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Meeting Minutes - Draft BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

*Consider: Who benefits? Who is burdened?
Who does not have a voice at the table?
How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?*

Wednesday, April 3, 2024

6:30 PM

Parks Division Lakeside Offices
330 E Lakeside St

1 CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Parks Division Lakeside Offices at 6:30PM on Wednesday, April 3, 2024. President Harrington called the meeting to order at 6:39PM. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

Members Present: Moira Harrington; Catie McDonald; Chandra Miller Fienen; and Ben Williams.

Members Excused: Michelle Probst.

Members Absent: Ald. Yanette Figueroa Cole and Ald. Charles Myadze.

Parks Staff Present: Eric Knepp; Lisa Laschinger; CJ Ryan; Joanne Austin; Mike Sturm; Chad Hughes; Sarah Grimalkin; Adam Kaniewski; Kelly Post; Ann Freiwald; Tanya Zastrow; Samantha Peckham; and Dan Schuknecht.
City Staff Present: Katie Crawley, Mayor's Office.

2 [82576](#) Approval of the Minutes of the March 13, 2024 Board of Park Commissioners meeting.

Motion made by McDonald, seconded by Miller Fienen, to Approve the Minutes of the March 13, 2024 Board of Park Commissioners meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

3 [82578](#) Public Comment

There were no registrants for Public Comment.

4 DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

REPORTS**5 President of the Park Commission**

President Moira Harrington indicated that Vice President Chandra Miller Fienen is working on a survey for the Park Commission to evaluate process efficiencies.

Ben Williams shared an update on behalf of Madison Parks Foundation for a ribbon cutting ceremony planned for April 11, 2024 at 4PM to celebrate the new Futsal court at Penn Park and upcoming partnership with Forward Madison FC.

- 6** [82677](#) Approving Park Commission President Appointee and Resident Appointment to the Subcommittees of the Board of Park Commissioners
- Motion made by Miller Fienen, seconded by Williams, to **RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO CONFIRM UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULE 2.055**. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

7 Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Eric Knepp stated that the Veteran's Memorial event at Olbrich Park will be approved for 2024 only. Book written by Trish O'Kane was donated and given to Commissioners chair, and the books are to transfer to any other future Commissioners. Many park shelters hosted elections yesterday. Golf courses are open.

- 8** [82579](#) April 2024 Superintendent's Report

Alder Figueroa Cole arrived at 6:43 PM

Members Present: 5 - Ald. Yanette Figueroa Cole; Moira Harrington; Catie McDonald; Chandra Miller Fienen; and Ben Williams.

Members Excused: 1 - Michelle Probst.

Members Absent: 1 - Ald. Charles Myadze.

Operations Manager Chad Hughes presented the Operations quarterly report.

Alder Charles Myadze arrived at 6:58 PM

Members Present: 6 - Ald. Yanette Figueroa Cole; Moira Harrington; Catie McDonald; Chandra Miller Fienen; Ald. Charles Myadze; and Ben Williams.

Members Excused: 1 - Michelle Probst.

Motion made by Figueroa Cole, seconded by Williams, to **Accept the Minutes**.

Motion passed by voice vote/other.

- 9** [82580](#) Report of the Minutes of the February 29, 2024 Habitat Stewardship Subcommittee; March 18, 2024 Facilities, Programs and Fees Subcommittee; March 20, 2024 Parks Long Range Planning Subcommittee; and February 18, 2024 Olbrich Botanical Society meetings.

Motion made by McDonald, seconded by Figueroa Cole, to **Accept the Minutes**.

Motion passed by voice vote/other.

10 NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Figueroa Cole, seconded by McDonald, to Approve by Consent Agenda No. 11, Legislative File No. 82581; No. 12, Legislative File No. 82357; No. 13, Legislative File No. 82438; No. 14, Legislative File No. 82582; and No. 19, Legislative File No. 82672. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

11* [82581](#)

Board of Park Commissioners proclaiming June 1, 2024 as Nature Everywhere Day in the City of Madison

Motion made by Figueroa Cole, seconded by McDonald, to Approve by Consent. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

12* [82357](#)

Authorizing the approval of the Carts in Parks program as an ongoing program that offers opportunities for City licensed food carts & trucks to vend in Madison parks without requiring annual or daily vending permit fees.

