

**Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting
January 4, 2010 Minutes**

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Mary Ann Deutsche at 7:30 p.m. at the Sugar Creek Administration Center, 17540 West Laraway Road, Joliet, Illinois.

II. Attendance

A quorum was present; eight members were in attendance.

Committee Members Present: Mary Ann Deutsche, Chair; Larry Troutman, Vice-Chair; Gil Anderson, Steve Baker; Bill Bromer; Audrey Clair; Kathy Dehn; and Scott Lagger.

Committee Member Absent: none

Staff Present: Ralph Schultz, Director of Planning & Operations; and Larry Newton, Land Preservation Coordinator.

III. Approval of November 2, 2009 Minutes

Motion by Troutman, seconded by Lagger, to approve the minutes of the November 2nd meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote (8-0).

IV. Staff Reports

A. Committee and Board Actions

Schultz reported that the Board approved the acquisition of Parcel SC8A along Spring Creek in Homer Township, has not taken final action on the acquisition of Parcel SC8B, authorized negotiations for three parcels along Forked Creek in Wesley Township and approved a settlement offer on an eminent domain case along Black Walnut Creek in Crete Township.

B. Reports

Status of Pending Acquisition, Authorized Negotiations, and Other Preservation Projects - Schultz reviewed the CIP Acquisition Report.

CIP Status Report - Schultz discussed the McKinley Woods enhancements and Evans-Judge Preserve projects.

V. Old Business

There was no old business

VI. New Business

A. Approval of Resolution No. 10-02, Accepting the Donation of Parcel DU7H, DuPage River Resource Plan, 2007 Bond Extension Program

Newton mentioned that the City of Joliet acquired this property as a donation from Phoenix Developers, Inc. as part of the Sunset Ridge South Subdivision in September 2003. Future use of this 21-acre floodplain property was designated by the City as "Forest Preserve Open Space." On October 20, 2009 the City authorized the donation of the property and the District has received a Letter of Intent to Donate the subject property to the District.

The subject property is a former agricultural field and contains an existing bike trail that runs parallel to the river, then turns west to connect to the sidewalk at Bronk Road. In addition, there is a sanitary sewer line running along the south boundary of the parcel for which the City is seeking to reserve a drainage easement along the southernmost 110 feet of the parcel for maintenance purposes. The District will update the plat of survey to reflect the easement prior to the property transfer. Acquisition of the parcel will allow the District to continue improvements associated with the DuPage River Trail and adjacent forest preserve property to the south.

Motion by Lagger, seconded by Dehn, to recommend approval of Resolution No. 10-02. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote (8-0).

B. Approval of Resolution No. 10-03, Authorizing the Acquisition of Parcels BW1J, Black Walnut Creek Resource Plan, 2007 Bond Extension Program

Newton mentioned that in November 2009, the Board approved Resolution No. 09-53 to settle the ongoing eminent domain proceedings for parcel BW1G totaling 37.88 acres to expand the Black Walnut Creek Headwaters Preserve, Black Walnut Creek Resource Plan, via a judgment order. As part of the Settlement Agreement (Resolution No. 09-53), the District agreed to acquire the westernmost seven (7) acres of the adjacent twelve (12) acre Parcel BW1J from the owner of the subject parcel's family at the same price. Parcel BW1J includes a wetland that extends from Parcel BW1G, therefore it is an appealing addition to the Black Walnut Creek Headwaters Preserve.

Motion by Baker, seconded by Anderson, to recommend approval of Resolution No. 10-03. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote (8-0).

VII. Announcements

There were no announcements.

VIII. Next Meeting Date

The next CAC meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 1, 2010.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Larry Newton". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "L" and a cursive "N".

Larry Newton
Land Preservation Coordinator