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Ms. Dawn Nailor
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Re: Pre-Authorization Request – 2011 PAC 13617
FOIA Requester: [REDACTED]

Dear Ms. Nailor:

We have received and reviewed the written notice from the Winnebago Park District of its intention to deny disclosure of certain information contained in requested documents as exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(f) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). 5 ILCS 140/1 *et seq.*, as amended.

On April 13, 2011, [REDACTED] submitted a FOIA request to the District seeking “[REDACTED] Letter regarding, among other things, Baseball, Board Meetings, Emails, and Field Trips.”

In its written notice, the District asserts that the responsive document is protected from disclosure under Section 7(1)(f) of FOIA.

Determination

Section 7(1)(f) of FOIA exempts from inspection and copying “[p]reliminary drafts, notes, recommendations, memoranda and other records in which opinions are expressed, or policies or actions are formulated, except that a specific record or relevant portion of a record shall not be exempt when the record is publicly cited and identified by the head of the public body.”

The District’s use of the Section 7(1)(f) exemption with regard to the withheld document is **approved**. After review of the information provided, our office agrees that the withheld record is one in which opinions were expressed. Further, the District asserts that the document was discussed by the District Board during an Executive Session and has not been publicly cited by the head of the District. Accordingly, the District has met its initial burden of demonstrating that the withheld information is exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(f) of FOIA.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact our office at (877) 299-3642. This correspondence shall serve to close this matter.

Sincerely,

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