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**Present:** Joseph R. Clausius, Michael Schumacher, William Barker, Betty Chewning, Emanuel Scarbrough and Betty N. MacDonald

**Excused:** Stephen A. Webster and Committee Member Stephen A. Webster

CALL TO ORDER

I. ROLL CALL

**Present:** Joseph R. Clausius, Michael Schumacher, William Barker, Stephen A. Webster, Betty Chewning, Emanuel Scarbrough and Betty N. MacDonald

**Parks staff present:** James Morgan, Si Widstrand, Elinor Riley, Donald Studesville, Laura Bauer, LaVonne LaFave

**City staff present:** Dan Rolfs

**President Scarbrough called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.**

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

**Registered Speakers:**

**NAME**

**Pat Woicek - Cherokee Boardwalk replacement route**

**Gene Henry - Cherokee Boardwalk report/tree replanting at Warner Beach**

**President Scarbrough reported he wasn't able to attend the Cherokee Marsh tour on May 1, 2007 and asked other Commissioners for their comments. Barker noted there has been much public interest and there is also great staff support for the boardwalk replacement. It appears a solution can be reached that will be both**

cost effective and address the sensitive environmental considerations. The proposed replacement will give people access to the Marsh and minimize damage to the environment.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes of Regular Meeting of April 11, 2007

A motion was made by Chewing/Barker to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 11, 2007 regular meeting of the Park Commission. MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Olbrich Botanical Society Minutes of March 20, 2007 Meeting

A motion was made by Chewing/Barker to accept the Minutes of the March 20, 2007 meeting of the Olbrich Botanical Society. MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

V. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE PARK COMMISSION

President Scarbrough reported he attended the Common Council meeting on April 17, 2007 and spoke on behalf of the Park Commission regarding the Earth Day and Arbor Week Resolutions. He also attended the United Way Awards Program with Laura Whitmore, Parks Community Relations Coordinator, to acknowledge the Wexford Park Neighborhood Association nomination by the Parks Division for their volunteerism in that park. He congratulated Whitmore for the work she does with neighborhoods.

A. Special Recognition

Barker read a proclamation on behalf of the Park Commission thanking Ald. Paul Skidmore for his service on the Park Commission for the past 17 years, including two terms as President while he served in a citizen capacity. A standing ovation followed the presentation. President Scarbrough then appointed Ald. Skidmore as a continuing member of the Facilities, Programs and Fees Committee.

The two new Alders who have joined the Park Commission were formally introduced and welcomed. Ald. Joe Clausius represents District 17 and Ald. Michael Schumacher represents District 18. Ald. Clausius remarked it had been his lifelong ambition to be on the Park Commission.

VI. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PARKS

A. Written Report of Supervisor's Activities

Superintendent Morgan reported that the majority of summer staff haven't begun for the season. The lack of rain has helped us catch up with mowing, other than the ever-growing dandelions. The Forestry section's spring tree planting is approximately a week behind because of earlier weather related issues. He reported that the Mayor helped plant trees last week and now has a better understanding of the planting methods used by Forestry.

He then reported on new items that have occurred since the Agenda was prepared. The first is the replacement of the roof at Warner Park Community

Recreation Center that was visible as members entered the building for tonight's meeting. There have been significant leakage issues, mostly related to the original architect's design. Payment for the new roof is the result of a negotiated settlement and will have a 25-year warranty.

Also the parking lots in Warner may look different. A total of 190 additional parking spaces have been created in the existing lots without extending any asphalt by going back to the industry standard of 9-foot stall widths. That project should be completed by May 11 if there is no rain.

This week the Madison Trust for Historic Preservation presented the Parks Division with an award for the Brittingham Boathouse restoration.

Finally, a response came in today's mail from the League Coordinator Committee Chair for the tennis leagues refusing to pay the user fee for tennis league participants. He stated that the proposed 2008 capital budget contains \$85,000 to support adult tennis in Madison. This line item includes \$35,000 for maintenance of current courts and \$50,000 for new courts. The reservation fees that are collected generate approximately \$6,500 in fees, which does not begin to cover the annual maintenance required for the courts. The leagues request a higher level of maintenance on the courts they use as opposed to the neighborhood courts that receive little maintenance. Superintendent Morgan requested direction from the Park Commission on what stance to take. He also noted that the Tennis League had asked to appear before the Madison Parks Foundation next week to discuss creating an account to be used for tennis court maintenance and he has requested the issue be tabled until the current user fee issue is resolved.

