



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Approved BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

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Wednesday, July 12, 2017

6:30 PM

Goodman Maintenance Facility  
1402 Wingra Creek Pkwy

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Madison Board of Park Commissioners was held at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, July 12, 2017 at the Goodman Maintenance Facility. President Wallner called the meeting to order at 6:37 PM. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

**Members Present:** Ald. Samba Baldeh; Emily Gnam; Madelyn Leopold; Nancy Ragland; David Wallner; and Venus Washington.

**Members Excused:** Ald. Maurice Cheeks.

**Parks Staff Present:** Eric Knepp; Kay Rutledge; Charlie Romines; Janet Schmidt; and Joanne Austin.

**City Staff Present:** Katie Crawley, Mayor's Office; Dan Rolfs, City Real Estate; Dan McAuliffe, Rick Roll, Angela Puerta, and Linda Horvath, City Planning; and Norm Davis and Toriana Pettaway, Department of Civil Rights.

Ald. Cheeks arrived at 6:38 PM.

**Members Present:** 7 – Ald. Samba Baldeh; Ald. Maurice Cheeks; Emily Gnam; Madelyn Leopold; Nancy Ragland; David Wallner; and Venus Washington.

### ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

[48094](#)

Election for the President of the Board of Park Commissioners.

**Motion made by Baldeh, seconded by Ragland, to Re-elect David Wallner as the Park Commission president for one year. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

### ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT

[48095](#)

Election for the Vice President of the Park Commission.

**Motion made by Ragland, seconded by Gnam, to Re-elect Madelyn Leopold as the Vice President of the Park Commission. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion made by Baldeh, seconded by Cheeks, to Approve the Minutes of the June 14, 2017 Special Joint Meeting with the Olbrich Botanical Society and the June 14, 2017 Board of Park Commissioners meeting.

Motion passed by the following vote.

Approve - Baldeh; Cheeks; Leopold; Ragland; Wallner; and Washington.  
Abstain - Gnam

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Registered Speaker Ronald Arm spoke about the Park's pesticide policy.  
Registered Speaker Tim Wagner spoke about the Biergarten in Olbrich Park.  
Registered Speaker Carl Landsness spoke about various items.

**DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS**

None.

**REPORTS**

President of the Park Commission

President David Wallner toured facilities, including touring Marshall Boats, the Biergarten at Olbrich Park, and Rutabaga. He also attended the Blues Festival and the Juneteenth celebration. The Park and Open Space Plan, Adopt Ice program, and hammocking in parks were discussed at the last Long Range Planning Subcommittee meeting.

**47923**

Park Commission President Appointments to Subcommittees of the Board of Park Commissioners

**A motion was made by Gnam, seconded by Baldeh, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES 2.04, 2.05, 2.24, & 2.25 - MISC. ITEMS. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

**48109**

Commending Alder Mark Clear for his service on the Board of Park Commissioners

**Motion made by Cheeks, seconded by Gnam, to Refer the item to the next Park Commission meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

## Superintendent of Parks

Sunday, July, 16 is Ride the Drive. The event was altered due to construction on the square as well as change in funding. Collaborating with the Library for ANJI play in several parks. New entry level park worker positions created are working well. A diverse group was hired. Just hired our first female arborist. Working on a plan for Executive Director of the Parks Foundation, Stephanie Franklin, to attend a meeting to update the Commission on their activities. Alder Mark Clear was unable to attend tonight so Agenda Item 9 will be referred to the September meeting. A park tour/ retreat will be held for the August meeting.

[47940](#)

Superintendent's July 2017 Report

**Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Washington, to Accept the Report.  
Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

[47954](#)

Report of Subcommittee Minutes of the April 20, 2017 Long Range Planning Subcommittee.

**Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Gnam, to Accept the Report. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Cheeks, to Approve by Consent Agenda No. 15, Legislative File No. 47942; No. 16, Legislative File No. 47596; No. 17, Legislative File No. 47930; No. 18, Legislative File No. 47615; No. 19, Legislative File No. 47628; No. 20, Legislative File No. 47945; No. 25, Legislative 47689; and No. 28, Legislative File No. 47937. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

[47942](#)

Request from the Building and Construction Trades Council of South Central Wisconsin to install an accessible fishing pier at Vilas Park.

**Registered Speaker Dave Branson of Building Trades Council registered in support.**

**Registered Speaker Ron Hanko registered in support.**

**Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Cheeks, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

[47596](#)

Authorizing the use of up to \$145,880 of CDBG funds to implement three neighborhood improvement projects which address objectives identified in the Emerson East-Eken Park-Yahara River Neighborhood Plan and authorizing the Mayor and the City Clerk to enter into agreements with agencies to implement the projects.

**Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Cheeks, to RETURN TO LEAD WITH THE RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

[47930](#) Temporary Land Use Agreement- Request from Early Childhood Learning Center, Inc. for temporary use of Hughes Open Space for parking and drop off during the Hughes Place Storm Sewer Relief construction project.

**Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Cheeks, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

[47615](#) Authorizing the grant of an Overhead and Underground Electric Easement to Madison Gas and Electric Company across a portion of Henry Vilas Zoo, located at 702 South Randall Avenue.

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

[47628](#) Authorizing the acceptance of ownership from the Sheridan Triangle Neighborhood Association of a "Little Free Library" located within the right of way adjacent to Sheridan Triangle Park at 1301 Farragut Street.

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

[47945](#) Temporary Land Use Permit- Request from Strike USA for temporary access within Door Creek Park to complete pipeline safety integrity inspections for ANR Pipeline company (subsidiary of TransCanada Pipelines).

**Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Cheeks, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

[47689](#) Establishing an Urban Forestry Taskforce to make recommendations to the Mayor and the Common Council regarding the promotion of a vibrant, healthy and sustainable urban forest and tree canopy.

**Registered Speaker Marsha Rummel spoke in support.**

**Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Cheeks, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the SUSTAINABLE MADISON COMMITTEE. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

[47937](#) Request from Connecting Children to Nature and Dane Arts Mural Arts to Install a Mural at the Warner Park Community Recreation Center in Warner Park.

**Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Cheeks, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

[47941](#) Dogs in Parks Update

**Parks Planning and Development Manager Janet Schmidt presented the update.**

**Registered Speaker Barbara Gilligan spoke in opposition.  
Registered Speaker Judi Cline registered in opposition.**

[47681](#)

Adopting the High Point-Raymond Neighborhood Development Plan amendment as a supplement to the City of Madison Comprehensive Plan, to provide more detailed and contemporary planning recommendations for the planning area, as a result of land use, transportation and other important changes over time.

Approve with Following Recommendations:

Page 9 - Old Mid Town Road. Replace paragraph with the following:

"Mid Town Road between Marty Road and Gammon Road is shown to be vacated in the 1997 plan, leaving an uninterrupted open space between Elver Park and Raymond Road. If both the north and south sides of Mid Town Road are used for park purposes, the vacation or removal of Mid Town Road should be considered to provide a continuous recreational space. The park planning process should determine if the existing road is necessary as it could potentially bisect use areas and may introduce cut through traffic, conflict zones with park users, and potential safety concerns. If the open space south of Mid Town Road is not used for park purposes, a southern access to the park as provided by the existing road may be beneficial."

The Park Commission does not support the extension of Jeffy Trail.

Roll Call Vote: 6:1 Ayes - Cheeks, Gnam, Wallner, Ragland, Washington, Leopold; No - Baldeh

**Registered Speaker Kathy Schappe registered in opposition.**

**Registered Speaker Rod Hagan spoke.**

**Registered Speaker Galen Metz registered in opposition to the Jeffy Trail Extension.**

**Registered Speaker Brad Mullins spoke in support.**

**Registered Speaker David Handowski spoke in support.**

**Registered Speaker Susan Zitnak registered in opposition.**

**Registered Speaker Dennis Zitnak spoke in opposition.**

**Registered Speaker Carrie Molke spoke in opposition.**

**Registered Speaker Joe Molke registered in opposition.**

**Registered Speaker Don Marx spoke in opposition to the Jeffy Trail Extension.**

**Alder Barbara McKinney spoke regarding the plan amendment.**

**Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Ragland, to include the staff comment with the recommendation.**

**A motion was made by Leopold, seconded by Ragland, to Return to Lead with the Following Recommendation(s) to the PLAN COMMISSION:**

**Page 9 – Old Mid Town Road. Replace paragraph with the following:**

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**The Park Commission does not support the extension of Jeffy Trail.**

The motion passed by the following vote:

**Motion made by Cheeks, seconded by Ragland, to Recess. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

**Meeting Recessed at 9:17 PM.**

**Members Present: 7 – Ald. Baldeh; Ald. Cheeks; Gnam; Leopold; Ragland; Wallner; and Washington.**

**Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Ragland, to Reconvene. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

**Meeting Reconvened at 9:30 PM.**

**Members Present: 7 – Ald. Baldeh; Ald. Cheeks; Gnam; Leopold; Ragland; Wallner; and Washington.**

[47598](#)

Request from Questival LLC for the use of Warner Park for the Cotopaxi Questival on Friday, September 8, 2017.

**Jillian Becker of Questival, LLC provided an overview of the event by phone and answered questions.**

**Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Gnam, to Approve the event. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

[47921](#)

Authorizing the City to Execute a Joint Use Agreement with Madison Metropolitan School District (MMSD) for limited public access to the Emerson Elementary School's active use area.

