



## Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2023

5:30 – 5:53 pm

**Present:** Commissioners Powers, Bird, Sokolowski, Gramann and Jeffery.  
Staff: Executive Director Rini, Directors Bachewicz, Hamilton, Quinn, and Scumaci, and Executive Assistant Greninger.

**Topic:** **Corporate Counsel Recommendation**

Commissioner Jeffery appreciated all of the comments submitted to the Board by the Committee. It was nice to be able to read everyone's comments.

Executive Director Rini agreed and stated that we can't go wrong with either firm.

Commissioner Gramann appreciated all of the time that the Committee put into this process.

Commissioner Jeffery stated that she feels that Derke Price from Ancel Glink would give us an honest answer and she liked that.

Commissioner Sokolowski was impressed by both firms; it was a tie. He noted Ancel Glink is more involved with IAPD. One of the questions Ancel Glink answered was about free speech and protests. They are looking into the future. Another question he asked was about our \$10,000 budget for legal services. He likes their answer when they said they want us to feel like we're their only client. They take pride in their work. Executive Director Rini added their reputation is important to them.

Commissioner Bird noted that either firm will provide better representation than what we have now. They have experience dealing with many situations. He added that the pricing structure is different for Park Districts. They understand our budget constraints.

Commission Powers said it's a toss-up. Both are reputable and knowledgeable, but he has been impressed with Ancel Glink's presentations at the State Conference and Legislative Conference.

Commissioner Gramann likes that they represent so many other Park Districts.

Director Hamilton said the mission of Ancel Glink is not to say no; they will find a way to let us do something within the parameters of the law.

Director Quinn noted that Derke and Erin from Ansel Glink complemented each other.

Commissioner Jeffery asked who will answer the phone when we call. Executive Director Rini said it will be Derke. He has been exceptionally responsive, usually within minutes, either by text, phone or email.

Commissioner Jeffery said they have already handled most types of agreements. Executive Director Rini agreed, adding they will not need to out-source issues that we bring to them.

Executive Director Rini noted they include client services training. We appoint the Corporate Counsel at our annual meeting, which begins here today at 6pm. If everyone is in agreement, we can appoint them tonight and invite Derke Price to attend the next meeting on June 10. Everyone was in agreement.

There being no further business to discuss, the committee meeting was adjourned at 7:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Sue Rini  
Executive Director, Secretary