



**CITY OF GARY  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS**



**Board of Commissioners**  
Rev. Dwight Gardner, President  
Willie Bill Cook, Vice-President  
Renee Patterson-Member  
Alan Harrell-Member

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Parks & Recreation Director

**Board of Park Commission  
Regular Park Board Meeting  
Tuesday March 14, 2023  
455 Massachusetts Street  
10:00 A.M.  
Minutes**

**Call to Order**

Certification: Let the record reflect there was an executive session held and no items were voted on.

President Gardner called the Board meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call: The following were present: Commissioner Dwight Gardner, Commissioner Willie Cook, Commissioner Alan Harrell, and Commissioner Renee Patterson.

**A quorum was established.**

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

Pledge of Allegiance Recited

**Approval of Parks Board Minutes:**

President Gardner entertained a motion to approved the minutes for February 28, 2023 as presented. Commissioner Cook moved to approve the motion. Commissioner Patterson seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: Commissioner Gardner, Yes, Commissioner Willie Cook, Yes, Commissioner Harrell, Yes, Commissioner Patterson, Yes.

**Motion carried 4-0.**

### **Ratification of Payroll Expenditure**

President Gardner entertained a motion to approve the payroll as presented for March 10,2023. Commissioner Cook moved to approve the motion. Commissioner Patterson seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: Commissioner Gardner, Yes, Commissioner Willie Cook, Yes, Commissioner Harrell, Yes, Commissioner Patterson, Yes.

**Motion carried 4-0.**

### **Approval of Ratified Claims Listing:**

President Gardner entertained a motion to approve the ratification of claims listing as presented for February 28,2023 through March14,2023. Commissioner Cook so moved the motion. Commissioner Patterson seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: Commissioner Gardner, Yes, Commissioner Willie Cook, Yes, Commissioner Harrell, Yes, Commissioner Patterson, Yes.

**Motion carried 4-0.**

**Legal:** There were three contracts presented.

**Ecorealm:** A professional services contract for Ecorealm LLC. to provide planting services at Marquette. The term of the contract begins January 1,2023-December 31,2023 for an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00.

Commissioner Gardner entertained a motion to approve the contract with Ecorealm for planting and management services at Marquette Park. Commissioner Cook moved to approve the motion. Commissioner Patterson seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: Commissioner Gardner, Yes, Commissioner Willie Cook, Yes, Commissioner Patterson, Yes, Commissioner Alan Harrell, Yes.

**Motion carried 4-0.**

**Star Disposal:** A professional service contract for trash services at Marquette Park. The term of the contract is from January 1,2023- December 31,2023 for an amount not to exceed \$2,500.00.

President Gardner entertained a motion to approve the contract with Star Disposal for disposal services at Marquette Park Pavilion not to exceed \$2,500.00.

Commissioner Cook moved to approved the motion. Commissioner Patterson seconded the motion.

**Roll call vote:** Commissioner Gardner, Yes, Commissioner Willie Cook, Yes, Commissioner Harrell, Yes, Commissioner Patterson, Yes.

**Motion carried 4-0.**

**Jerel Cole:** A contract to provide DJ services, monograms, up lights, pipe and drapery, and monitors for Marquette Park sponsored events at Marquette Park Pavilion. The term of the contract is from January 1,2023- December 31,2023, not to exceed \$4,800 annually.

President Gardner entertained a motion to approve the contract with Jerel Cole for DJ services, monograms, up lights, pipe and drapery, and monitors at Marquette Park during the 2023 year not to exceed \$4,800.00.

Commissioner Cook moved to approved the motion. Commissioner Harrell seconded the motion.

**Roll call vote:** Commissioner Gardner, Yes, Commissioner Willie Cook, Yes, Commissioner Harrell, Yes, Commissioner Patterson, Yes.

**Motion carried 4-0.**

Due to the extensive amounts of bids that had to be approved for the Jewel Parks, the administrative reports were suspended.

Mr. Charles Prewitt, Project Manager gave recommendations for approval.

Attorney Monroe gave a directive regarding conflict of interest. Attorney Monroe requested that if any Board Member has any conflicting interest or financial interest in any of the contracts, to abstain from voting.

