



City of Madison
Meeting Minutes - Final
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

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Betty Chewning, Emanuel Scarbrough, Betty N. MacDonald*

Wednesday, January 11, 2006

7:30 PM

3330 Atwood Avenue

CALL TO ORDER - 7:30 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Madison Board of Park Commissioners was held on Wednesday, January 11, 2006 at Olbrich Botanical Gardens, 3330 Atwood Drive. President Barker called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed. A brief delay ensued due to technical difficulties.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Ald. Santiago Rosas, Ald. Paul E. Skidmore, William Barker, Betty Chewning, Emanuel Scarbrough and Betty N. MacDonald

Parks staff present: James Morgan, Si Widstrand, Elinor Riley, Fritz Kroncke, LaVonne LaFave

City staff present: Don Marx, City Real Estate Manager

II. Election of Officers

A. President of the Park Commission

President Barker opened the floor to nominations for President. A motion was made by Skidmore/Chewning to nominate Bill Barker as President. A motion was made by Rosas to nominate Emanuel Scarbrough for President, no second. Skidmore moved the nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for Barker (with Barker abstaining). **MOTION CARRIED** with Rosas abstaining. President Barker thanked everyone and pledged his continued service to the Park Commission and its Committees.

B. Vice President of the Park Commission

A motion was made by MacDonald/Skidmore to nominate Emanuel Scarbrough as Vice President. Skidmore moved the nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for Scarbrough (with Scarbrough abstaining). **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

C. Standing Committees to be discussed in February

President Barker announced the appointments to the standing committees of the Park Commission would be made in February. He asked that Commissioners contact him regarding their preferences.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public who wished to comment on items not on the Agenda. President Barker noted there was a full house and thanked those present for caring enough to come and speak about items on the agenda. He advised everyone that there is a 3-minute time limit for speaking.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 9, 2005

A motion was made by Rosas/MacDonald to approve the Minutes of the November 9, 2005 regular meeting of the Park Commission. MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

- X. A. A motion was made by Skidmore/Rosas to take item X. A. out of order. MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Request of Betty Lou Cruises to construct and operate a 226" pier at Olin Turville Park adjacent to John Nolen Drive.

Registered Speakers, both in support:

Jack Von Rutenberg

Ald. Tim Bruer

The proposal is to put in a 226-foot pier between the boat launch ramps and the sailing pier. The length is necessary due to the shallow depth of the lake at that point. When the operation began four years ago the boat launched from the Olin Park ramp and moored and fueled by Machinery Row. As the business grew they wanted to dock beyond Olin Park because of bottom issues at that site. Parking could be an issue with the new location but there is available parking on the road at Edgewater Court as well as the Olin Park parking lot. He does not want parking to occur within the neighborhood. He is also investigating the possibility of using the State Medical Society parking lot in the future. The average number of people on a cruise is 32. There is a difference of approximately 200 feet between the proposed pier and the Lake Monona Sailing Club pier. The Parks Division believes both could function without obstructing the other. Von Rutenberg stated he has not had any contact with the neighborhood. Due to the curve of the lake, it appears unlikely that the neighbors will see this pier. He noted the pier would be available to the public when their boat isn't moored there.

Commissioners noted concern about parking and safety for water ski shows while acknowledging that it would be another opportunity to allow individuals without access to boats a location for fishing. Superintendent Morgan stated there is a large concrete slab along the shoreline where the pier would be located. Details to be worked out include the need to design an ADA slope and path to the parking area. He explained that when the original contract was negotiated with Betty Lou Cruises, they paid for the expansion of the parking lot at Olin Park that

was a significant capital improvement to the park. The boat cannot be stored on park property nor can it be fueled from that location. Issues to be resolved include parking, trash containers/pick up, marketing, ownership of the pier, and winter storage for the pier. DNR approval is also required due to the length of the pier because the lake is shallow at that location. Regarding ecological issues, piers provide shaded areas for good fish habitat.

A motion was made by Scarbrough/Rosas to approve the request of Betty Lou Cruises to construct and operate a 226-foot pier on Lake Monona on parklands adjacent to John Nolen Drive if the details are acceptable to Parks staff. **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

- X. B. A motion was made by Scarbrough/Rosas to take items X. B. and C. out of order. **MOTION & C CARRIED** unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Declare Land under Lincoln School in James Madison Park surplus.

