. If agreed to, slight modifications would need to be made inside the building.

The overall cost for the facility is $9.2 million plus $500,000 in contingency for an 88,000 sq. ft. building. That figure reflects a construction cost of $110 - $113 per sq. ft. compared to $130 - $140 sq. ft. industry standard.

With the present economy staff feels people will be looking to the Park District for lower cost alternatives for programming.

**Adjourn to Executive Session**
At 11:18 a.m. Commissioner Minogue moved, seconded by Commissioner Aubrey, to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to Section 2(c)(5) of the Open Meetings Act, “discussion of the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the district, including discussion of whether a particular parcel should be acquired”, Section 2(c)(6) “setting of a price for the sale or lease of property owned by District” and Section 2(c)(1) “discussion of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees or legal counsel for the District.”

*Roll Call: Aye: Commissioners Minogue, Aubrey, Jourdan, Schoen, Dallman and President Taylor Nay: None Motion Carried*

**Reconvene the Special Meeting**
The Special Meeting reconvened at 12:13 p.m.

**Adjourn**
There being no further business, at 12:13 p.m. Commissioner Schoen moved, seconded by Commissioner Dallman, to adjourn the Special Meeting. *Motion Carried*

Respectfully submitted,

Cory Atwell
Acting Secretary

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