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Meeting Minutes - Approved BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, April 13, 2016

6:30 PM

Olbrich Botanical Gardens
3330 Atwood Ave.

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Madison Board of Park Commissioners was held at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, April 13, 2016 at Olbrich Botanical Gardens. 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; Ald. Mark Clear; Emily Gnam; Madelyn Leopold; Jeffrey Lewis; Nancy Ragland; and David Wallner.

Parks Staff Present: Eric Knepp; Kay Rutledge; Charlie Romines; Claire Oleksiak; Joanne Austin; Ann Shea; and Roberta Sladky.

City Staff Present: Katie Crawley and Mark Woulf, Mayor's Office.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Clear, seconded by Gnam, to Approve the Minutes of the March 8, 2016 Board of Park Commissioners meeting as Amended and change the spelling of the Registered Speaker for item 41789 from Karen Von Hueme to Karen Von Huene. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no registrants for Public Comment.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

REPORTS

President of the Park Commission

President Wallner attended Springfest at the Warner Park Community Recreation Center and congratulated Jacob Tissue on its success. He went on a tour of Tenney Park given by Landscape Architect Sarah Lerner to see improvements including the shorelines. The Long Range Planning Subcommittee is working on the policy regarding dogs in parks. Leopold said there's a lot still to do, but progress is being made. Wallner also attended a meeting with Assistant Superintendent Charlie Romines and Parks Community Services Manager Claire Oleksiak regarding beer gardens in parks.

Superintendent of Parks

Parks Superintendent Eric Knepp stated almost all of the central office staff are back in our regular office. Other agencies were very helpful during our displacement. We're prepping for Spring events, the pool and splash park openings, and the new Elver Park community festival. Splash parks will now open at 10 AM instead of 11 AM. The Capital Budget is due in May and the Operating Budget is due in July. The dog pilot program will be discussed at the next meeting. Projects website is live and we believe it will be valuable to the public. Leopold noted that there are a lot of playground replacement meetings. She was interested in the attendance and would like that information added to the report. The Earth Day Clean-Up Day is on Sunday, April 24th. There will be three tree plantings and 30 parks will be part of the clean-up. Wallner asked for an update on the Garver Feed Mill. Assistant Parks Superintendent Kay Rutledge stated Baum is submitting to the Urban Design Commission today; the updated site plan has not been received yet. Wallner asked for an update on the acoustics problem at the John Wall Family Pavilion at Tenney Park; the pavilion is a polling place and again this year there was a complaint about the level of noise. Rutledge stated this is under review as we consider potential projects for the Capital Budget.

42433

Superintendent's April 2016 Report

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

42331

Report of the Subcommittee Minutes of the December 3, 2015 Warner Park Community Recreation Center Subcommittee and of the January 26, 2016 Parks Long Range Planning Subcommittee.

Registered Speaker Marian Celesnik asked questions about the Warner Park Community Recreation Center Advisory Subcommittee Minutes.

Lewis commended Jacob Tissue's management of the Warner Park Community Recreation Center and the positive results. Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Clear, to Accept the Minutes. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Ragland, seconded by Clear, to Approve by Consent Agenda No. 12, Legislative File No. 42315; No. 15, Legislative File No. 42220; No. 16, Legislative File No. 42224; No. 17, Legislative File No. 42214; No. 18, Legislative File No. 42139; and No. 19, Legislative File No. 42269. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

42315

Request to close Olbrich Botanical Gardens to the public from 8 am - 8 pm on June 18, 2016 for Rhapsody in Bloom, to close to the public at 6 pm on Thursdays through Saturdays from August 26 through September 30, 2016 for GLEAM, Art in a New Light, and to install ten (10) bonfires on the Great Lawn on September 30 from 7 pm -10 pm for CRACKLE, Fire & Froth.

Motion made by Ragland, seconded by Clear, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[42220](#)

Authorizing the City to execute an agreement with Warner Park Cardinals Youth Football Program, Inc. to store youth football equipment and distribute equipment and uniforms at the Warner Stadium at the beginning of each season and throughout the season as needed for the years of 2016-2018.

