

## **2024 APRIL Board Meeting (Tuesday, April 9, 2024)**

### **Members present**

Bernie DuBray, Carol Klein, Chuck Gross, Dionne Flowers, Glenn Powers, Gov Jay Nixon, Monica Huddleston, Phyllis Young, Robert Epstein

### **Meeting called to order at 11:29 AM**

#### **1. OPENING OF MEETING**

Procedural: A. CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL

Procedural: B. OPEN TIME

Action: C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

TO APPROVE THE AGENDA

Motion by Bernie DuBray, second by Dionne Flowers.

Final Resolution: Do Pass

Aye: Bernie DuBray, Chuck Gross, Dionne Flowers, Glenn Powers, Gov Jay Nixon, Monica Huddleston, Phyllis Young, Robert Epstein

Not Present at Vote: Carol Klein

Action, Minutes: D. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS MAY BE CORRECTED

Motion by Chuck Gross, second by Phyllis Young.

Final Resolution: Do Pass

Aye: Bernie DuBray, Chuck Gross, Dionne Flowers, Glenn Powers, Gov Jay Nixon, Monica Huddleston, Phyllis Young, Robert Epstein

Not Present at Vote: Carol Klein

2. PRESENTATION (S) - none

3. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS - none

4. REPORT(S) OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUSAN TRAUTMAN

Reports: A. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Submitted for review. River des Greenway update verbally presented by Todd Antoine with the following information. In January, staff updated the Board on our conversations with St. Louis County and Union Pacific Railroad to finalize the agreement allowing the final 0.4-mile segment

of the River des Peres Greenway from Broadway to the Mississippi Greenway at the River City Casino to be built.

The major issue that is preventing the project from proceeding is the railroad's requirement for \$10 million General Liability Insurance coverage for the greenway on railroad property. For over a year, St. Louis County and Union Pacific Railroad have been negotiating, with the railroad reducing the coverage amount to \$5 million. St. Louis County calculated that would cost \$75,000 annually, which is unaffordable for them. The County is able to provide insurance up to \$2 million, but the railroad is firm at the \$5 million coverage. Since January, GRG staff explored options, including GRG providing the remaining \$3 million insurance policy. However, the expensive annual insurance cost is unprecedented for GRG and the cost will continue to increase each year. This ongoing, indefinite cost to the taxpayers is not recommended.

Staff knows this small project is highly desired by the public and is frustrated that it has been "on hold" for over 7 years through a variety of obstacles. With our partners' and the Board of Director's support, GRG will embark on evaluating and planning a new route to make this critical connection, working with St. Louis City and County and other collaborators.

Reports: B. NOTICE OF CONTRACTS EXECUTED submitted for review

## 5. APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS - MULTIPLE REVENUE STREAMS

Action: A. That the Board adopt Resolution 2024.35 approving a budget amendment not to exceed \$48,000 and a contract amendment not to exceed \$48,000 with Development Resource Partners, LLC for Real Estate and Relocation Services and authorizing other actions as necessary to effectuate the same. - Todd Antoine

Motion by Gov Jay Nixon, second by Chuck Gross.

Final Resolution: Do Pass

Aye: Bernie DuBray, Carol Klein, Chuck Gross, Dionne Flowers, Glenn Powers, Gov Jay Nixon, Monica Huddleston, Phyllis Young, Robert Epstein

## 6. APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS - GRG 1/10TH REVENUE STREAM

Action: A. That the Board adopt Resolution 2024.36 approving an amendment to the GRG 1/10 Capital Budget and approving a contract not to exceed \$352,385 with Kozeny-Wagner, Inc. in connection with Meramec Greenway Signage Betterment Project and authorizing other actions as necessary to effectuate the same. - Angelica Gutierrez  
Motion by Glenn Powers, second by Phyllis Young.

Final Resolution: Do Pass

Aye: Bernie DuBray, Carol Klein, Chuck Gross, Dionne Flowers, Glenn Powers, Gov Jay Nixon, Monica Huddleston, Phyllis Young, Robert Epstein

Action: B. That the Board adopt Resolution 2024.37 approving a Contract not to exceed \$160,000 with Planning Design Studio, LLC in connection with Baltic Creek Greenway and authorizing other actions as necessary to effectuate the same. - Mark Vogl

Motion by Gov Jay Nixon, second by Carol Klein.

Final Resolution: Do Pass Previous Roll

Aye: Bernie DuBray, Carol Klein, Chuck Gross, Dionne Flowers, Glenn Powers, Gov Jay Nixon, Monica Huddleston, Phyllis Young, Robert Epstein

Action: C. That the Board adopt Resolution 2024.38 approving a contract not to exceed \$360,000 with Ameren Missouri in connection with St. Vincent Greenway: Robert L. Powell Place to St. Charles Rock Road and authorizing other actions as necessary to effectuate the same.  
- Michael Steinlage

Motion by Carol Klein, second by Phyllis Young.

Final Resolution: Do Pass Previous Roll

Aye: Bernie DuBray, Carol Klein, Chuck Gross, Dionne Flowers, Glenn Powers, Gov Jay Nixon, Monica Huddleston, Phyllis Young, Robert Epstein

## 7. APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS - GRG 3/16TH REVENUE STREAM

Action: A. That the Board adopt Resolution 2024.39 approving a professional services contract not to exceed \$270,000 with Sasaki Associates, Inc. in connection with Consulting Services related to Greenway Technology Master Planning and authorizing other actions as necessary to effectuate the same. - T. Christopher Peoples  
Motion by Robert Epstein, second by Carol Klein.