**Jewel Park Bid Recommendations: Per Charles Prewitt, Project Manager-**

**Re Roofs:**

**Brunswick Pavilion: Recommended Low Bid -TMC Contractors \$156,000.00**

**Howe Pavilion: Recommended Low Bid- TMC Contractors \$46,000.00**

**Brunswick Shelter Reroof: Recommended Low Bid: EC Babilla \$6,477.00**

**Glen Ryan Shelter Reroof: Recommended Low Bid: EC Babilla \$6,477.00**

**Ironwood Shelter Reroof: Recommended Low Bid: EC Babilla \$6,477.00**

**Tolleston Shelter Reroof: Recommended Low Bid: EC Babilla \$6,477.00**

Commissioner Gardner entertained a motion to approve the bids and contracts for the reroof of Brunswick, Howe Park, Brunswick Shelter, Glen Ryan Shelter, Ironwood Shelter, and Tolleston Shelter as presented.

Commissioner Cook moved to approve the motion. Commissioner Patterson seconded the motion.

**Roll call vote:** Commissioner Gardner, Yes, Commissioner Willie Cook, Yes, Commissioner Harrell, Yes, Commissioner Patterson, Yes.

**Motion carried 4-0.**

**Location: Brunswick Community Center:**

**Brunswick Playground Equipment Removal: Recommended Bid: JMD Construction \$3,500.00**

**Remove and Replace 380 S.F of Sidewalk: Recommended Bid: JMD Construction \$12,000.00**

**Remove Canopy Lights: Recommended Bid: JMD Construction \$300.00**

**Install 4 LED Canopy Lights: Recommended Bid: JMD Construction \$1,300.00**

**Install 6 LED Wall Packs: Recommended Bid: JMD Construction \$3,800.00**

**Install ADA Pads (Inside & Out): Recommended Bid: JMD Construction \$1,600.00**

Commissioner Gardner entertained a motion to approve the contracts for the Brunswick Community Center and the items named with JMD Construction.

Commissioner Cook moved to approve the motion. Commissioner Patterson seconded the motion.

**Roll call vote:** Commissioner Gardner, Yes, Commissioner Willie Cook, Yes, Commissioner Harrell, Yes, Commissioner Patterson, Yes.

**Motion carried 4-0.**

**Location: Brunswick Community Center**

**Remove and replace main entry doors, frames, and hardware:**

**Recommended Bid: JMD Construction \$6,800.00**

**Remove and replace east entry doors, frames, and hardware:**

**Recommended Bid: JMD Construction \$8,500.00**

Commissioner Gardner entertained a motion to approve the contracts be awarded to JMD Construction.

Commissioner Cook moved to approve the motion. Commissioner Patterson seconded the motion.

**Roll call vote:** Commissioner Gardner, Yes, Commissioner Willie Cook, Yes, Commissioner Harrell, Yes, Commissioner Patterson, Yes.

**Motion carried 4-0.**

**Interior Doors:**

**Remove and replace door locks keyed to the master system:**

**Recommended Bid: JMD Construction \$1,400.00**

**ADA Restrooms:**

**Remove Partitions: Recommended Bid: JMD Construction \$3,000.00**

**Remove Entry Doors, Frames & Repair: Recommended Bid: JMD Construction \$3,000.00**

**Install New Polymer Partitions: Recommended Bid: JMD Construction \$7,500.00**

**Remove and replace all mirrors, soap dishes, electronic dryers: Recommended Bid: JMD Construction \$8,500.00**

Commissioner Gardner entertained a motion to approve the ADA restroom repairs and installations to JMD Construction as presented. Commissioner Cook moved to approve the motion. Commissioner Patterson seconded the motion.

**Roll call vote:** Commissioner Gardner, Yes, Commissioner Willie Cook, Yes, Commissioner Harrell, Yes, Commissioner Patterson, Yes.

**Motion carried 4-0.**

**Kitchen Plumbing:**

**Remove all sinks and appliances: Recommended Bid: JMD Construction \$1,500.00**

**Remove and lower floor drain: Recommended Bid: JMD Construction \$1,800.00**

**Install new stove and microwave: Recommended Bid: JMD Construction \$4,500.00**

Commissioner Gardner entertained a motion to approve the recommendations for kitchen plumbing with JMD Construction. Commissioner Cook moved to approve the motion. Commissioner Patterson seconded the motion.