Registered Speaker Jon Schwichtenberg, Warner Park Youth Football, was available to answer questions.

Motion made by Clear, seconded by Ragland, to RETURN TO LEAD WITH RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL TO THE BOARD OF ESTIMATES. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[42224](#)

Authorizing the City to execute a use agreement with Golf Revolution LLC to make it the preferred golf instruction provider at the City golf courses for 2016-2020 and authorizing City golf staff to conduct private lessons at City golf courses while not on-duty.

Motion made by Clear, seconded by Ragland, to RETURN TO LEAD WITH RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL TO THE BOARD OF ESTIMATES. Motion passed by voice vote/other on the substitute resolution.

[42214](#)

Authorizing the City to execute an agreement with Mad-City Ski Team, Inc. to use portions of Law Park and the adjacent Lake Monona lake bed for water ski shows, practices, lessons and other special events for the years of 2016-2019.

Registered Speaker Mike Nowicki registered in Support.

Motion made by Clear, seconded by Ragland, to RETURN TO LEAD WITH RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL TO THE BOARD OF ESTIMATES. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[42139](#)

Proclaiming the week of April 24 through April 30, 2016 as Arbor Week in the City of Madison.

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

[42269](#)

Authorizing the Mayor and the City Clerk to enter into a contract with Blue Plate Catering, Inc. for exclusive alcohol beverage services at Warner Park Community Recreation Center and Olbrich Botanical Gardens from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018, with the possibility of two successive two-year renewal terms.

Motion made by Clear, seconded by Ragland, to RETURN TO LEAD WITH RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL TO THE BOARD OF ESTIMATES. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[42406](#)

Temporary Science Exhibit in Rennebohm Park

Registered Speaker Nick Schweitzer spoke about the project.

Motion made by Clear, seconded by Gnam, to commend Nick Schweitzer for his work in parks. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[42391](#)

Presentation by Eastside Farmers Market regarding moving to Central Park in 2016.

Registered Speaker Mary White of the Eastside Farmers' Market spoke in favor of the market and presented two handouts.

[42079](#)

SUBSTITUTE - Directing city staff to explore land options in the University Hill Farms Neighborhood and nearby areas for potential **additional** gardening space lost in the Hill Farms state redevelopment on Sheboygan Avenue.

Mark Woulf, Mayor's Office, provided an overview of the project and the changes to the resolution recommended by the Community Gardens Committee.

Registered Speakers Nan Fey, Chair of the Community Gardens Committee, Cindy Statz of Sheboygan Avenue Community Garden, and Pat Soderholm registered in Support.

Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Clear, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the MADISON FOOD POLICY COUNCIL as Amended by the Community Gardens Committee. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[42219](#)

Authorizing the City to execute an agreement with The Madison Sailing Center for use of the sailboat storage area at Warner Park and to conduct rental, instructional and concession activities for the years of 2016-2021.

Community Services Manager Claire Oleksiak spoke about the agreement.

Registered Speaker Robert Krebs, Madison Sailing Center, answered questions and registered in Support.

Motion made by Clear, seconded by Ragland, to RETURN TO LEAD WITH RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL TO THE BOARD OF ESTIMATES. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[42281](#)

Amending the 2016 Capital Budget for the Parks Division to increase budget authority to accommodate a 2016 start for the Olbrich Botanical Complex project.

Knepp spoke regarding the project.

Registered Speaker Dick Wagner, Olbrich Botanical Society, answered questions.

Motion made by Clear, seconded by Ragland, to RETURN TO LEAD WITH RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL TO THE BOARD OF ESTIMATES. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[42277](#)

Amending the 2016 Capital Budget for the Parks Division to increase budget authority to accommodate anticipated park development for the new neighborhood park in the Allied Neighborhood.

Rutledge spoke regarding the project.

Motion made by Clear, seconded by Ragland, to RETURN TO LEAD WITH RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL TO THE BOARD OF ESTIMATES. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Clear, seconded by Leopold, to Adjourn at 8:11 PM. Motion passed by voice vote/other.