A map was displayed of James Madison Park showing the location of Lincoln School and the remaining buildings in the park, which include the boathouse, two brick houses, and the Collins House B&B. The proposal tonight is to sell the land under the Lincoln School building to them. At some point in the future there may be proposals to sell the two houses and either lease or sell the land under them, as well as looking for a new use for the Collins House because the bed and breakfast has moved out. This is the first of those issues relative to buildings in James Madison Park.

Registered Speakers, both in support:
Don Marx, City of madison Real Estate Manager
Chris Schramm

Marx provided history that in 1983 the former Lincoln School was sold to Lincoln School Associations as apartments. Adjacent is an underground parking facility of 35 stalls. Currently there is a lease for the land under Lincoln School and for the volume of subterranean space used by the parking structure. The purchase agreement dictated that the surface remain greenspace/ parkland. There is also an easement that provides access from Gorham Street to the back of the school and parking structure. The proposal that Real Estate received from Lincoln School Associates requires that the Park Commission declare the land under the building as surplus as well as the volume of air the parking structure is in. They want to convert the apartments into condos. The proposal is for a minimum of \$ 600,000 for the parcel based upon an assessment by their independent appraiser. The city appraiser felt it was fair price. Real Estate will also have an appraisal done. The property would be limited to residential use only and if the building is damaged or destroyed and not repaired within 18 months, the city could repurchase the property. Any rebuilding would only be allowed at the same density, nothing larger would be permitted. The city would continue to own the property above the parking structure and the group would have no special rights or privileges to the adjacent parkland. The easement for the road would stay in place.

From the city's perspective, property taxes on the conversion from apartments to condos would be higher. Also these condos would be more affordable than other condos in the Downtown area. Alder Konkell would like more affordable housing units in the area. The downside is that parkland would be sold. A clause could be written into the contract that the city would have the right to buy it back however there probably wouldn't be funds in the budget for that purpose.

Real Estate is requesting that the Park Commission follow the surplus land policy and declare the land surplus. Other city agencies would then have the right to come up with a use for the property. If no city agency is interested and if the Alder and the Department of Community and Economic Development can all agree, the Common Council would determine the sale price and the proceeds would be allocated as they direct. The Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance would not be triggered by the conversion of apartments to condos. However, the Alder is adamant that she would only support this sale if it has IZ units in it and that number would need to be determined.

Parks staff has mixed feelings about this proposal. There are pieces that are acceptable; such as - access to the lake is not included, piers would not be installed, fences to the waterline would not be allowed, and the right for public uses won't change. Parks wouldn't be in worse shape than now if the Councils decides to sell it. This is a historic building, and there is a good relationship with the current owners who are good tenants.

Commissioners stated they take pride in hanging on to land unless it's very important such as police station. Members indicated they did not support selling resources and don't support selling land in order to support the city's Affordable Land Trust. When they looked at the current rental there was no advantage to selling. A sale would benefit the city but not the Parks Division. They spoke of maintaining the integrity of the park and that a sale might set a precedent. It was not known if there is a current neighborhood plan for the area.

A motion was made by Skidmore/Chewning to place the item on file. Members indicated an interest in knowing whether there are any plans for redevelopment of that area. It was also stated that what they were not talking about was the value of the land, nor were they talking about the neighborhood plan or changing its use. The issue is does the city and Parks maintain ownership or relinquish it to make a few bucks that doesn't come back to the Parks Division. MOTION Failed. Yeas were Skidmore, Chewning and Barker. Nays were Rosas, MacDonald and Scarbrough.

Following clarification that a caveat to look at the development of the community could not be attached to the motion, the motion this evening is only whether to declare the land surplus for possible sale. A motion was made by Scarbrough/Skidmore to place the item on file. MOTION CARRIED with Rosas abstaining.

Declare Portion of Land at Doncaster Park surplus.

