



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Approved BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

*Consider: Who benefits? Who is burdened?  
Who does not have a voice at the table?  
How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?*

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Wednesday, June 14, 2023

6:30 PM

Parks Division Lakeside Offices  
330 E Lakeside St

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Parks Division Lakeside Offices at 6:30PM on Wednesday, June 14, 2023. President Harrington called the meeting to order at 6:32PM. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

**Members Present:** Common Council Vice President Ald. Yanette Figueroa Cole; Moira Harrington; Catie McDonald; Ald. Charles Myadze; and Ben Williams.

**Members Excused:** Emily Gnam and Chandra Miller Fienen.

**Parks Staff Present:** Eric Knepp; Lisa Laschinger; CJ Ryan; Ann Freiwald; Joanne Austin; Jason Vroman; and Kelly Post.

[78120](#)

Approval of the Meeting of the May 17, 2023 Board of Park Commissioners meeting.

Motion made by McDonald, seconded by Figueroa Cole, to Approve the Minutes of the May 17, 2023 Board of Park Commissioners meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[78119](#)

Public Comment

Public speaker Alison Stawicki of the Arboretum Neighborhood Association spoke about Master Plan for Harvey Schmidt Park.

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

### REPORTS

#### President of the Park Commission

Park Commission President Harrington acknowledged Jeff Epping on his retirement and American Public Gardens Association Lifetime Achievement Award. The corpse flower at Olbrich Gardens bloomed over the weekend. Jack Bolz, for whom the Bolz Conservatory was named, passed away. Thanked the Commissioners that serve on various subcommittees.

[77699](#) Park Commission President Resident Appointment to the Facilities, Programs and Fees Subcommittee of the Board of Park Commissioners.

**Motion made Figueroa Cole, seconded Williams, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO CONFIRM UNDER SUSPENSION OF MGO 2.055. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

[78307](#) Park Commission President will make Appointments of Park Commission Members to related organizations not represented by subcommittees.

**Motion made by Figueroa Cole, seconded by McDonald, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

### Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Eric Knepp states the Goodman pool is open. Golf is doing great so far. It's been a very dry spring. Sasaki is in town continuing work on the Lake Monona Waterfront Master Plan process. The beaches are weedy, but implementing cleaning program. All-City Swim is in 6 weeks. Schedule of events at The Glen are on the website.

[78121](#) June 2023 Superintendent's Report

Planning and Development Manager Ann Freiwald provided the quarterly report.

**Motion made by Figueroa Cole, seconded by Myadze, to Accept the Report. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

[78128](#) Report of the Minutes of the April 18, 2023 Olbrich Botanical Society.

**Motion made by McDonald, seconded by Figueroa Cole, to Accept the Minutes. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

### NEW BUSINESS

**Motion made by Williams, seconded by Figueroa Cole, to Approve by Consent Agenda No. 12, Legislative File No. 78114; No. 13, Legislative File No. 78229; and No. 14, Legislative File No. 78234. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

12\* [78114](#) Declaring July 2023 as "Parks and Recreation Month" in the City of Madison and recognizing the benefits that Madison parks provide for active and passive recreational opportunities.

**Motion made by Williams, seconded by Figueroa Cole, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

13\* [78229](#) Adoption of Park Development Plan for Kestrel Park

**Motion made by Williams, seconded by Figueroa Cole, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

14\* [78234](#) Request from Olbrich Botanical Gardens to Close Bolz Conservatory August 9-11, 2023 for Installation of GLEAM Exhibit.

**Motion made by Williams, seconded by Figueroa Cole, to Approve the Request. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

[78230](#) Request by Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center, Inc. to extend Madison Park hours for Fete de Marquette, to 11 PM, on Friday, July 14 & Saturday, July 15, 2023 at McPike Park, with amplification and beer sales ending at 10:45 PM.

**Registered speaker Gary Kallas spoke in support and was available to answer questions.**

**Interim Community Events Coordinator Kelly Post discussed the request and was available to answer questions.**

**Motion made by Figueroa Cole, seconded by Myadze, to Approve the Request. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

[74470](#) Dog Park Designation Status Update

**Freiwald presented the update and available to answer questions.**

**Parks Ranger Jason Vroman shared ranger staff observations and spoke in support of changing the Dogs in Parks program to allow dogs across the Parks system.**

**Registered speaker Marion Celesnik spoke in opposition to the new plan.**

**Dogs in Forest Hill Cemetery will be taken up separately on the July agenda.**

[78243](#) Approving Revisions to Recently Updated Board of Park Commissioners Rules of Procedure and Basic Policies to Clarify Term Dates of Resident Subcommittee Members

**Assistant Superintendent Lisa Laschinger discussed revisions and was available to answer questions.**

**Motion made by Myadze, seconded by Williams, to Approve the Revisions. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

## ADJOURNMENT

**Motion made by Figueroa Cole, seconded by McDonald, to Adjourn at 7:44 PM. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**