



City of Madison

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Meeting Minutes - Approved BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, June 10, 2020

6:30 PM

Via Virtual Meeting

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held via Virtual Meeting at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, June 10, 2020. President Gnam called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

Members Present: Emily Gnam; Moira Harrington; Ald. Zachary Henak; Madelyn Leopold; Al Martin; Ald. Paul Skidmore; and Venus Washington.

Parks Staff Present: Eric Knepp; Lisa Laschinger; Joanne Austin; Ann Freiwald; Ann Shea; and Sarah Lerner.

City Staff Present: Dan McAuliffe, Heather Stouder, William Fruhling, and Greg Fries, City Planning and Katie Crawley, Mayor's Office.

Alders Present: Syed Abbas.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Harrington, to Approve the Minutes of the May 13, 2020 Board of Park Commissioners meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Registered speaker Nicholas Christianson spoke about the Dog Wash.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

REPORTS

President of the Park Commission

President Emily Gnam reported that she is reviewing the policies and procedures of the Board of Park Commissioners. A draft will be sent to the commissioners and it will likely be on the July agenda. The Parks Long Range Planning Subcommittee may be assisting with future items. Gnam will be contacting members in the coming weeks to discuss subcommittee appointments.

Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Eric Knepp reported that there have been many staffing and operational changes due to COVID-19. The Parks Division has limited capacity to provide standard services and staffing resources have made it challenging to reopen amenities which are now allowed under Forward Dane. The Mayor's Office has given permission for 100 positions to be filled. These will be mainly distributed across maintenance, golf, and aquatics. This will bring Parks up to roughly 85% of full staffing. Unfortunately, many regular seasonal staff who had planned to return are now unable to.

Tennis and pickleball courts are open and the majority of basketball hoops are back up. Volleyball nets will be installed soon. The beaches are open with daily testing and intermittent cleaning, but there are no lifeguards. Restrooms are being gradually opened. Staff hopes to catch up on mowing. Shelter reservations are open with limited capacity. The Goodman Pool will open with restrictions at a date not yet determined. Three golf courses have open club houses and rounds are higher this year-to-date than in 2019. Staff are working on ways to safely provide food and beverage service at the courses.

60771

June 2020 Superintendent's Report

Parks Planning and Development Manager Ann Freiwald presented the Planning and Development report and she and Knepp answered questions.

Motion made by Martin, seconded by Harrington, to Accept the Report. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

60773

Report of the February 11 and April 21, 2020 Olbrich Botanical Society Minutes.

Motion made by Martin, seconded by Leopold, to Accept the Minutes. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

OLD BUSINESS**59272**

Madison Mallards informational reports regarding the 2020 Fan Access Plan, Neighborhood Impact Plan, and Responsible Alcohol Consumption Action Plan, at Warner Park.

Public speaker Vern Stenman of Madison Mallards spoke in support.

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

59273

Request by Vern Stenman, Madison Mallards, for fireworks and other promotions for the 2020 Mallards Baseball season, at Warner Park.

Motion made by Henak, seconded by Martin, to Approve the Request. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

It was decided that item 11, Legislative File 59745, will follow item 15, Legislative File 60736.

59745

Adopting the Oscar Mayer Special Area Plan as a Supplement to the City of Madison Comprehensive Plan.

Dan McAullife of City Planning presented and addressed Park Commission concerns from the last meeting.

Registered speaker Annette Miller, Equity Consultant, spoke in support.

Greg Fries of City Planning addressed questions by the Park Commission.

Registered speaker Paul Noeldern spoke in opposition.

Registered speaker Beth Sluys spoke in opposition.

Registered speaker Anita Weier spoke in opposition.

Registered speaker Maggie Freespirit spoke.

Registered speaker Barbara Noeldner spoke in opposition.

Registered speaker David Bierman spoke in opposition.

Registered speaker Jessica Cavazos spoke.

Registered speaker Richard Beilfuss spoke.

Registered speaker Diane Farsetta of the Emerson East Neighborhood Association spoke in support.

Registered speaker Rebecca Tradewell spoke in opposition.

Registrant Iris Hengst was neither in support nor opposition.

The meeting recessed at 8:46 PM.

Members Present: 7 – Emily Gnam; Moira Harrington; Ald. Zachary Henak; Madelyn Leopold; Al Martin; Ald. Paul Skidmore; and Venus Washington.

The meeting reconvened at 8:56 PM.

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Registered speaker Justin Dobson spoke.

Registered speaker Candace Diaz spoke in opposition.

Registered speaker Baltazar de Anda Santana of Latino Academy of Workforce Development spoke.

Registered speaker Alder Syed Abbas spoke.

Registrant Liz Wessel of Sierra Club Four Lakes Group was in support and available to answer questions.

Registrant Laurie Jean Meister registrant was in opposition.

Registrant Eileen Sabroff was in opposition.

Registrant Greg Padden was in support.

Registrant Mary Jo Walters was in opposition.

Registrant Linda Szewczyk was in opposition.

Registrant Maurice Sheppard was in support.

Registrant Dolores Kester was in opposition.

Registrant Kathleen Wolf of Wild Warner was in opposition.

Registrant Kristi Minahan was neither in support nor opposition.

Registrant D.A. Kester was in opposition.
Registrant Anita Temple was neither in support nor opposition.
Registrant Matthew Leaverton was in opposition.

City staff answered questions from the Park Commissioners.

Motion made by Henak, seconded by Skidmore, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the PLAN COMMISSION with the condition that the Plan Commission determine the adequacy of the plan against the concerns of Alder Abbas and consider impactful land use decisions.

The motion passed by the following vote:
Approve-5: Harrington, Henak, Martin, Skidmore, Washington.
Oppose-1: Leopold.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Martin, seconded by Leopold, to Approve by Consent Agenda No. 13, Legislative File No. 60659 and No. 14, Legislative File No. 60729.
Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[60659](#)

Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a lease with NewBridge Madison, Inc. allowing for the use of a portion of the Warner Park Community Recreation Center for not-for-profit community services and related administrative use. (12th AD)

Registered speaker Jim Krueger of NewBridge Madison registered in support and was available to answer questions.

Motion made by Martin, seconded by Leopold, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER.

[60729](#)

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 2020-2022.

Registered speaker Kevin J. Metcalfe of Mad-City Ski Team registered in support and was available to answer questions.

Motion made by Martin, seconded by Leopold, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER.

60736

Request from Welton Enterprises, Inc. for the installation of public sanitary sewer through Cardinal Glenn Park.

Parks Landscape Architect Sarah Lerner presented.

Registered speaker Paul Molinaro of Welton Family Limited Partnership spoke in support.

Registrant Kurtis D Welton was in support.

Motion made by Martin, seconded by Leopold, to Approve the Request. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

60401

Vilas Park Master Plan Update

Motion made by Martin, seconded by Skidmore, to Refer to the next Board of Park Commissioners meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Henak, seconded by Martin, to Adjourn at 10:36 PM. Motion passed by voice vote/other.