Widstrand reported that Doncaster Park is a small neighborhood park/playlot next to the Beltline Highway/Midvale Blvd./Verona Road. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation is anticipating the rebuilding of the intersection adjoining the park and apartments next door. While the project is not scheduled for a decade

or more, one of the buildings in the apartment complex burned and needs to be torn down or rebuilt. The DOT is interested in acquiring the buildings now that would need to be removed when this project moves forward. The immediate safety concern is the parking lot would need to be recreated. The neighborhood met and agreed to the concept of selling the strip of parkland in front of the apartments for angle parking. Money would come back for park improvements and fencing to separate the park from the apartments. Parks staff and Alder Golden are recommending declaring part of the park surplus to facilitate the sale to the apartment owners with money coming back for park improvements and in turn the DOT can purchase the other two buildings. The apartment owners will not sell to DOT until they can replace their parking lot. The land where the buildings would be demolished would be relandscaped and become open space to serve as a buffer between the highway and the apartments and it would close off the current driveway off the exit ramp. DOT has not completed its plan for the actual pavement configuration.

A motion was made by Skidmore/Scarborough/Chewning to declare a portion of Doncaster Park surplus to facilitate a sale to the adjoining apartment complex provided the apartment complex owners sell two buildings to the DOT. MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Facilities, Programs and Fees Committee Minutes of August 29, 2005

A motion was made by Skidmore/MacDonald to accept the Minutes of the August 29, 2005 meeting of the Facilities, Programs and Fees Committee. MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

1. Action Report of Meeting of November 28, 2005

A motion was made by Skidmore/Rosas to approve the 2006 Park Fees for Warner Park Community Recreation Center, Forest Hill Cemetery and Programmed Events/Mall Concourse fees as set forth in the Action Report of the November 28, 2005 meeting of the Facilities, Programs and Fees Committee. MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

B. Golf Committee Minutes of June 28, 2005

A motion was made by Scarborough/Rosas to accept the Minutes of the June 28, 2005 meeting of the Golf Committee. MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

1. Action Report of Meeting of November 28, 2005

A motion was made by Scarborough/Skidmore to approve the Golf Fees for 2006 as set forth in the Action Report of the November 28, 2005 meeting of the Golf Committee. MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

C. Olbrich Botanical Society Minutes of October 18, 2005 and November 15, 2005 Meetings

A motion was made by Rosas/MacDonald to accept the Minutes of the October 18, 2005 and November 15, 2005 meetings of the Olbrich Botanical Society. MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

D. Warner Park Community Recreation Center Minutes of October 19, 2005 Meeting

A motion was made by Rosas/Chewning to accept the Minutes of the October 19, 2005 meeting of the Warner Park Community Recreation Center. MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

VI. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE PARK COMMISSION

President Barker stated he would forego a report due to the length of the agenda and number of registrants on various items.

VII. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PARKS

A. Written Report of Supervisor's Activities

A motion was made by Skidmore/Chewning to approve the written report. MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

B. Informational Items

1. Budget

Superintendent Morgan spoke briefly about a process taking place now that will be on the agenda for the February meeting. The adopted budget for 2006 contains approximately \$700,000 in cuts. That translates into not having the ability to deliver the same amount of services as in the past. One item identified in the budget will be the reduction in mowing from 10 to 14 day cycles incorporating more low mow areas. All new parks are designed with this feature. Parks Planning staff are going back into existing parks and identifying new areas for low mow maintenance. Some citizens will be happy and some will not. Rather than Parks staff making those decisions, a list will be prepared suggesting areas and the Park Commission will make the final decisions totaling 300 acres, more or less. A list with maps will be presented and also shared with alders and neighborhood associations. By sharing this information with the alders and neighborhood associations, an awareness will be created letting the public know their views are being heard.

2. B.L.A.S.T.

He then reported on the Beginner Lifeguard Aquatic Skills Training program that was established for non traditional lifeguard candidates. Over half of the sessions have been held with minority participants of 60% who are now swimming multiple laps at the pool. This program is co-sponsored by St. Mary's, Dean and UW Hospital. There are nine core volunteers who are mentoring the participants on almost a one to one ratio.

3. User Survey Results

The survey results are very positive on almost every aspect of park services.

4. Memo Regarding Disabled-Accessible Golf Carts

A copy of the memo on disabled golfers from the City Attorney's office is provided in response to a citizen inquiry. Superintendent Morgan reported there is money in the ADA budget to purchase carts so the burden isn't put on the Golf Pros.

