

2025 JANUARY Board Meeting (Tuesday, January 14, 2025)

Members present

Bernie DuBray, Brian Phillips, Carol Klein, Chuck Gross, Emily Bernstein, Glenn Powers, Gov Jay Nixon, Karlton Thornton, Lisa Suggs, McGraw Milhaven, Monica Huddleston, Robert Epstein

Meeting called to order at 11:40 AM

1. OPENING OF MEETING

Procedural: A. OPEN TIME

Procedural: B. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Action: C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

TO APPROVE THE AGENDA

Motion by Brian Phillips, second by Monica Huddleston.

Final Resolution: Do Pass

Aye: Bernie DuBray, Brian Phillips, Carol Klein, Chuck Gross, Emily Bernstein, Glenn Powers, Gov Jay Nixon, Karlton Thornton, Lisa Suggs, McGraw Milhaven, Monica Huddleston, Robert Epstein

Action, Minutes: D. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS MAY BE CORRECTED

Motion by Lisa Suggs, second by Emily Bernstein.

Final Resolution: Do Pass

Aye: Bernie DuBray, Brian Phillips, Carol Klein, Chuck Gross, Emily Bernstein, Glenn Powers, Gov Jay Nixon, Karlton Thornton, Lisa Suggs, McGraw Milhaven, Monica Huddleston, Robert Epstein

2. PRESENTATION (S)

Information: A. 2024 Recap Video

3. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

4. REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUSAN TRAUTMAN

Reports: A. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Submitted for review

Reports: B. NOTICE OF CONTRACTS EXECUTED

submitted for review

5. APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS - MULTIPLE REVENUE STREAMS

Action: A. That the Board adopt Resolution 2025.01 approving a contract renewal not to exceed \$75,000 with Utililtra LLC in connection with security cameras and authorizing other actions as necessary to effectuate the same. -Ben Grossman

Motion by Glenn Powers, second by Gov Jay Nixon.

Final Resolution: Do Pass

Aye: Bernie DuBray, Brian Phillips, Carol Klein, Chuck Gross, Emily Bernstein, Glenn Powers, Gov Jay Nixon, Lisa Suggs, McGraw Milhaven, Monica Huddleston, Robert Epstein

Not Present at Vote: Karlton Thornton

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

Action: A. That the Board adopt Resolution 2025.02 approving a contract not to exceed \$112,000 with Missouri Botanical Garden in connection with the Outdoor Leadership Corps program and authorizing other actions as necessary to effectuate the same. -Josh Ward

Motion by Lisa Suggs, second by Brian Phillips.

Final Resolution: Do Pass

Aye: Bernie DuBray, Brian Phillips, Carol Klein, Chuck Gross, Emily Bernstein, Glenn Powers, Gov Jay Nixon, Lisa Suggs, McGraw Milhaven, Monica Huddleston, Robert Epstein

Not Present at Vote: Karlton Thornton

Action: B. That the Board adopt Resolution 2025.03 approving a contract renewal not to exceed \$93,000 with Partnership for Youth, Inc. d/b/a AmeriCorps St. Louis in connection with conservation and volunteer management services and authorizing other actions as necessary to effectuate the same. -Josh Ward

Motion by Brian Phillips, second by Chuck Gross.

Final Resolution: Do Pass previous roll

Aye: Bernie DuBray, Brian Phillips, Carol Klein, Chuck Gross, Emily Bernstein, Glenn Powers, Gov Jay Nixon, Lisa Suggs, McGraw Milhaven, Monica Huddleston, Robert Epstein

Not Present at Vote: Karlton Thornton

Action: C. That the Board adopt Resolution 2025.04 approving a contract not to exceed \$50,000 with Forest Releaf of Missouri in connection with volunteer tree planting and stewardship projects and authorizing other actions as necessary to effectuate the same. -Josh Ward

Motion by Monica Huddleston, second by Emily Bernstein.

Final Resolution: Do Pass previous roll

Aye: Bernie DuBray, Brian Phillips, Carol Klein, Chuck Gross, Emily Bernstein, Glenn Powers, Gov Jay Nixon, Lisa Suggs, McGraw Milhaven, Monica Huddleston, Robert Epstein

Not Present at Vote: Karlton Thornton

Action: D. That the Board adopt Resolution 2025.05 approving a contract not to exceed \$65,000 with Jump Company in connection with 2025 Campaign and authorizing other actions as necessary to effectuate the same. -Emma Klues

Motion by Brian Phillips, second by Monica Huddleston.

