

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

In accord with the Statutes of the State of Illinois and the Ordinances of the City of Highland Park, a meeting of the Ravinia Festival Community Relations Commission of the City of Highland Park is scheduled to be held at the hour of 6:30 P.M., on Tuesday, March 11, 2014 in the Highland Park City Hall, 1707 St. Johns Avenue, Highland Park, Illinois, during which meeting it is anticipated that there will be a discussion of the following agenda:

City of Highland Park
Ravinia Festival Community Relations Commission
Tuesday, March 11, 2014
City Hall, 1707 St. Johns Avenue
6:30 P.M.

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Review and Approval of Minutes: October 8, 2013
- IV. Scheduled Business
 - A. Business from the Public
 - B. Committee Reports
 1. Ravinia Festival
 2. Transit
 3. Public Safety
 - a) Traffic Control Update
 - b) Crowd Control Update
 - c) Police Protection Update
 4. Parking Issues
- V. Other Business
 - A. Open Meetings Act Training for Commissioners
- VI. Adjournment

Posted at City Hall before 5:00 p.m. on March 5, 2014

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
RAVINIA FESTIVAL COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF
HIGHLAND PARK, ILLINOIS**

MEETING DATE: October 8, 2013

MEETING LOCATION: Pre-Session Room, City Hall 1707 St. Johns Avenue, Highland Park, IL

I. CALL TO ORDER

At 6:30 p.m. the Chairman called the meeting to order and asked the Staff Liaison to call the roll.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Chair Borden, Vice-Chair Newman, Choos, Smith, Sanders, Schmitz
Student Members Present: Deer, Karmin

Members Absent: Froy, Councilman Kaufman

The Staff Liaison declared that a quorum was present.

Staff Present: Sergeant Chris O'Neill, Commander Gerald (Jerry) Cameron, Chief Paul Shafer, Erwin Post and Andrea West Staff Liaison

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**A. MEETING OF THE RAVINIA FESTIVAL COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION
– March 12, 2013**

Commissioner Smith moved approval of the minutes of a special meeting of the Ravinia Festival Community Relations Commission held on March 12th 2013 as presented. Commissioner Choos seconded the motion.

On a voice vote, the Chairman declared that the motion passed unanimously.

IV. SCHEDULED BUSINESS

A. Business from the Public

Bernie Steves of 275 Leslee Lane, commented on the increasing area of gravel on the west lot causing dust and noise, and commented on the loss of mature trees to screen the area.

Commissioner Jim Schmitz noted that trees were lost to Ash/Elm Borer and there are no plans to replace the trees at this time due to the use of the property.

Lawrence Dunlap of 221 Blackhawk Road, noted that the City does have a requirement that the impervious surface ratio not be over 40%, and that gravel is an impervious surface.

Mr. Dunlop stated that the original gift of the land to Ravinia included the requirement that the land remain park-like. He felt that the Festival has not been caring for trees and greenery with this in mind. Mr. Dunlop has reported this issue to the City building inspectors and police. On a separate note, Mr. Dunlop stated that people were loading and unloading at Rambler and Blackhawk.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Ravinia Festival

Commissioner Pat Sanders summarized the previous season – the season started out cold and rainy but the weather improved as the season went on; over 600,000 people attended events at Ravinia during the 2013 summer season.

Noted as a potential problem spot at previous commission meetings, the nights in which the Highland Park Arts Festival and Ravinia operated were smooth and no parking or traffic issues were reported.

The Festival developed a emergency plan; an emergency drill was completed on August 29th. During the off season emergency exit lighting and new speaker systems were installed.

2. Transit

Lee Overhold reported that the season was good in a large part from the support of Ravinia staff.

3. Public Safety- Traffic Control, Crowd Control, Police Protection and Parking Updates

Commissioner Cameron reported that the police staffed 62 concert evenings with a share of challenges, but overall the new permit parking system was successful, traffic issues were low overall, and enforcement of underage drinking and alcohol in the right-of-way were a focus for enforcement.

D. OTHER BUSINESS

A) Budget

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairman entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Commissioner Smith moved to adjourn.
Commissioner Choos seconded the motion.

On a voice vote, the Chairman declared that the motion passed unanimously.

The Commission adjourned its meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Staff Liaison to the Commission

THE FOLLOWING IS TO BE COMPLETED AFTER THE MINUTES ARE APPROVED:

MINUTES APPROVED BY THE RAVINIA FESTIVAL COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION
ON ____ ____, 201_.

- WITH NO CORRECTIONS