The Park Commissioners mentioned golfers who pay both a reservation fee and a user fee. Cross country skiers, dog park users, and lake access users all pay a fee that covers the higher level of maintenance to facilitate their activities. If the tennis league players want a higher level of maintenance, they should help pay for that additional service. The fee should be charged to help recover those costs and it is then their choice to determine if they will continue reserving courts in Madison. The per-person fee would be a one-time fee no matter how many different leagues they played. The Parks Division can calculate how many courts are reserved and how many days/nights of the week the tennis leagues use them, but does not have an accurate total of the number of members in the tennis association. If the user fee is not paid and they go elsewhere, the courts could be maintained for recreational users who do not reserve the courts nor demand that higher level of maintenance.

It was noted that this is at least the third year they have delayed the implementation of this user fee. Three years ago they promised to actively work to raise money when what actually happened was someone sent an e-mail about a USTA Grant that they suggested the Parks Division apply for. In order to segregate the fee for tennis court maintenance only, it must be a capital fee separate from the reservation fee that goes into the city's General Fund.

It was also suggested that the money for tennis courts could be deleted from the 2008 capital budget but that would hurt all neighborhood users. Each year the tennis courts are evaluated to determine which courts are ranked higher for repairs. The league courts are ranked higher to the disadvantage of the smaller neighborhood courts.

Commissioners suggested a letter be sent to the tennis league explaining that the Commissioners have carefully considered how the various user groups are treated and to be fair to all of them it is necessary to charge this fee. Other groups pay an annual fee for a higher level of service and tennis should not be an exception.

B. Informational Items

Vilas Park Lagoon Carp Project

The DNR has placed the weir net to allow the carp to enter into the lagoon but it prevents them from leaving. Once the water temperature has been reached to signal spawning, the DNR contractor will remove the carp by netting them. Each fish will be measured and recorded after removal from the lagoon. They anticipate the actual removal of fish to occur in one day. If the project works, the DNR anticipates repeating it.

The final item is that the last piece of the reorganization of the Parks Division is now complete with the hiring of a Surveyor for the Parks Planning Section. Dan Rodman is a registered surveyor who holds a Masters in Engineering. His work will incorporate the use of GIS systems for surveying park projects to bring our mapping capabilities into the 21st century. He will also work on encroachment issues. Previously he worked in Engineering on mapping projects and computer applications. He will also be able to identify all underground utility systems on our park maps.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES

**06110**

Authorizing the execution of an Agreement for Installation Operation, Maintenance and Repair of Photovoltaic System with Madison Gas and Electric Company for the siting of a demonstration photovoltaic system at the Irwin A. and Robert D. Goodman Swimming Pool property located at 325 West Olin Avenue.

**A motion was made by Chewning, seconded by MacDonald, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. The motion passed by acclamation.**

**. It was noted the Parks Division will receive credit for the energy that is put back into the grid from that sun shelter**

**06115**

Authorizing a Request for Proposals for the Reuse and Rehabilitation of the Garver Feed Mill.

**A motion was made by Schumacher, seconded by Clausius, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the BOARD OF ESTIMATES. The motion passed by acclamation.**

**Registered Speaker: in support  
Dan Rolfs, Planning & Dev/Real Estate**

**Rolfs presented an overview of the Notice of Request for Proposals on the Garver Feed Mill Re-Use and Rehabilitation project. He noted that the property does contain deed restrictions required by the Wisconsin DNR Stewardship Grant that the land be used in perpetuity as parklands devoted primarily to botanical**

gardens, except that the city may use the buildings now located on the property for storage, offices and other municipal uses on a temporary basis. This is important to note because any potential end user of the rehabilitated building must abide by those restrictions. He reported there was considerable neighborhood input via a lengthy process of public meetings and that input is to be considered when the respondents present proposals for reuse. (That information can also be found on the website for this project at <http://www.cityofmadison.com/planning/garver.html>)