**Knepp presented an overview of the agreement.**

**Motion made by Ragland, seconded by Gnam, to RETURN TO LEAD WITH THE RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

**47509**

Adopting the Darbo-Worthington-Starkweather Neighborhood Plan as a Supplement to the City of Madison Comprehensive Plan.

1. Recommend adding language that would consider the property adjacent to Olbrich Park as potential park land expansion (property bounded by Olbrich Park, Starkweather Creek, the railroad and Fair Oaks Avenue).
2. The community garden location in OB Sherry Park is shown in a flood plain and may not be feasible as shown in the plan. Any requests for community gardens on parkland would be coordinated by Community Ground Works and reviewed by the Parks Division and Board of Park Commissioners .
3. Any proposed improvements to specific parks identified in the plan would typically go through a separate park planning process and neighborhood engagement/public input meeting(s) prior to implementation. If the proposed improvements require a change to the park master plan, a master plan amendment requires Board of Park Commissioners approval.

**Angela Puerta and Linda Horvath of City Planning presented the Neighborhood Plan.**

**Registered Speaker Carl Landsness spoke.**

**Registered Speaker Ald. Marsha Rummel spoke in support.**

**A motion was made by Gnam, seconded by Leopold, to Return to Lead with the Following Recommendation(s) to the PLAN COMMISSION.**

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2. The community garden location in OB Sherry Park is shown in a flood plain and may not be feasible as shown in the plan. Any requests for community gardens on parkland would be coordinated by Community Ground Works and reviewed by the Parks Division and Board of Park Commissioners.
3. Any proposed improvements to specific parks identified in the plan would typically go through a separate park planning process and neighborhood engagement/public input meeting(s) prior to implementation. If the proposed improvements require a change to the park master plan, a master plan amendment requires Board of Park Commissioners approval.

**Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

**47932**

Request from Stop the Violence for the use of eight parks for All Lives Matter BBQs on Saturdays, July 15-Aug 26 and Monday, Sept 4, 2017 (Brittingham, Elvehjem, Demetral, Garner, Rennebohm, Westmorland, Hoyt and Elver).

**Alder Barbara McKinney spoke regarding the event.**

**Motion made by Gnam, seconded by Leopold, to Approve the events. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

**47935**

Request from PEDOGA for the use of Central Park for Next Level Artists Showcase Saturday, August 12, 2017 (rain date Sunday, August 13).

**Arnold C. Gaines withdrew his request to hold the event.**

[47680](#)

Authorizing amendments to the land contracts entered into between the City of Madison and Madison Ice Hartmeyer, LLC and Madison Ice MIA LLC for the purchase of the Hartmeyer and Madison Ice Arenas and reimbursement of expenses for improvements at Hartmeyer.

**Registered Speaker Dan O'Connell of Madison Ice, Inc. spoke in support.**

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



**47683**

Authorizing a license between the City and Homburg Contractors, Inc. to deposit up to nine thousand (9,000) cubic yards of top soil on the "North Plat" in Olbrich Park, as a part of the redevelopment of the Garver Feed Mill.

Motion passed by the following vote.

Approve - Baldeh; Cheeks; Gnam; Leopold; Wallner; and Washington.

Oppose - Ragland.

**Dan Rolfs of City Real Estate presented an update on the Garver project.**

**Registered Speaker Carl Landsness spoke.**

**Motion made by Gnam, seconded by Leopold, to RETURN TO LEAD WITH THE RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. Motion passed by the following vote.**

**Approve - Baldeh; Cheeks; Gnam; Leopold; Wallner; and Washington.**

**Oppose - Ragland.**

**47354**

SUBSTITUTE - Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a Development Agreement with Garver Feed Mill, LLC to facilitate the redevelopment of the Garver Feed Mill, located at 109 South Fair Oaks Ave, authorizing a grant of up to \$1,825,000, and amending the 2017 Adopted Parks Capital Budget to appropriate \$1,600,000 in additional general obligation borrowing for remediation, site restoration and other necessary associated costs to complete the project~~authorizing a budget amendment for remediation and site restoration associated with the redevelopment.~~

**Dan Rolfs of City Real Estate presented an update on the Garver project.**

**Alder Marsha Rummel spoke in support.**

**Alder David Ahrens spoke in opposition.**

**Registered Speaker Bryant Moroder of Baum Revision spoke in support.**

**Motion made by Gnam, seconded by Leopold, to RETURN TO LEAD WITH THE RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. Motion passed by the following vote.**

**Approve - Baldeh; Cheeks; Gnam; Leopold; Wallner; and Washington.**

**Oppose - Ragland.**

## ADJOURNMENT

**Motion made by Baldeh, seconded by Cheeks, to Adjourn at 11:57 PM. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**