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Meeting Minutes - Approved BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, July 11, 2018

6:30 PM

Goodman Maintenance Facility
1402 Wingra Creek Pkwy.

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, July 11, 2018 at Goodman Maintenance Facility. President Leopold called the meeting to order at 6:36 PM. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

Members Present: Ald. Samba Baldeh; Ald. Maurice Cheeks; Emily Gnam; Moira Harrington; Madelyn Leopold; and Nancy Ragland.

Members Absent: Venus Washington.

Parks Staff Present: Kay Rutledge; Joanne Austin; Ann Freiwald; Claire Oleksiak; and Sarah Lerner.

City Staff Present: Katie Crawley, Mayor's Office; Janet Schmidt and Chris Petykowski, City Engineering; and Karin Wolf, City Planning.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Baldeh, seconded by Harrington, to Approve the Minutes of the June 13, 2018 Board of Park Commissioners meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Registered speaker Shirley Dettmann spoke in opposition of the elimination of the Olin Park pontoon boat rides through MSCR.

Venus Washington arrived at 6:45 PM.

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

Registered speaker Connie Kinselth spoke in support of more off-leash dog parks on the eastside.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

REPORTS

President of the Park Commission

President Madelyn Leopold reported that the Facilities, Programs, and Fees Subcommittee may begin to meet actively again. She requested that members report back on the subcommittee meetings they attend. The August Board of Park Commissioners meeting has been cancelled.

[51846](#) Park Commission President Board Member Appointments to Subcommittees of the Board of Park Commissioners.

Motion made by Baldeh, seconded by Ragland, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO CONFIRM UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES 2.04, 2.05, 2.24, & 2.25 - MISC. ITEMS. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

Superintendent of Parks

Assistant Superintendent Kay Rutledge reported that the latest version of the Out and About newsletter has been released. July is National Parks and Recreation Month, and Madison has been working to publicize its park events, including the upcoming festival season. The Superintendent's report will continue to be transitioned into a quarterly format. Planning and Development Manager Ann Freiwald introduced herself to the Park Commissioners.

[52367](#) Superintendent's July 2018 Report

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

[52362](#) Report of Subcommittee Minutes of the January 4 and April 26, 2018 Golf Subcommittee; February 13, 2018 Habitat Stewardship Subcommittee; June 25 and July 2, 2018 Parks Long Range Planning Subcommittee; and April 17 and May 15, 2018 Olbrich Botanical Society.

Motion made by Baldeh, seconded by Harrington, to Accept the Minutes. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Ragland, seconded by Baldeh, to Approve by Consent Agenda No. 11, Legislative File No. 52328; No. 12, Legislative File No. 52223; No. 13, Legislative File No. 52161; and No. 14, Legislative File No. 52168. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[52328](#) Request from Madison Area Down Syndrome Society for the use of Olin Park for the Down Syndrome Awareness Walk on Sunday, September 16, 2018, from 11 am-2 pm.

Registrant Elizabeth Kaiser of Madison Area Down Syndrome Society was in support of the request.

Motion made by Ragland, seconded by Baldeh, to Approve the request. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

52223

Request from Asha for Education, Madison Chapter, for the use of Rennebohm Park for Asha India Fair on Saturday, August 26, 2018, from 11 am-3 pm.

Assistant Superintendent Kay Rutledge noted that August 26th is a Sunday, not a Saturday, and the item would reflect this change.

Registered Speaker Gulprelt Kaur was in support and available to answer questions.

Motion made by Ragland, seconded by Baldeh, to Approve the request as noted. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

52161

Request from City Engineering for a Temporary Limited Easement in Quaker Park for the Buckeye Road Reconstruction

Motion made by Ragland, seconded by Baldeh, to Approve the Request. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

52168

Request from City Engineering for a Temporary Limited Easement in Tenney Park for the East Johnson Reconstruction

Motion made by Ragland, seconded by Baldeh, to Approve the Request. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

52327

Request from Mad-City Ski Team, Inc. for temporary use of Warner Park to conduct water ski practice and shows on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays from 5:00 PM until dusk until October 1, 2018.

Registered speaker Michael Nowicki of Mad-City Ski spoke in support of the request.