MacDonald commended Superintendent Morgan for the great coverage Parks has been receiving in the newspapers. He responded that coverage is good because of dedicated Parks staff.

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES

- A. [02277](#) Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an Agreement with Madison Metropolitan School District (MMSD) for MMSD's use of City parkland for school athletic programs for the 2006 spring semester and the 2006-2007 academic year.
- A motion was made by Ald. Skidmore, seconded by Chewning, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the BOARD OF ESTIMATES. The motion passed by acclamation.**
- B. [02310](#) Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an Option To Purchase Agreement with Veridian Homes, LLC, which would allow Veridian to purchase land dedicated for public purposes in the Village of Autumn Lake subdivision under specific and limited terms and conditions.
- A motion was made by Ald. Skidmore, seconded by Chewning, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. The motion passed by acclamation.**
- C. [02462](#) Authorizing the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute an Agreement with The White Horse Inn, Inc. d/b/a White Horse Inn, as operator of exclusive alcohol beverage services at Warner Park Community Recreation Center and Olbrich Botanical Gardens from January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006.
- A motion was made by Ald. Skidmore, seconded by Chewning, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. The motion passed by acclamation.**
- D. [02491](#) Authorizing funds for the demolition of an 8-unit apartment building located at 902 Magnolia Lane. 14th Ald. District.
- A motion was made by Ald. Skidmore, seconded by Chewning, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the PLAN COMMISSION. The motion passed by acclamation.**
- E. [02508](#) To Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign and execute an agreement with Robert Krebs for the months of May through October in 2006 and in 2007.
- A motion was made by Ald. Skidmore, seconded by Chewning, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the BOARD OF ESTIMATES. The motion passed by acclamation.**

- F. [02509](#) To Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign and execute an agreement with the Lake Monona Sailing Club, Inc. to utilize a small park-owned property northwest of Olin Park for the purpose of maintaining a storage and launching facility for sailboats for 2006 through the year 2007.
- A motion was made by Ald. Skidmore, seconded by Chewning, to the BOARD OF ESTIMATES A motion was made by Skidmore/Chewning to approve Resolution, ID#02509, To Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign and execute an agreement with the Lake Monona Sailing Club, Inc. to utilize a small park-owned property northwest of Olin Park for the purpose of maintaining a storage and launching facility for sailboats for 2006 through the year 2007. MOTION CARRIED unanimously. The motion passed by acclamation.**
- G. [02541](#) Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an Agreement with Madison Metropolitan School District-Madison School Community and Recreation for the provision of swimming lessons at the Irwin A. and Robert D. Goodman Community Pool for the 2006 outdoor pool season.
- A motion was made by Ald. Skidmore, seconded by Chewning, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. The motion passed by acclamation.**
- H. [02122](#) SUBSTITUTE - Amending Sec. 8.215(1) of the Madison General Ordinances to require users to obtain a permit prior to launching a boat or parking a vehicle or trailer in designated lake access parking lot areas.
- A motion was made by Ald. Skidmore, seconded by Chewning, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. The motion passed by acclamation.**
- I. [02630](#) Authorizing a contract between the City and the Madison Metropolitan School District for the provision of programming by Madison School and Community Recreation at Warner Park Community and Recreation Center for 2006.
- A motion was made by Ald. Skidmore, seconded by Chewning, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the BOARD OF ESTIMATES. The motion passed by acclamation.**
- J. Request of Vern Stenman, of Mallards Baseball to hold practices on May 28 through 31, to host fireworks shows after Mallards games on June 3, 17, 24, July 8 22 and 29 and to hold a baseball event on July 25 and 26.
- Registered Speaker, in support:
Vern Stenman, and he asked to change date from July 25~26 to Aug. 4~5**
- A motion was made by Rosas/Scarborough to approve the request of Vern Stenman, of Mallards Baseball to hold practices on May 28 through 31, to host fireworks shows after Mallards games on June 3, 17, 24, July 8 22 and 29 and to hold a baseball event on August 4 and 5 as changed by the speaker this evening. MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

- K. Request of Andrew Killgallon, of Monona Grove DECA Organization, to sponsor the World's Largest Snowball Fight to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association on Saturday, February 4, 2006 at 12 Noon at Warner Park.

