



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Approved BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

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Wednesday, January 9, 2019

6:30 PM

Olbrich Botanical Gardens  
3300 Atwood Ave.

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at Olbrich Botanical Gardens. President Leopold called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

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

**Members Excused:** Ald. Maurice Cheeks and Venus Washington.

**Parks Staff Present:** Eric Knepp; Kay Rutledge; Lisa Laschinger; Ann Freiwald; Ann Shea; Mike Sturm; Sarah Lerner; and Joanne Austin.

**City Staff Present:** Katie Crawley, Mayor's Office.

**Alders Present:** Alder Ledell Zellers.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Baldeh, seconded by Gnam, to Approve the Minutes of the December 12, 2018 Board of Park Commissioners meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Venus Washington arrived at 6:35 pm.

**Members Present:** 6 – Ald. Samba Baldeh; Emily Gnam; Moira Harrington; Madelyn Leopold; Nancy Ragland; and Venus Washington.

**Members Excused:** 1 – Ald. Maurice Cheeks.

Registered speaker Sarah Warner spoke requesting Madison Parks consider purchasing a one acre lot that she indicates is currently for sale near the gateway to Sauk Greenway conservation corridor to protect the oak grove habitat.

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

### REPORTS

President of the Park Commission

President Madelyn Leopold chose to not speak to provide more time for the items on the Park Commission agenda.

Superintendent of Parks

**Superintendent Eric Knepp spoke briefly regarding the Superintendent's report.**

[54254](#)

Superintendent's January 2019 Report

**Public Information Officer Ann Shea presented the Public Information Office Quarterly Report.**

**Parks Planning and Development Manager Ann Freiwald presented the Planning and Development Quarterly Report.**

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

[54289](#)

Report of Subcommittee Minutes of the August 15 and November 12, 2018 Habitat Stewardship Subcommittee; December 6, 2018 Golf Subcommittee; and November 20, 2018 Olbrich Botanical Society.

**Motion made by Ragland, seconded by Washington, to Approve the Minutes. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Motion made by Baldeh, seconded by Harrington, to Approve by Consent Agenda No. 12, Legislative File No. 54231; No. 14, Legislative File No. 54286; and No. 15, Legislative File No. 54285. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

[54231](#)

Request from the Tau Beta Pi - Wisconsin Alpha Chapter for the use of Vilas Park for the Pi Mile Run on April 14, 2019.

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

[54286](#)

Request from USATF for the use of Yahara Hills Golf Course on Saturday, November 9 and Sunday, November 10, 2019 for Wisconsin USATF Association Cross Country Meet (Qualifier for the USATF Junior Olympic National Cross Country Meet)

**Registrant Scott Brinen was available to answer questions.**

**Motion made by Baldeh, seconded by Harrington, to Approve the request.**

[54285](#)

Request from Badger Track Club for the use of Yahara Hills Golf Course from Tuesday, December 10 through Sunday, December 15, 2019 for the setup, event, and take-down for 2019 USATF National Olympic Cross Country Championships.

**Registrant Scott Brinen was available to answer questions.**

**Motion made by Baldeh, seconded by Harrington, to Approve the request.**

[54280](#)

Breese Stevens Capital Improvement Update

**Parks Landscape Architect Mike Sturm presented an overview of the improvements.**

[54281](#)

The Biergarten at Olbrich Park Annual Update

**Mike Bare of BKM Group presented their annual update.**

**Registered speaker Ed Woolsey spoke regarding concerns about dogs at the Biergarten.**

[54232](#)

Request from the City of Madison Police K-9 Equine Partners and Cream City Timing LLC for the use of Olin Park and Quann Park for the Friends of Madison Mounted Police Fundraiser 5k Run on May 5, 2019.

**Registered speaker Nick Rivera of Cream City Timing, LLC and Friends of Madison Mounted Police spoke in support.**

**Registered speaker Marguerite Payne spoke in opposition.**

**Registered speaker Barb Gilligan spoke in opposition.**

**Motion made by Baldeh, seconded by Gnam, to Approve with the condition that the use of Goodman Park be added to the request and the Quann Dog Park not be closed. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

[54272](#)

Request from the Wisconsin Daylily Society for the use of Olbrich Park on Thursday, August 15 through Tuesday, August 19, 2019 for setup, the event, and take-down.

**Registrant Monique Warnke of Wisconsin Daylily Society was in support.**

**Registrant Rhonda Veroeven of Wisconsin Daylily Society was in support.**

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

[54220](#)

Amending the 2019 Adopted Parks Division Capital Budget and Authorizing the execution of a Purchase and Sale Agreement between the City of Madison and Wisconsin Medical Society, Inc. for the City's acquisition of two parcels of land located at 330 and 342 East Lakeside Street for assemblage with Olin Park. (13th A.D.)

**Registered speaker Robert Klebba spoke in support.**

**Motion made by Ragland, seconded by Washington, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the FINANCE COMMITTEE. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

54047

## James Madison Park Master Plan

Parks Landscape Architect Sarah Lerner presented an overview of two new parking options for James Madison Park.

Consultants Zia Brucaya and Marcus Pearson of Urban Assets and Ken Saiki and Tom Martin of Saiki Design answered questions.

Registered speaker Mike Coenen spoke.

Registered speaker James Tye of Clean Lakes Alliance spoke.

Registered speaker David Zoppo spoke in opposition.

Registered speaker Debby James spoke.

Registered speaker Marian Celesnik spoke in opposition.

Registered speaker Kitty Rankin read a letter from David Clarenbach.

Registered speaker Dawn O'Kroley spoke in opposition.

Registered speaker Jackie Suska spoke in opposition.

Registered speaker Joe Lusson spoke in opposition.

Registered speaker Robert Klebba spoke.

Registered speaker Perry Sandstrom spoke in opposition.

Registered speaker John Jacobs spoke in opposition.

Registered speaker David Waugh spoke in opposition.

Alder Ledel Zellers also spoke.

Motion made by Harrington, 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 Washington, seconded by Harrington, to Adjourn at 10:08 PM.

Motion passed by voice vote/other.