



Board of Park Commissioners

Subcommittee Future Structure

March 16, 2023

Informational & Possible Discussion



Rules Governing BCC's

- MGO Chapter 33: Establishes and Regulates BCC's, including subcommittees
- Task Force on Government Structure (TFOGS)
 - Issued Final report in 2019
 - Recommendations for effective government and accountability include eliminating or combining BCCs that are redundant or have outlived their purpose.

Subcommittee Overview

Subcommittee	General Duties	# Members	Expected Meetings/Year
Golf	Advise BPC regarding Golf policies, rate structure, rules and regulations, capital improvements, user complaints, and general operations.	7	4
WPCRC Advisory	Advise BPC regarding WPCRC operations, policies and procedures, fees and user concerns, and to make program and budget recommendations.	9	6
Facilities Programs & Fees	Advise BPC regarding operation standards and policies; make program recommendations, approve new and continuing special events, develops policies; make recommendations on new user fees and charges and the annual schedule of fees and charges; and review proposed fee modifications.	7	6
Habitat Stewardship	Advise BPC regarding policies and public tree concerns and recommendations concerning the Conservation Parks. Serve as the City's Tree Board.	5	4
Long-Range Planning	Advise BPC regarding the policies of the Parks Division; input on strategic planning, level of service standards, and needs assessments.	5	4



Areas of Redundancy

Subcommittee	Potential Redundancy
Golf	Fees & policies specific to Golf
WPCRC Advisory	Fees & Policies specific to WPCRC
Facilities Programs & Fees	Permits, Fees & Policies related to use of space, programs and facilities for entire Parks system
Habitat Stewardship	Policies and Standards related to Land Management and Urban Forest through entire Parks system
Long-Range Planning	Policies and standards related to vision/mission and strategic planning efforts that shape the overall direction of the entire Parks System



Options Presented to Board of Park Commissioners January 11, 2023

- Option 1: Maintain status quo with minor changes
 - Review number of members of each subcommittee
 - Set clear expectations on number of required meetings.
- Option 2: Consolidate Subcommittees
 - Assign duties of Golf and WPCRC Subcommittees to the Facilities, Programs, and Fees Subcommittee.
 - Addresses the redundancy in committee duties and TFOGS recommendations.
- BPC Unanimously voted to proceed with Option #2



Pending Ordinance Revision

- Amending Subsection 33.05(5) of the Madison General Ordinances to Eliminate the Golf Subcommittee and the Warner Park Community Recreation Center Advisory Subcommittees of the Board of Parks Commissioners (Legislative File #76448)
 - Drafted by Office of City Attorney
- Council Introduction 3/7/2023
- Board of Park Commissioners Recommended Approval 3/8/2023
- Common Council anticipated Adoption 3/21/2023



Updating BPC Rules of Procedure & Basic Policies

- Approving an Update to the Board of Park Commissioners Rules of Procedure and Basic Policies (Legislative File #76473)
 - Eliminates Golf Subcommittee & WPCRC Advisory Subcommittee
 - Consolidates duties of the subcommittees
 - Changes to Parks Contact info and meeting locations
 - Additional minor updates
- Approved by Board of Park Commissioners March 8, 2023
- Formally enacted following Council Approval of MGO Revision



What does this mean for Golf Subcommittee?

- Following Council Enactment Golf and WPCRC Advisory Subcommittees will be eliminated
- Enactment Timeline: Likely late March
- Oversight of Golf Program:
 - Finance Committee & Common Council will continue to have Budgetary Authority over Operating & Capital Budgets
 - Board of Park Commissioners maintain authority over Golf Program
 - Staff will prepare regular Golf Program reports for BPC
 - Facilities Programs & Fees Subcommittee will advise regarding fees and programming, review public feedback



Opportunities for Public Engagement

- Continued participation on other Boards, Committees, Commissions
 - Project Based Engagement Strategies
 - Formal Friends Groups
 - Surveys
 - Discussion Regarding Additional Strategies?
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