**Roll call vote:** Commissioner Gardner, Yes, Commissioner Willie Cook, Yes, Commissioner Harrell, Yes, Commissioner Patterson, Yes.

**Motion carried 4-0.**

**Install new sink: Recommended Bid: JMD Construction \$2,000.00**

**Remove and replace all cabinets and tops: Recommended Bid: JMD Construction \$8,500.00**

**Install sneeze screens-information desk: Recommended Bid: JMD Construction \$2,500.00**

**Remove block wall and cabinets: Recommended Bid: JMD Construction \$1,000.00**

Commissioner Gardner recommended that the contract be approved for JMD Construction relative to the items presented. Commissioner Cook moved to approve the motion. Commissioner Harrell seconded the motion.

**Roll call vote:** Commissioner Gardner, Yes, Commissioner Willie Cook, Yes, Commissioner Harrell, Yes, Commissioner Patterson, Yes.

**Motion carried: 4-0**

**Paint Main Corridor:**

**Paint all walls, doors, frames, and trim: Recommended Low Bid -TMC Contractors \$6,980.00**

**Painted fluted block walls with accent color: Recommended Low Bid -TMC Contractors \$5,800.00**

**Remove and replace all damaged ceiling tiles: Recommended Low Bid -TMC Contractors \$8,800.00**

Commissioner Gardner entertained a motion to approve the painting and ceiling work at Brunswick with TMC Construction as presented. Commissioner Cook moved to approve the motion. Commissioner Patterson seconded the motion.

**Roll call vote:** Commissioner Gardner, Yes, Commissioner Willie Cook, Yes, Commissioner Harrell, Yes, Commissioner Patterson, Yes.

**Motion carried: 4-0**

**Ceiling Grid and Hard Ceilings:**

**Paint ceiling grid white: Recommended Bid -TMC Contractors \$9,900.00**

**Paint all hard ceiling white: Recommended Low Bid -TMC Contractors \$4,800.00**

**Paint the gym wall to match above the finished floor: Recommended Low Bid -TMC Contractors \$8,400.00**

**Paint an accent stripe in the gym: Recommended Bid -TMC Contractors \$12,880.00**

**Paint all other walls white throughout the building: Recommended Bid -TMC Contractors \$12,800.00**

**Epoxy flooring in all areas except kitchen and bathroom: Recommended Bid -TMC Contractors \$26,100.00**



Commissioner Gardner entertained a motion to approve the contract with TMC Construction for painting in the areas articulated and epoxy floor coating TMC Construction. Commissioner Cook moved to approve the motion. Commissioner Patterson seconded the motion.

**Roll call vote:** Commissioner Gardner, Yes, Commissioner Willie Cook, Yes, Commissioner Harrell, Yes, Commissioner Patterson, Yes.

**Motion carried: 4-0**

**Interior Floors:**

**Remove all floor coverings: Recommended Bid - JMD Construction \$11,000.00**

**Gym- Install Playsafe Genaflex: Recommended Bid - JMD Construction \$26,000.00**

**Small Offices- Mohawk Elite: Recommended Bid - JMD Construction \$12,000.00**

**Kitchen Epoxy Coating: Recommended Bid - JMD Construction \$4,500.00**

**Remove and replace all baseboards w/ Armstrong: Recommended Bid - JMD Construction \$8,500.00**

**HVAC System:**

**Clean, service, and inspect HVAC: Recommended Bid - JMD Construction \$785.00**

**Main Entrance Plantings:**

**Install 16 shrubs/ mulch: Recommended Bid -JMD Construction \$7,500.00**

Commissioner Gardner entertained a motion to award JMD Construction the contract for the repair and replacement of interior floors, baseboards, HVAC, and plantings in the amounts articulated. Commissioner Cook moved to approve the motion. Commissioner Patterson seconded the motion.

**Roll call vote:** Commissioner Gardner, Yes, Commissioner Willie Cook, Yes, Commissioner Harrell, Yes, Commissioner Patterson, Yes.