Final Resolution: Do Pass

Aye: Bernie DuBray, Carol Klein, Chuck Gross, Dionne Flowers, Glenn Powers, Gov Jay Nixon, Monica Huddleston, Phyllis Young, Robert Epstein

Action: B. That the Board adopt Resolution 2024.40 approving an application to the City of St. Louis - Community Development Administration (CDA) for Neighborhood Transformation Grants in connection with the Hodiament and Brickline Greenways and authorizing other actions as necessary to effectuate the same. - T. Christopher Peoples

Motion by Phyllis Young, second by Chuck Gross.

Final Resolution: Do Pass Previous Roll

Aye: Bernie DuBray, Carol Klein, Chuck Gross, Dionne Flowers, Glenn Powers, Gov Jay Nixon, Monica Huddleston, Phyllis Young, Robert Epstein

Action: C. That the Board adopt Resolution 2024.41 approving a Contract Amendment not to exceed \$1,450,000 with BSI Constructors, Inc. in connection with Brickline Greenway: Mill Creek Valley: Compton Ave to 22nd and authorizing other actions as necessary to effectuate the same. - Kuleya Bruce

Motion by Phyllis Young, second by Dionne Flowers.

Final Resolution: Do Pass

Aye: Bernie DuBray, Carol Klein, Chuck Gross, Dionne Flowers, Glenn Powers, Gov Jay Nixon, Monica Huddleston, Phyllis Young, Robert Epstein

## 8. APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS - CAR 3/16TH REVENUE STREAM

Action: A. That the Board adopt Resolution 2024.42 approving a contract not to exceed \$1,632,700 with Hof Construction, Inc. in connection with Mississippi Greenway Access Controls and authorizing other actions as necessary to effectuate the same. -Ben Grossman  
Motion by Glenn Powers, second by Chuck Gross.

Final Resolution: Do Pass

Aye: Bernie DuBray, Carol Klein, Chuck Gross, Dionne Flowers, Glenn Powers, Gov Jay Nixon, Monica Huddleston, Phyllis Young, Robert Epstein

Action: B. That the Board adopt Resolution 2024.43 approving a Budget Amendment and Reimbursement Agreement not to exceed \$420,000 with Gateway Arch Park Foundation in connection with Kiener Plaza and Leonor K. Sullivan Blvd. in the Mississippi Greenway and authorizing other actions as necessary to effectuate the same. - Ben Grossman

Motion by Robert Epstein, second by Carol Klein.

Final Resolution: Do Pass Previous Roll

Aye: Bernie DuBray, Carol Klein, Chuck Gross, Dionne Flowers, Glenn Powers, Gov Jay Nixon, Monica Huddleston, Phyllis Young, Robert Epstein

Action: C. That the Board adopt Resolution 2024.44 ratifying the Board President's approval and use of emergency procurement procedures, and approving a budget amendment and contract not to exceed \$75,000 with Kozeny-Wagner, Inc. in connection with barrier wall repairs and authorizing other actions as necessary to effectuate the same. - Ben Grossman

Motion by Carol Klein, second by Dionne Flowers.

Final Resolution: Do Pass Previous Roll

Aye: Bernie DuBray, Carol Klein, Chuck Gross, Dionne Flowers, Glenn Powers, Gov Jay Nixon, Monica Huddleston, Phyllis Young, Robert Epstein

## 9. CLOSED SESSION

Action: A. ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION

The Board of the Metropolitan Park and Recreation District, d/b/a Great Rivers Greenway, may go into closed session at this meeting if such action is approved by a majority vote of the Board members who constitute a quorum, to discuss legal, confidential or privileged matters under RSMo. §610.021(1); leasing, purchase or sale of real estate under §610.021(2); personnel actions under §610.021(3); specifications for competitive bidding under §610.021(11); sealed bids under §610.021(12); personnel records under §610.021(13); or records under §610.021(14) which are otherwise protected from disclosure by law; or confidential or privileged communications with the District's auditor, including auditor work products under §610.021(17).

Motion by Phyllis Young, second by Robert Epstein.

Final Resolution: Do Pass

Aye: Bernie DuBray, Carol Klein, Chuck Gross, Dionne Flowers, Glenn Powers, Gov Jay Nixon, Monica Huddleston, Phyllis Young, Robert Epstein

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

Action: A. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

to reconvene into open session

Motion by Bernie DuBray, second by Gov Jay Nixon.

Final Resolution: Do Pass

Aye: Bernie DuBray, Carol Klein, Chuck Gross, Dionne Flowers, Glenn Powers, Gov Jay Nixon, Monica Huddleston, Phyllis Young, Robert Epstein

Action: B. ADJOURN

TO ADJOURN THE MEETING

Motion by Gov Jay Nixon, second by Dionne Flowers.

Final Resolution: Do Pass

Aye: Bernie DuBray, Carol Klein, Chuck Gross, Dionne Flowers, Glenn Powers, Gov Jay Nixon, Monica Huddleston, Phyllis Young, Robert Epstein