



# City of Madison

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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?*

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Wednesday, January 10, 2024

6:30 PM

Parks Division Lakeside Offices  
330 E. Lakeside St.

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### 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, January 10, 2024. President Harrington called the meeting to order at 6:33PM. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

**Members Present:** Ald. Yanette Figueroa Cole; Moira Harrington; Chandra Miller Fienen; Ald. Charles Myadze; and Michelle Probst.

**Members Excused:** Catie McDonald and Ben Williams.

**Parks Staff Present:** Eric Knepp; Lisa Laschinger; CJ Ryan; Joanne Austin; Chad Hughes; Greg Genin; Tanya Zastrow; and Megan McCrumb.

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Approval of the Minutes of the December 13, 2023 Board of Park Commissioners meeting.

Motion made by Myadze, seconded by Figueroa Cole, to Approve the Minutes of the December 13, 2023 Board of Park Commissioners meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

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Public Comment

There were no registrants for Public Comment.

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

### REPORTS

#### President of the Park Commission

President Moira Harrington and Parks Superintendent Eric Knepp recognized Emily Gnam for her 10 years of service on the Park Commission. Emily expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to serve and for her experience on the Commission.

**Superintendent's Report**

Knepp discussed Winter operations.

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January 2024 Superintendent's Report

**Olbrich Botanical Gardens Director Tanya Zastrow provided the Olbrich Gardens quarterly report and answered questions.**

**Motion made by Figueroa Cole, seconded by Miller Fienen, to Accept the Report. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

[81314](#)

Report of the Minutes of the November 19, 2023 Olbrich Botanical Society.

**Motion made by Myadze, seconded by Figueroa Cole to Accept the Minutes. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

[80988](#)

Commending and Recognizing Gregory "Greg" Genin, Parks Operations Manager with the City of Madison Parks Division, upon his retirement after over 5 years of dedicated service to the City of Madison Parks Division.

**Harrington read the proclamation recognizing Greg Genin for his service as Parks Operations Manager. Knepp thanked him for his service and presented him with a retirement sign.**

[81294](#)

Authorizing the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute an amendment to the agreement with Robert Krebs, d/b/a/ The Madison Sailing Center to expand the area of the sailboat storage area at Warner Park for the years of 2024-2026 (District 18).

**Assistant Superintendent CJ Ryan provided an overview of the amendment to the existing agreement.**

**Motion made by Figueroa Cole, seconded by Probst, to REFER TO LEAD WITH THE RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

[81287](#)

Approving request for annual disbursement of funds from Olin Trust for park beautification projects

**Assistant Superintendent Lisa Laschinger and Operations Manager Chad Hughes provided an overview of the financial report and beautification projects for 2023.**

**Motion made by Figueroa Cole, seconded by Miller Fienen, to Approve the Request. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

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Informational presentation regarding current Land Management and Sustainability initiatives by the Parks Division

**Hughes and Parks Ecology Lead Worker Megan McCrumb provided an**

informational presentation regarding current land management practices and initiatives. Both were available to answer questions.

[81449](#)

Authorizing the execution of a Purchase and Sale Agreement between the City of Madison and the Estate of Francis J. Muzik Jr. for the City's acquisition of the property located at 346 E. Lakeside Street for assemblage with Olin Park. (District 13)

Alder Figueroa Cole left at 8:20 PM.

**Members Present: 5 – Moira Harrington; Ald. Charles Myadze; Chandra Miller Fienen; and Michelle Probst.**

**Members Excused: 3 - Ald. Yanette Figueroa Cole; Catie McDonald; and Ben Williams.**

**Laschinger provided an overview of the acquisition. Motion made by Myadze, seconded by Miller Fienen, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

[81375](#)

Authorizing the execution of a Purchase and Sale Agreement between the City of Madison and Karen L. Chrostowski for the City's acquisition of the properties located at 2248, 2250 and 2256 Roth Street, located in the City of Madison. (District 12)

Laschinger and Knepp provided an overview of the acquisition.

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

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Annual Statement of Interest Due

**All members of the Park Commission have submitted their Statement of Interests.**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion made by Probst, seconded by Miller Fienen, to Adjourn at 8:31 PM. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**