

Minutes
GREENBELT DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
March 21, 2019

Board Members Present: Brodd, Hess, Holland, James, Jones, Seely, Skolnik and Watkins

Excused Absences:

Others in Attendance:

Eldon Ralph, General Manager
Tom Sporney, Assistant General Manager
Joe Perry, Director of Finance
Henry Haslinger, Audit Committee Member
Carol Griffith, Audit Committee Member
Emmett Jordan, Mayor City of Greenbelt
Anna Socrates
Kris White
Susan Harris
Alex Barnes
Diana McFadden
John Campanile
Ben Fischler
Monica Johnson, Recording Secretary

President Skolnik called the meeting to order at 7:46 p.m.

1. Approval of Agenda

Motion: To approve the agenda.

Moved: Hess

Seconded: James

Carried: 8-0

Socrates was unable to vote because she is not a GDC board member.

2. Visitors (Comment Period)

3. Item of Information

3a. Proposed Trimming and Removal of Trees to Facilitate Installation of Cooling Towers at 15-19 and 21-27 Parkway

In preparation for the upcoming replacement of the Parkway cooling towers in April, staff met with the installation contractor, and crane operator on site to discuss arrangements for removing the existing cooling towers and placing new cooling towers upon the rooftops of the buildings at 15-19 and 21-27 Parkway.

In order to facilitate the removal of the existing cooling tower and installation of a new cooling tower at 15-19 Parkway, an 8 ft. tall tree (Attachment #1.) must be removed. A replacement tree will be planted in the same location during the fall.

In order to facilitate the removal of the existing cooling tower and installation of a new cooling tower at 21-27 Parkway, several branches on a 40 ft. tall oak tree must be trimmed, as denoted in Attachment #2. The branches colored red must be removed. This tree is in decline and has been headed back over the years as the crown has died. Staff is currently seeking an opinion from an arborist about the prospects of the tree's survivability if the branches are removed. Based on the arborist's opinion, a decision will be made about whether to trim or remove this tree.

Motion: To adjourn.

Moved: Hess

Seconded: Holland

Carried: 8-0

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Ed James
Secretary