Final Resolution: Do Pass Previous Roll

Aye: Bernie DuBray, Brian Phillips, Chuck Gross, Emily Bernstein, Glenn Powers, Gov Jay Nixon, Lisa Suggs, McGraw Milhaven, Monica Huddleston, Robert Epstein

Abstain: Carol Klein

Not Present at Vote: Karlton Thornton

Action: E. That the Board adopt Resolution 2025.06 approving a Cost Share Agreement not to exceed \$3,000,000, subject to future appropriation, with the City of Creve Coeur in connection with Centennial Greenway and authorizing other actions as necessary to effectuate the same.
- Angelica Gutierrez

Motion by Robert Epstein, second by Chuck Gross.

Final Resolution: Do Pass

Aye: Bernie DuBray, Brian Phillips, Carol Klein, Chuck Gross, Emily Bernstein, Glenn Powers, Gov Jay Nixon, Lisa Suggs, McGraw Milhaven, Monica Huddleston, Robert Epstein

Not Present at Vote: Karlton Thornton

Action: F. That the Board adopt Resolution 2025.07 approving a Contract not to exceed \$300,000, subject to future appropriation, with Civil Design, Inc. in connection with Data and Asset Management Services and authorizing other actions as necessary to effectuate the same. -Mark Vogl

Motion by Brian Phillips, second by Chuck Gross.

Final Resolution: Do Pass previous roll

Aye: Bernie DuBray, Brian Phillips, Carol Klein, Chuck Gross, Emily Bernstein, Glenn Powers, Gov Jay Nixon, Lisa Suggs, McGraw Milhaven, Monica Huddleston, Robert Epstein

Not Present at Vote: Karlton Thornton

Action: G. That the Board adopt Resolution 2025.08 approving a Cost Share Agreement not to exceed \$500,000, subject to future appropriation, with the City of St. Peters in connection with Centennial Greenway and authorizing other actions as necessary to effectuate the same.
- Mark Vogl

Motion by Chuck Gross, second by Monica Huddleston.

Final Resolution: Do Pass previous Roll

Aye: Bernie DuBray, Brian Phillips, Carol Klein, Chuck Gross, Emily Bernstein, Glenn Powers, Gov Jay Nixon, Lisa Suggs, McGraw Milhaven, Monica Huddleston, Robert Epstein

Not Present at Vote: Karlton Thornton

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

Action: A. That the Board adopt Resolution 2025.09 approving a Contract Amendment not to exceed \$142,000 with Engineering Design Source, Inc. in connection with Brickline Greenway surveying services and authorizing other actions as necessary to effectuate the same. -Mark Vogl

Motion by Bernie DuBray, second by Gov Jay Nixon.

Final Resolution: Do Pass

Aye: Bernie DuBray, Brian Phillips, Carol Klein, Chuck Gross, Emily Bernstein, Glenn Powers, Gov Jay Nixon, Lisa Suggs, McGraw Milhaven, Monica Huddleston, Robert Epstein

Not Present at Vote: Karlton Thornton

Action: B. That the Board adopt Resolution 2025.10 approving a Cost Share Agreement not to exceed \$594,000, subject to future appropriation, with the City of Maplewood in connection with Deer Creek Greenway and authorizing other actions as necessary to effectuate the same. - Angelica Gutierrez

Motion by Monica Huddleston, second by Robert Epstein.

Final Resolution: Do Pass

Aye: Bernie DuBray, Brian Phillips, Carol Klein, Chuck Gross, Emily Bernstein, Glenn Powers, Gov Jay Nixon, Lisa Suggs, McGraw Milhaven, Monica Huddleston, Robert Epstein

Not Present at Vote: Karlton Thornton

Action: C. That the Board adopt Resolution 2025.11 approving a contract amendment not to exceed \$150,000 with Lochmueller Group, Inc. in connection with Brickline Greenway and authorizing other actions as necessary to effectuate the same. -Lonny Boring

Motion by Glenn Powers, second by Brian Phillips.

Final Resolution: Do Pass

Aye: Bernie DuBray, Brian Phillips, Carol Klein, Chuck Gross, Emily Bernstein, Glenn Powers, Gov Jay Nixon, Lisa Suggs, McGraw Milhaven, Monica Huddleston, Robert Epstein

Not Present at Vote: Karlton Thornton

Action: D. That the Board adopt Resolution 2025.12 approving a license agreement with Saint Louis University in connection with Brickline Greenway and authorizing other actions as necessary to effectuate the same. -Lonny Boring

Motion by Monica Huddleston, second by Glenn Powers.