Community Services Manager Claire Oleksiak provided an overview of the request.

Motion made by Baldeh, seconded by Cheeks, to limit the use to 9 PM and only when a "No Wake" rule is in effect for Lake Monona. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

52324

Request from Reebok & Brittingham Boats, LLC for the use of Olin and Brittingham Parks for the Reebok FitBarge. The organizer is requesting to launch on July 24th and remove the barge on Aug. 8th at the Olin Boat Launch. They are requesting the use of Olin and Brittingham Parks to shuttle people from the parks to the FitBarge from 6am to 8:30pm, July 27th through August 6th; with daily events with amplification at Brittingham Park. Application also includes request to have people in Brittingham Park until 11:30pm on Saturday, August 4 for boats/paddlers returning from movie event on FitBarge.

Registered speaker Tyler Leeper of Brittingham Boats spoke in support. Registered speakers Kristin Fortin, Matthew Powell, and Kelly Early of Reebok spoke in support and provided a handout.

Motion made by Baldeh, seconded by Gnam, to Amend the request and limit park use to 11 PM. Motion passed with the following vote:

**Approve - Baldeh; Cheeks; Gnam; Harrington; Leopold; and Washington.
Opposes - Ragland.**

Motion made by Baldeh, seconded by Harrington, to Approve the amended motion. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

52326

Request from CrossFit Inc., for use of the Goodman Pool in support of the CrossFit Games on Wednesday, August 1, 2018 from 6:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Goodman Pool will be closed to the public.

Registered speaker Jamie Patrick of Madison Area Sports Commission spoke in support.

Claire Oleksiak provided an overview of the request.

Motion made by Baldeh, seconded by Gnam, to Approve the request. There was further discussion regarding the request.

Motion failed by the following vote:

Oppose - Baldeh; Cheeks; Gnam; Harrington; Leopold; Ragland; and Washington.

52354

Atwood Avenue reconstruction from Fair Oaks Ave to Cottage Grove Rd.

Chris Petykowski of City Engineering presented the project.

City Parks Planning and Development Manager Ann Freiwald provided staff recommendations.

Motion made by Baldeh, seconded by Cheeks, to approve the Atwood Avenue reconstruction project with the following recommendations:

1. Relocate the bike path along Lakeview Avenue and not through the park west of Starkweather Creek.
2. Potentially eliminate the parking along the south side of Atwood Avenue, shift the sidewalk north of the bike path, and provide terrace space to separate the road from the sidewalk/bikepath.
3. Provide marked separated sidewalk & bike crossing of Starkweather Creek on the south side of Atwood to avoid pedestrian conflicts with the bike path.
4. The bike path shown on the northern side of Atwood should be a wider concrete sidewalk instead of a bikepath.
5. Provide a bus stop location along the north side of Atwood just west of Walter Street.

Motion passed by voice vote/other.

52352

Stormwater Improvements in Glenwood Park

Registered speaker Simon Widstrand spoke in support.

Registered speaker Peter Nause of Dudgeon Monroe Neighborhood Association spoke in support.

Janet Schmidt of City Engineering presented the project.

Motion made by Gnam, seconded by Washington, to Approve the project.

Motion passed by voice vote/other.

52353

North Star Park Master Plan Amendment

Registered speaker John Tuohy of North Star Neighborhood Association spoke in support and provided a handout.

Parks Landscape Architect Sarah Lerner presented the Master Plan Amendment.

Motion made by Baldeh, seconded by Harrington, to Approve the plan. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[52355](#)

Harnack Memorial at Marshall Park

Registered speaker Frank Alfano spoke in support of the request.

Karin Wolf of City Planning presented the request.

Motion made by Baldeh, seconded by Harrington, to Approve the installation of the Harnack Memorial contingent upon Parks staff approval. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[52346](#)

McKenna Blvd and Elver Park Flood Mitigation

Janet Schmidt, City Engineering, presented the plan.

Motion made by Ragland, seconded by Washington, to Refer this item to the next BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[43127](#)

2018-2023 Park and Open Space Plan

Motion made by Ragland, seconded by Gnam, to Refer this item to the next BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Cheeks, seconded by Washington, to Adjourn at 10:15 PM.
Motion passed by voice vote/other.