**Motion carried: 4-0**

**Howe Park:**

**Concrete Patio (4050 S.F): Recommended Bid -TMC Contractors \$46,980.00**

**Install 1500 S.F floor tile: Recommended Bid -TMC Contractors \$4,800.00**

Commissioner Gardner entertained a motion to approve the concrete and floor work to TMC Construction. Commissioner Cook moved to approve the motion. Commissioner Patterson seconded the motion.

**Roll call vote:** Commissioner Gardner, Yes, Commissioner Willie Cook, Yes, Commissioner Harrell, Yes, Commissioner Patterson, Yes.

**Motion carried: 4-0**

**Install 3 LED light fixtures: Recommended Bid -JMD Construction \$5,500.00**

**Install 2 new roof cages: Recommended Bid -JMD Construction \$2,600.00**

**Power to shelters: Recommended Bid -JMD Construction \$6,600.00**

**Remove and replace 450 feet of powder coated fence: Recommended Bid -JMD Construction \$14,900.00**

**Install epoxy floor tiles: Recommended Bid -JMD Construction \$8,100.00**

Commissioner Gardner entertained a motion to approve a contract with JMD Construction for roof cages, power to shutter, powder coated fencing, and lighting. Commissioner Cook moved to approve the motion. Commissioner Harrell seconded the motion.

**Roll call vote:** Commissioner Gardner, Yes, Commissioner Willie Cook, Yes, Commissioner Harrell, Yes, Commissioner Patterson, Yes.

**Motion carried: 4-0**

**Concrete pad removal: Recommended Bid -Myers Builders \$5,000.00**

**Grading under pad: Recommended Bid -Myers Builders \$3,000.00**

**Drainage pipe/ ditch: Recommended Bid -Myers Builders \$10,000.00**

**Leach field: Recommended Bid -Myers Builders \$12,000.00**

**Removal of molding and hardware: Recommended Bid -Myers Builders: \$2,000.00**

**Install new 24'x32' picnic shelter: Recommended Bid -Myers Builders \$25,000.00**

**Install 5 LED Door lights- Dusk to dawn: Recommended Bid -Myers Builders \$3,000.00**

Commissioner Gardner entertained a motion to approve a contract with Myers Builders for the specified work at Howe Park. Commissioner Cook moved to approve the motion. Commissioner Patterson seconded the motion.

**Roll call vote:** Commissioner Gardner, Yes, Commissioner Willie Cook, Yes, Commissioner Harrell, Yes, Commissioner Patterson, Yes.

**Motion carried: 4-0**

**Install Concrete pad 1050 S. F.: Recommended Bid – ACCI \$10,000.00**

Commissioner Gardner entertained a motion to approve the concrete pad installation at Howe Park by ACCI at the recommended amount. Commissioner Cook moved to approve the motion. Commissioner Patterson seconded the motion.

**Roll call vote:** Commissioner Gardner, Yes, Commissioner Willie Cook, Yes, Commissioner Harrell, Yes, Commissioner Patterson, Yes.

**Motion carried: 4-0**

**Glen Ryan Park:**

**New Shelter:**

**24’x32’ framed shelter: Recommended Bid -Myers Builders \$30,000.00**

**Electrical:**

**4 GFCI Outlets: Recommended Bid -Myers Builders \$1,000.00**

**6 LED ceiling lights: Recommended Bid -Myers Builders \$2,700.00**

Commissioner Gardner entertained a motion to approve a contract with Myers Builders for the shelter and electrical as presented. Commissioner Cook moved to approve the motion. Commissioner Patterson seconded the motion.

**Roll call vote:** Commissioner Gardner, Yes, Commissioner Willie Cook, Yes, Commissioner Harrell, Yes, Commissioner Patterson, Yes.

**Motion carried: 4-0**

**4" 4000 PSI Concrete Pad: Recommended Bid – ACCI \$11,520.00**

Commissioner Gardner entertained a motion to approve the contract with ACCI for the concrete pad in the amount of \$11,520.00. Commissioner Cook moved to approve the motion. Commissioner Patterson seconded the motion.

**Roll call vote:** Commissioner Gardner, Yes, Commissioner Willie Cook, Yes, Commissioner Harrell, Yes, Commissioner Patterson, Yes.

