

Jesse Owens Park Board Meeting
December 8, 1994
4:30 p.m., Ag. Center, Moulton

Meeting was called to order.

James Pinion shared with the Board another drawing from Branko Medenica.

At the present time, the Park Board still has not heard from Dr. Leroy Walker in reference to using Olympic rings as part of the statue.

Some discussion was given to using replicas of the gold medals Jesse Owens' won on the statue instead of using the Olympic rings.

A motion was made by James Pinion and seconded by Marvin Fitzgerald to dispense of using the Olympic rings and use replicas of the gold medals Jesse Owens won as part of the statue. The group voted and motion carried.

A letter will be composed and sent to Branko asking him to develop a drawing using the four gold medals instead of the rings on the statue.

Branko Medenica will go to Chicago to talk with the Owens, family once the actual work begins on the statue.

James Pinion gave Board members a copy of minutes of the October 20, 1994 meeting. The minutes were read. He also informed and shared with the Board a letter that he had received from Mrs. Ruth Owens which addressed several points in the Jesse Owens Board Meeting Minutes of 10-20-94. The letter from Mrs. Owens was submitted as an addendum to the minutes of the October 20th meeting.

Amendments to the By-Laws were discussed and voted on which was the using of a tape recorder to record proceedings of board meetings and non-board members standing-in for Board Members.

A motion was made by Therman White and seconded by Janice White that board meeting proceedings would not be taped. The Board voted and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Therman White that a Non-Board Member cannot stand-in for or represent a Board member in their absence. The motion was seconded by Janice White. The Board voted and the motion carried.

Marvin Fitzgerald made a motion that if Board Members did not attend one out of 4 consecutive meetings, then the Board should look for replacements for that particular Board member.

Discussion was given to the motion. Motion died due to a lack of being seconded.

Therman White expressed concerns about fundraising activities. He suggested that plans for fundraising activities should come through the Board.

Rosemary Lewey suggested that a fundraising activity form be developed which would state the purpose of the money being raised, kind of activity, when, etc. The form would be filled out at least 30 days prior to the event taking place by the individual or group sponsoring the activity. The form would be submitted to the Board for them to review and make a decision on the activity.

Marvin also suggested that Board members get Board approval before any permanent work is done at the Park.

James Pinion expressed concern the Board was not aware of how much money or the purpose of the money being raised by the local fund raising committee headed by Gloria Fitzgerald. James suggested that the local fundraising committee send the money that had already been raised to the Jesse Owens Foundation or give it to the Park Board for the Board to use in the best interest of the Park.

Marvin Fitzgerald reminded the Board that money for the basket ball backboards for the Park came from the local fundraising group.

A motion was made by James Pinion and seconded by Marvin Fitzgerald to ask the local fundraising committee headed by Gloria Fitzgerald and Tommie Hollingsworth to turn in money that had been raised to the Park Board Committee. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Marvin Fitzgerald and seconded by Janice White that everyone including Board Members should get Board approval before any permanent work is done at the Park. The group was in consensus.

A motion was made by Rosemary Lewey and seconded by Janice White that a fundraising Activity Form be developed(which would state the kind of activity, purpose of money being raised, etc.) and submitted to the Board at least 30 days before event by groups or individuals conducting the event. The motion carried.

Rosemary Lewey was asked to help develop this form.

Marvin Fitzgerald discussed the voting on another Board Chairperson if the By-Laws are to be followed.

James Pinion reported that a \$40,000.00 grant had been received and that all in-kind work will have to be approved or disapproved by John Strickland.

Therman White made a motion that the Board get in touch with Ms. Rankin in Chicago to request scholarship applications from the Jesse Owens Foundation. Motion was seconded by Janice White. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.