Motion made by Figueroa Cole, seconded by McDonald, to Approve by Consent. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

13* [82438](#)

Authorizing the City's execution of a two-year lease agreement, with four subsequent two-year renewal terms, between the City of Madison and the Lake Monona Sailing Club, Inc., allowing for the placement of boat hoists and a pier within Olin-Turville Park, which facilities shall be available for public and commercial use, pursuant to the terms of the lease agreement. (District 13)

Motion made by Figueroa Cole, seconded by McDonald, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

14* [82582](#)

Request by Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center, Inc. to extend Madison Park hours for Fete de Marquette, to 11 PM, on Friday, July 12 & Saturday, July 13, 2023 at McPike Park, with amplification and beer sales ending at 10:45 PM.

Motion made by Figueroa Cole, seconded by McDonald, to Approve by Consent. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

15 [81653](#)

Adopting the Lake Monona Waterfront Master Plan (District 4, District 13, District 14)

Registrant Ed Freer was in support.

Landscape Architect Mike Sturm presented the Master Plan and answered questions.

Motion made by Miller Fienen, seconded by Figueroa Cole, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

- 16 [82676](#) Board of Park Commissioners Approving the Plant Collections Policy for Olbrich Botanical Gardens
- Dan Schuknecht and Samantha Peckham of Olbrich Botanical Gardens presented the policy. Olbrich Gardens Director Tanya Zastrow was available to answer questions.**
- Motion made by Miller Fienen, seconded by McDonald, to Approve the policy. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- 17 [82718](#) Informational update regarding Park Development Planning framework and process
- While Planning and Development Manager Ann Freiwald prepared for presenting a recess was called.**
- Recessed at 9:04 PM**
Members Present: 6 - Ald. Yanette Figueroa Cole; Moira Harrington; Catie McDonald; Chandra Miller Fienen; Ald. Charles Myadze; and Ben Williams.
Members Excused: 1 - Michelle Probst.
- Reconvened at 9:15 PM**
Members Present: 6 - Ald. Yanette Figueroa Cole; Moira Harrington; Catie McDonald; Chandra Miller Fienen; Ald. Charles Myadze; and Ben Williams.
Members Excused: 1 - Michelle Probst.
- Item was moved to the end of the Agenda at which time Freiwald presented the update.**
- 18 [82681](#) Adoption of Park Development Plans for twenty-three neighborhood and mini parks in the West Planning Area.
- Landscape Architect Sarah Grimalkin was available to answer questions.**
- Registered speaker Case Dorresteyn spoke in opposition.**
Registrant Rick Stark was in opposition.
Registered speaker Edward Hummel spoke in opposition.
- Motion made by Figueroa Cole, seconded by McDonald, to Approve the plans. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- 19* [82672](#) Adoption of Park Development Plans for seven neighborhood and mini parks in the Northeast Planning Area.
- Motion made by Figueroa Cole, seconded by McDonald, to Approve by Consent. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

20 [82673](#)

Informational presentation of the Olbrich Park - North Parcel Park Development Plan

Landscape Architect Adam Kaniewski provided an overview of the plan and was available to answer questions.

Registrant Nan Fey was neither in support nor opposition and was available to answer questions.

Registered speaker Lance Green of Friends of Starkweather Creek spoke neither in support nor opposition and spoke regarding the health of the creek, complimentary greenspace, and impact of proposed biking use.

Registered speaker Nicholas Davies was neither in support nor opposition and spoke about parking lots.

21 **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Figueroa Cole, seconded by McDonald, to Adjourn at 9:28 PM.
Motion passed by voice vote/other.