Registered Speakers, in support:

**Andrew Killgallon - asked to change time from Noon to 11:00 a.m.
Josh Fassl**

A motion was made by Rosas/Skidmore to approve the request of Andrew Killgallon, of Monona Grove DECA Organization, to sponsor the World's Largest Snowball Fight to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association on Saturday, February 4, 2006 at 11:00 a.m. at Warner Park as changed by the speaker this evening. MOTION CARRIED unanimously. President Barker explained that the Park Commission does not waive fees regardless of the type of event.

- L. Request of Joseph G. Nigh of Comite Festivals Mexicano-Wisconsin to sponsor the Mexican Independence Day on Saturday, September 16, 2006 in Warner Park

Registered Speakers, in support:

**Joseph Nigh
Pedro Albiter**

A motion was made by MacDonald/Skidmore to approve the request of Joseph G. Nigh of Comite Festivals Mexicano-Wisconsin to sponsor the Mexican Independence Day on Saturday, September 16, 2006 in Warner Park. MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

- M. Request of Robert Grether, Badger Swim & Stix to use a portion of Olbrich Park on Saturday, February 11, 2006 for the purpose of constructing a temporary disc golf course and two ultimate Frisbee fields to host a tournament.

Registered Speaker, in support:

Robert Grether

A motion was made by Rosas/Scarborough to approve the request of Robert Grether, Badger Swim & Stix to use a portion of Olbrich Park on Saturday, February 11, 2006 for the purpose of constructing a temporary disc golf course and two ultimate frisbee fields to host a tournament. MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

X. NEW BUSINESS

- D. Fitchburg Commons Development Plan - Road Crossing Parkland

Widstrand displayed a map showing the area in question on the Madison Fitchburg boundary. The Madison land use plan shows a large green space area that is the Ice Age Trail Corridor, the Military Ridge Corridor, and protected county parkland. Highways 18-151 come in between two high hills, which is part of the Wingra Stone Quarry. The Fitchburg Common Development is a large development at the top of the hill in Fitchburg between McKee and Nesbitt Roads

behind the golf dome. The proposal is to have a four lane road from Nesbitt Road to FitchRona Road up to McKee Road up through a wooded ridge that crosses a corner of City of Madison parkland, which is in the wooded hillside. The city has not had much to do with the proposed development because it is not in the city's jurisdiction but the city is now being asked to allow the road to go across the corner of our parkland. It was also pointed out that there is an easement for roadway purposes.

He noted the proposal is being brought before the Park Commission this evening because at some point the Park Commission will be asked to approve some type of resolution regarding the access road to be built across the corner of parkland. He also asked what concerns or information they might want before making a decision. One side of the road would be maintained as a wooded area and the other side would be developed into a commercial lot.

Registered Speaker, in support:
Jim Bricker

Widstrand continued that the city's Transportation Department likes the roadway connection and potential for a better connection of the bike trails. He does not have any estimates on traffic projections at this point. The City of Fitchburg is currently conducting a traffic study in the area. There is concern regarding the grading of the bluff and what impact that will have both aesthetically and environmentally in that area and what it does to that entry to the city. Discussion turned to issue of the wooded area and the construction of the road. Commissioners asked that the small outlot be retained as woods instead of being turned into a commercial lot. The developer offered to pass that comment on to the owner. Commissioner Skidmore recused himself following his disclosure that he may have a vested interest in this matter due to the location of his employment down the road from this development.

The developer is currently in the discussion stage with the City of Fitchburg Plan Commission on the Comprehensive Development Plan for the proposal. If the Madison Park Commission does not approve the road crossing the developer would need to find a new alignment for the roadway going up the hill. The developer again stated that the corner of the park does have a recorded public access easement and is a logical location for a roadway. If a different location is necessary it would impact existing businesses. The advantage with the road placement in the corner of the park would be providing the park with 140+ feet of bike trail access. Widstrand has not spoken with Fitchburg's parks person but has spoken with their planning director. They are willing to think about protecting more area on the slope.

Commissioners indicated 1) they would like to know what Widstrand's counterpart in Fitchburg believes is the best plan and whether Madison and Fitchburg could work together to make that happen; 2) what can Madison do that would be helpful to protect the green corridor and woods, and 3) what are the ecological impacts of that street; and 4) how will runoff be handled and what will happen to Goose Lake.