Final Resolution: Do Pass previous roll

Aye: Bernie DuBray, Brian Phillips, Carol Klein, Chuck Gross, Emily Bernstein, Glenn Powers, Gov Jay Nixon, Lisa Suggs, McGraw Milhaven, Monica Huddleston, Robert Epstein

Not Present at Vote: Karlton Thornton

Action: E. That the Board adopt Resolution 2025.13 approving a Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) grant application to the East West Gateway Council of Governments in connection with Brickline Greenway and a pledge of local matching funds, subject to future appropriation, and authorizing other actions as necessary to effectuate the same. - Lonny Boring

Motion by Gov Jay Nixon, second by Chuck Gross.

Final Resolution: Do Pass previous roll

Aye: Bernie DuBray, Brian Phillips, Carol Klein, Chuck Gross, Emily Bernstein, Glenn Powers, Gov Jay Nixon, Lisa Suggs, McGraw Milhaven, Monica Huddleston, Robert Epstein

Not Present at Vote: Karlton Thornton

Action: F. That the Board adopt Resolution 2025.14 approving a Mutual Support Agreement with Brickline North Community Development Corporation in connection with the Brickline Greenway Equitable Economic Development Programming and authorizing other actions as necessary to effectuate the same. - T. Christopher Peoples

Motion by Monica Huddleston, second by Brian Phillips.

Final Resolution: Do Pass previous roll

Aye: Bernie DuBray, Brian Phillips, Carol Klein, Chuck Gross, Emily Bernstein, Glenn Powers, Gov Jay Nixon, Lisa Suggs, McGraw Milhaven, Monica Huddleston, Robert Epstein

Not Present at Vote: Karlton Thornton

Action: G. That the Board adopt Resolution 2025.15 approving a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program Grant Application with East-West Council of Governments in connection with Brickline Greenway and a pledge of local matching funds, subject to future appropriation, and authorizing other actions as necessary to effectuate the same. - Brian Stith

Motion by Chuck Gross, second by McGraw Milhaven.

Final Resolution: Do Pass

Aye: Bernie DuBray, Carol Klein, Chuck Gross, Emily Bernstein, Glenn Powers, Gov Jay Nixon, Karlton Thornton, Lisa Suggs, McGraw Milhaven, Monica Huddleston, Robert Epstein

Abstain: Brian Phillips

8. 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 Gov Jay Nixon, second by McGraw Milhaven.

Final Resolution: Do Pass

Aye: Bernie DuBray, Brian Phillips, Carol Klein, Chuck Gross, Emily Bernstein, Glenn Powers, Gov Jay Nixon, Lisa Suggs, McGraw Milhaven, Monica Huddleston, Robert Epstein

Not Present at Vote: Karlton Thornton

9. ADJOURNMENT

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Action: A.1 Reconvene to Open Session

Motion by Monica Huddleston, second by Gov Jay Nixon.

Final Resolution: Do Pass

Aye: Bernie DuBray, Brian Phillips, Carol Klein, Chuck Gross, Emily Bernstein, Glenn Powers, Gov Jay Nixon, Lisa Suggs, McGraw Milhaven, Monica Huddleston, Robert Epstein

Not Present at Vote: Karlton Thornton

Action: A.2 ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION (personnel actions under §610.021 (3))

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Motion by Monica Huddleston, second by Chuck Gross.

Final Resolution: Do Pass

Aye: Brian Phillips, Gov Jay Nixon, Monica Huddleston, Bernie DuBray, Lisa Suggs, Emily Bernstein, Glenn Powers, Chuck Gross, McGraw Milhaven, Rob Epstein, Carol Klein,

Not Present at Vote: Karlton Thornton

Action: A.3 Reconvene to Open Session

Motion by Rob Epstein, second by Chuck Gross.

Final Resolution: Do Pass

Aye: Bernie DuBray, Brian Phillips, Carol Klein, Chuck Gross, Emily Bernstein, Glenn Powers, Gov Jay Nixon, Lisa Suggs, McGraw Milhaven, Monica Huddleston, Robert Epstein

Not Present at Vote: Karlton Thornton

Action (Consent): B. ADJOURN THE MEETING

Action: A.1 Reconvene to Open Session

Motion by McGraw, second by Lisa Suggs.

Final Resolution: Do Pass

Aye: Bernie DuBray, Brian Phillips, Carol Klein, Chuck Gross, Emily Bernstein, Glenn Powers, Gov Jay Nixon, Lisa Suggs, McGraw Milhaven, Monica Huddleston, Robert Epstein

Not Present at Vote: Karlton Thornton