**Motion carried: 4-0**

**Roosevelt Park:**

**Pool Area Demo & Upgrades:**

**Removal of umbrella, shower, handrails: Recommended Bid -TMC Contractors \$4,810.00**

**Fill Pool- Granular Fill: Recommended Bid -TMC Contractors \$6,210.00**

**Remove (2) 4" section of grade beams: Recommended Bid -TMC Contractors \$11,200.00**

**Remove 80 S.F Concrete (2): Recommended Bid -TMC Contractors \$1,760.00**

**Remove 100 S.F Concrete: Recommended Bid -TMC Contractors (2) \$3,600.00**

Commissioner Gardner entertained a motion to approve the contract TMC Construction for the items stated. Commissioner Cook moved to approve the motion. Commissioner Patterson seconded the motion.

**Roll call vote:** Commissioner Gardner, Yes, Commissioner Willie Cook, Yes, Commissioner Harrell, Yes, Commissioner Patterson, Yes.

**Motion carried: 4-0**

**Pool Area Concrete:**

**Install 380 S. F ADA concrete: Recommended Bid -TMC Contractors \$9,280.00**

**Patch pool liner edge lip: Recommended Bid -TMC Contractors \$6,810.00**

**Install Artificial turf: Recommended Bid -TMC Contractors \$14,280.00**

Commissioner Gardner entertained a motion to approve the contract for the items articulated with TMC Construction. Commissioner Cook moved to approve the motion. Commissioner Patterson seconded the motion.

**Roll call vote:** Commissioner Gardner, Yes, Commissioner Willie Cook, Yes, Commissioner Harrell, Yes, Commissioner Patterson, Yes.

**Motion carried: 4-0**

**Pool Area Concrete:**

**Removal and replacement of 60 Ft. of northside fence: Recommended Bid -Myers Builders \$9,000.00**

**Removal and replacement of west side fence and gate: Recommended Bid -Myers Builders \$12,000.00**

**Removal and replacement of south side fence and gate: Recommended Bid -Myers Builders \$10,000.00**

**Lighting:**

**7 decorative post lighting: Recommended Bid -Myers Builders \$30,000.00**

**Underground Wiring: Recommended Bid -Myers Builders \$25,000.00**

**Picnic Tables:**

**Octagonal Picnic Tables: Recommended Bid -Myers Builders \$15,000.00**

Commissioner Gardner entertained a motion to approve the contract with Myers Builders for items articulated. Commissioner Cook moved to approve the motion. Commissioner Patterson seconded the motion.

**Roll call vote:** Commissioner Gardner, Yes, Commissioner Willie Cook, Yes, Commissioner Harrell, Yes, Commissioner Patterson, Yes.

**Motion carried: 4-0**

**Tolleston Park:**

**New Shelter:**

**Construction of 24'x32' Shelter: Recommended Bid -Myers Builders \$24,000.00**

**Installation of 4" Concrete pad: Recommended Bid -Myers Builders \$8,000.00**

Commissioner Gardner entertained a motion to approve the contract with Myers Builders for the shelter at \$24,000 and the concrete pad at \$8,000. Commissioner Cook moved to approve the motion. Commissioner Patterson seconded the motion.

**Roll call vote:** Commissioner Gardner, Yes, Commissioner Willie Cook, Yes, Commissioner Harrell, Yes, Commissioner Patterson, Yes.

**Motion carried: 4-0**

**Electrical:**

**Installation of 4 GFCI outlets: Recommended Bid -JMD Construction \$1,148.00**

**Installation of 6 LED Ceiling Lights: Recommended Bid -JMD Construction \$2,100.00**

Commissioner Gardner entertained a motion to approve the outlets and ceiling lights contract at Tolleston Park with JMD Construction for the amounts articulated. Commissioner Cook moved to approve the motion. Commissioner Harrell seconded the motion.

**Roll call vote:** Commissioner Gardner, Yes, Commissioner Willie Cook, Yes, Commissioner Harrell, Yes, Commissioner Patterson, Yes.