A motion was made by Rosas/Scarborough/Chewning to refer this matter to the future after the above information is available. MOTION CARRIED with Skidmore abstaining as noted above.

A motion was made by Skidmore/MacDonald at 10:08 p.m. to take a ten-minute recess. **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

The meeting resumed at 10:19 p.m.

Present: Ald. Paul E. Skidmore, William Barker, Betty Chewning, Emanuel Scarbrough and Betty N. MacDonald

Excused: Ald. Santiago Rosas

- E. Request of Mooring Field Lessees at Marshall Park Mooring Field to re-examine the mooring field policies.

Registered Speakers, all in support of Re-Examining Mooring Field Policies and opposing the 5-year limit:

Edward D. Muir

Bill Korsgard

Steve Cook

W. K. von Kaas - not speaking

Catherine Dorl

Rich Hanes - not speaking

Mary Thompson Shriver - not speaking

Tim Shriver - not speaking

Jon Lutz

Mike Dorl

Martin Nelson

David Miran

Anne Wiecki

John Craig - not speaking

John Karl

Ald. Judy Olson Neutral

During Superintendent Morgan's explanation of capital improvement costs, it was necessary for President Barker to request that the audience be respectful of speakers' statements.

It was clarified that if the Park Commission chooses to do so, it can change the policy. The mooring field could be increased if the Parks Division was so directed. The disadvantage to increasing the current field is that additional buoys would be approximately 1000 feet offshore. It might also be possible to establish a mooring field at Warner Park but there is a different wind pattern that will affect moorings. Costs could be recovered within a couple of years. Any expansion would require capital budget funds.

Fritz Kroncke, Recreational Services Supervisor, reported that the policy had already been acted on when he inherited the program. It had been administered differently because there were vacancies annually that were filled by lottery. The policy was tweaked several years ago to give preference to city residents, and then a fee to enter the lottery was initiated in the hope of limiting lottery entrants. All of these changes have not quelled the demand for mooring spaces. Marshall is ideal because of its location. The commercial mooring locations are not as easy to navigate.

He believed it was possible to add additional mooring spaces by 2007. A list of pros and cons could be produced in a few months for the Park Commission to review. Of the 30 mooring recipients, 13 would be displaced under the 5-year policy. Of the remaining recipients, it is anticipated that 2- to 3 will not return.

Commissioners explored a fair way to give these 13 recipients spaces for the coming year to give them adequate time to make alternate arrangements. The 13 spots have not yet been filled with new people nor advertised as open. It was suggested they receive a year's reprieve while the Park Commission reconsiders the policy to ascertain what is feasible. The Park Commission requested additional information to determine possible options.

There are costs associated with providing access to the lakes for any type of vessel, including dredging and parking lots. While it's true that sailboat trailers are used only twice a year when putting the boat in and then taking it out at the end of the season, each time someone goes sailing throughout the year, the parking lot is used to park their vehicle. President Barker again admonished the audience to be respectful while the Park Commission continued their discussion. Superintendent Morgan stated that the fees in theory remain with the service for which they are collected, i.e. boating fees are not used to supplement mowing, but the cost of replacing 20 or so piers use much of that money. The goal is always to break even.

A long-range plan addressing all types of access to the lakes would be in order. Superintendent Morgan explained the carrying capacity of the Madison urban lakes. According to DNR criteria, that capacity is greatly exceeded. Dane County has more boat registrations than any other county in Wisconsin. The issue from the Parks perspective is the access points are the plug, not the acreage of the lakes. The parking lots already provide more space than required by the DNR.

A motion was made by Chewning/Skidmore to freeze the current lease recipients for at least a year in order to reconsider the policy. Further, staff was requested to investigate options, together with pros and cons, including the addition of mooring spaces at any location and report back to the Park Commission within 3 months. **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously. It was again noted that fees are revenue neutral but any additional mooring fields would require a capital budget request.

Superintendent Morgan brought up the discussion that occurred when the Mendota Sailing Club was interested in building a community sailing center at Burrow Park as well as other issues that have come before the Commission in recent years all leading to the point that Parks doesn't have enough resources to meet demand. One of the questions was - is it the city's responsibility, or Dane County's or the State's responsibility to provide this amenity. Why aren't there mooring fields at Governor Nelson State Park or at any Dane County's lake fronts? The issue is much broader than the city ultimately providing this resource for residents throughout the state. It is also more than just a sailing issue.

A motion was made by Skidmore/Chewning to refer the mooring fees back to the Facilities, Programs and Fees Committee for further review. **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously. (Note: This motion was in error because it was not appropriately noticed on the Agenda as an item for vote and therefore no action will be taken on this Motion.)

A motion was made by Scarbrough/MacDonald to engage in a long range planning initiative to address the capacity of the lakes, sailboats vs. powerboats, and to invite stakeholders owning lakefront property, both private and public sectors, such as the State of Wisconsin-DNR, Dane County Executive and City of Madison to co-sponsor a joint planning study. MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Commissioner Scarbrough addressed the audience. He was happy that people came to discuss their issue about mooring but he also expressed disappointment . He noted the President of the Commission had to ask the audience to respect everyone's opinion. He also heard members of the audience say they were being discriminated against. He found it interesting how they used the word to their advantage and then disrespected other people's opinions. He invited them to return for further discussion in a respectful manner.

F. [02207](#)

SUBSTITUTE - Adopting and confirming the City of Madison Comprehensive Plan.

A motion was made by MacDonald, seconded by Chewning, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the PLAN COMMISSION Registered Speaker, all in favor:

Heather Mann

Marsha Rummel - not speaking

Ald. Judy Olson - not speaking

Superintendent Morgan noted that as the City's Comprehensive Plan was going before the Common Council for final review, an issue came up regarding Urban Open Space Foundation and Central Park. They needed to be visible in the Comprehensive Plan but from a Parks perspective the language should not make Urban Open Space Foundation's Central Park appear to be the top priority for the Parks Division or the only partnership that exists with the Parks Division. It is in Parks' best interest for UOSF to be extremely successful in their fundraising for both the development and endowment for Central Park.

A motion was made by MacDonald/Scarbrough to include the language set forth below relating to the proposed Central Park in the City of Madison Comprehensive Plan: MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

On page 7-3 Parks and Open Space

Park and open space standards are used to establish a measure against which the existing and future needs of Madison's park, open space and outdoor recreation system may be assessed. Madison is proud of its century-long tradition of high standards for parks and open space. With financial constraints and pressing urban issues to be addressed, the success of our parks and open space program will more and more depend on successful partnerships with such entities as the Madison Parks Foundation, the Urban Open Space Foundation and its Central Park Initiative, the Olbrich Botanical Society and other groups like the Friends of Hoyt Park.

Start new paragraph by changing "They" to "Our"

The motion passed by acclamation.

On page 7-11 Distribution of Parkland

...Ed Klief Park is an example of a long-term project to relieve a park deficiency. The Urban Open Space Foundation's Central Park Initiative is an example of a public-private partnership that may provide new park resources and facilities in our central city.

In Volume I, Revise Map 7-1, Existing and Proposed Park and Open Space, as follows:

Add an asterisk (the symbol for a proposed future park) on the proposed Central Park site within the East Rail Corridor.

In Volume II, Chapter 2, revise Maps 2-1 and 2-2a, Generalized Future Land Use Plan as follows:

Add a new Map Note at the location of the proposed Central Park to read, "This is the location for the future central park recommended in the adopted East Rail Corridor Plan."

- G. Request to use up to \$40,000 from McClellan Dodge Trust Fund #608 to complete all amenities for the completion of the Irwin & Robert Goodman Swimming Pool.

Superintendent Morgan stated there have been several significant donations in the past several weeks and another large donation will be announced next week. With all of these funds the total is approximately \$30,000 short to complete all amenities for the pool. There may be funds left in the contingency fund to cover this shortfall, but the remaining items must be ordered now in order to minimize installation costs. He is asking to spend these funds, if needed, to complete this project.

A motion was made by Skidmore/Scarborough to authorize the use of up to \$40,000 from the McClellan Dodge Trust Fund #608 to complete all amenities for the completion of the Irwin & Robert Goodman Swimming Pool. MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Scarborough/Skidmore the meeting adjourned at 11:35 p.m.