**Motion carried: 4-0**

***Ironwood Park:***

**Replacement of 800 S.F of 5” sidewalk: Recommended Bid -TMC Contractors \$15,180.00**

**Removal of tennis court fencing: Recommended Bid -TMC Contractors \$6,220.00**

Commissioner Gardner entertained a motion to award the contract to TMC Construction for the replacement of the sidewalk and removal of the tennis court fencing. Commissioner Cook moved to approve the motion. Commissioner Patterson seconded the motion.

**Roll call vote:** Commissioner Gardner, Yes, Commissioner Willie Cook, Yes, Commissioner Harrell, Yes, Commissioner Patterson, Yes.

**Motion carried: 4-0**



**Lawn Care: 20 cuts per park**

**Recommended Vendor: Rough Hands**

**Glen Ryan Park: \$16,000.00**

**Tolleston Park: \$36,00.00**

Commissioner Gardner entertained a motion to approve the contract for Tolleston Park and Glen Ryan Park to Rough Hands Lawn Care in the amounts articulated. Commissioner Cook moved to approve the motion. Commissioner Harrell seconded the motion.

**Roll call vote:** Commissioner Gardner, Yes, Commissioner Willie Cook, Yes, Commissioner Harrell, Yes, Commissioner Patterson, Yes.

**Motion carried: 4-0**

**Recommended Vendor: Simmons**

**Roosevelt Park: \$27,800.00**

**Brunswick Park: \$26,200.00**

Commissioner Gardner entertained a motion to approve the contract for lawn services for Brunswick Park and Roosevelt Park to Simmons Lawn Care in the amounts articulated. Commissioner Cook moved to approve the motion. Commissioner Harrell seconded the motion.

**Roll call vote:** Commissioner Gardner, Yes, Commissioner Willie Cook, Yes, Commissioner Harrell, Yes, Commissioner Patterson, Yes.

**Motion carried: 4-0**

**Recommended Vendor: Honey Do Experts**

**Howe Park: \$12,500.00**

**Ironwood Park: \$15,000.00**

Commissioner Gardner entertained a motion to approve the contract with Honey Do Experts for the lawn care at Howe Park and Ironwood Park for the year 2023. Commissioner Cook moved to approve the motion. Commissioner Harrell seconded the motion.

**Roll call vote:** Commissioner Gardner, Yes, Commissioner Willie Cook, Yes, Commissioner Harrell, Yes, Commissioner Patterson, Yes.

**Motion carried: 4-0**

**Atiya Muhammad, Youth Services Bureau-** The Youth Services Bureau has been working on the Gala at the Lagoon event at Marquette Park. The event is on April 15,2023. Ms. Muhammad asked for permission to accept the following donations related to the Gala:

- Faith Temple Christ: \$1,500.00
- Sun Appliance Repair: \$1,000.00
- AB Labs: \$1,000.00
- US Steel: \$1,000.00
- Centier Bank: \$500.00
- Christ Temple Church: \$500.00
- Gary Housing Authority: \$500.00
- Clark Road Genesis: \$500.00
- Brighter Day Community Services: \$500.00
- Powell and Coleman: \$350.00
- Township: \$300.00
- Field Museum: \$200.00
- Bantu Chess Café: \$200.00
- Love of Arts: \$220.00
- People's Daycare: \$120.00
- KLB Cleaning: \$100.00
- Toya's Devine Creations: \$100.00
- Ms. Bennett: \$120.00
- Katie Hall Educational Foundation: \$50.00
- Attorney John Hall: \$50.00
- Dance Excel: \$120.00
- Gary Community Partnership: \$200.00
- Field Museum: Family of 4 pack of tickets (\$88.00 value)
- Cooper's Hawk Wine Basket Requested: Waiting for response.

Commissioner President Gardner Entertained a motion to accept the donations as presented to the Youth Services Bureau for Gala on the Lagoon. Commissioner Cook moved to approve the motion. Commissioner Patterson seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: Commissioner Gardner, Yes, Commissioner Willie Cook, Yes, Commissioner Harrell, Yes, Commissioner Patterson, Yes.

**Motion carried 4-0.**

Ms. Muhammad asked for permission to accept an in-kind donation of a D.J for 4 hours on April 15,2023 from 6:00pm-10:00pm.

Commissioner President Gardner Entertained a motion to accept the in-kind donations of D.J services for the event from 6-10:00pm. Commissioner Cook moved to approve the motion. Commissioner Patterson seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: Commissioner Gardner, Yes, Commissioner Willie Cook, Yes, Commissioner Harrell, Yes, Commissioner Patterson, Yes.

**Motion carried 4-0.**

Ms. Muhammad asked for permission to accept the additional monies they are expecting to come. Ms. Muhammad said YSB is expecting approximately \$5,000.00 in additional donations.

President Gardner asked Attorney Monroe if approval could be given.

Attorney Monroe advised approval of specific donations.

**Christine Gooden, Hudson-Campbell-** Ms. Gooden asked for permission to post the RFP for vacant space in the Hudson Campbell. Mrs. Gooden has decided to advertise for a grab and go type business there. Mrs. Gooden plans to advertise through social media, flyers, and newspapers to get the advertisement out there. A deadline has been established for April 14,2023 for all proposals to be submitted.

Commissioner President Gardner entertained a motion to advertise the space at the Hudson-Campbell Fitness Center for a grab and go style business operation. Commissioner Cook moved to approve the motion. Commissioner Patterson seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: Commissioner Gardner, Yes, Commissioner Willie Cook, Yes, Commissioner Harrell, Yes, Commissioner Patterson, Yes.

**Motion carried 4-0.**

Mrs. Gooden requested approval of all rates as presented for the Hudson-Campbell. Mrs. Gooden stated that there were no changes made to the rates, but that State Board of Accounts needed record of the rates being approved.

Commissioner President Gardner entertained a motion to approve the pay rate listing of all of Hudson-Campbell services, as previously presented to the City Council for approval. Commissioner Cook moved to approve the motion. Commissioner Patterson seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: Commissioner Gardner, Yes, Commissioner Willie Cook, Yes, Commissioner Harrell, Yes, Commissioner Patterson, Yes.

**Motion carried 4-0.**

**Per the recommendation of the State Board of Accounts, Mrs. Gooden asked for approval of the “Front Desk Cash Drawer” memo and form.**

Commissioner President Gardner entertained a motion to approve the front desk cash drawer procedures and practices. Attorney Monroe advised that before the form is used, the approval date should be included at the bottom of the form.

Commissioner Gardner entertained a motion to approve cash drawer procedures with the recommendations from Judge Monroe. Commissioner Cook moved to approve the motion. Commissioner Patterson seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: Commissioner Gardner, Yes, Commissioner Willie Cook, Yes, Commissioner Harrell, Yes, Commissioner Patterson, Yes.

**Motion carried 4-0.**

**Marquette Pavilion, Kamishia Jackson-** On Saturday, the Phenomenal Women’s event will take place at Marquette. The event is from 12-3:00pm. Rev. Gardner’s daughter will be the guest speaker. Tickets are \$50.00.

On April 2<sup>nd</sup>, Marquette will have “Social Soul Food Sunday.”

Chef Damien Miller, said there will be a brunch menu from 12:00pm-3:00pm and soul food from 12:00pm-6:00pm. They are pushing for table reservations. Tables can be reserved for parties of 6 or 10 and include a mimosa tower.

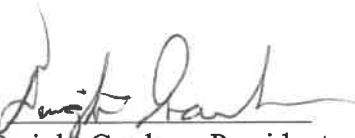
Saturday July 22,2023 will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Food Truck Block Fest. Anyone that has a food truck and would like to be a vendor can call Marquette Pavilion.

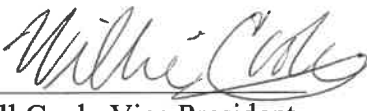
**Aquatics, Tawanna Lyons-** The Aquatics Department is hiring for lifeguards. The starting pay is \$15/hour. The minimum age is 16. The job is now posted on gary.gov. If there are any problems filling out the application, Ms. Lyons is accepting phone calls at 219-702-7714.

**Old Business/New Business: None**

**Public Comment: None**

**Adjournment:** Commissioner President Gardener entertained a motion to adjourn the Board of Park Commissioners Meeting of the Department of Public Parks, City of Gary, Indiana held on March 14, 2023, moved by Commissioner Patterson. Commissioners Cook and Harrell seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned.

BY:   
Dwight Gardner, President

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Willie Bill Cook, Vice President

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