Access to the site was discussed at length. Current access is via Sugar Avenue, which is really part of the Olbrich Gardens parking lot. It crosses the railroad tracks and the bike path. There is a suggestion that primary vehicular access enter from Fair Oaks Avenue but the final determination on the point of entry has not been made due to concern about minimizing the impact on the North Plat area. Any proposals that are made should address the point of entry. All proposals will go through the same Garver committee process as the RFP and the same city committees that reviewed the RFP authorization will review the selected proposal. The Garver Feed Mill Re-Use Committee developed selection criterion that includes public use, surrounding neighborhood impacts, environmental responsibility, financial viability, compatibility with Olbrich Gardens, and appropriate access. All points are to be given equal weight. Respondents have also been directed to discuss the project with the Director of the Gardens. All respondents have also been advised there are no city funds available to complete this project. The facility is in very rough shape and preliminary estimates indicate it may cost \$5 million or more to rehabilitate.

The next portion of the RFP discusses the proposal submission and requirements that are due on September 14, 2007. City staff will review the submittals together with the Garver Committee in order to make the final recommendation.

Barker added that this process started in September 2006 and the committee met every other week in a very open inclusive process that included field trips. This RFP is the product of all their labors and he believes it is a solid RFP for a very challenging project. The neighborhood and committee have each made concessions. He asked the Park Commission to support the RFP as it is presented this evening. He also recognized the outstanding city staff support the committee received, especially the dedication of Dan Rolfs.

The words "light manufacturing" as an incidental use is included in the document in the event an arts incubator is created. This would cover items such as the use of kilns, metal sculpting or other equipment used in various art mediums.

Chewing reported that the neighborhood considers the North Plat a park and if the existing meandering road from Fair Oaks is used for primary ingress and egress, it will intersect a large portion of the park. She suggested that a different route be determined just north of the railway perimeter. Rolfs replied that it was his impression that any entity responding to the RFP would view the results of neighborhood input as noted in the RFP. Widstrand interjected that to a large extent, the roadway and parking lot are Master Plan issues and, in fact, there are many Master Plan issues concerning the North Plat. The first step to be addressed is to determine whether there is a potential user for the building and what their vehicular access needs will be. There has been no promise in the RFP that Parks would establish any particular route to get to the building or whether there will be access from Fair Oaks Avenue that does not cross the railroad

tracks. Concerns about parking, access to the building and other uses for the North Plat will be part of the Master Plan review that will happen at the end of this process.

The successful respondent to the RFP will be required to make a presentation to the Park Commission explaining what they vision is and the Park Commission will have a say in how the land will be used. The property is not owned by some other entity. Barker also responded that the document strongly addresses that the reuse of the Garver Building must minimize any impact on the North Plat. The Garver Committee shared the vision that the North Plat is a park and part of the success of the project would be that there is minimal vehicular access impact on the North Plat.

**06119**

Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a lease with Community Action Coalition of South Central Wisconsin, Inc. for a portion of the public greenway within Lucy Lincoln Hiestand Park, located at 1653 Frisch Road, for use as community gardens.

**A motion was made by Chewning, seconded by MacDonald, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval. The motion passed by acclamation.**

**Present:** Joseph R. Clausius, Michael Schumacher, William Barker, Betty Chewning, Emanuel Scarbrough and Betty N. MacDonald

D. Proposal for Dog Swim at Goodman Pool

**Registered Speakers:** in support  
Carol Grob, Capital C K-9's  
Dan McIlroy, Capital C K-9's

The group believes this will be a fundraising opportunity scheduled for Labor Day from 11:00 to 5:00 p.m. to allow dog owners and their dogs in the pool. They are looking for sponsors and will also solicit dog activities by vendors. Superintendent Morgan noted that from about mid-August to the end of the season attendance diminishes, lifeguard staff is leaving to attend school, and evenings are cooler. The pool would be open for patrons on Saturday and Sunday. The group is requesting use of the pool on the last day of the season. There will be some impact because people will not be allowed to swim on that last day. However, the Mayor supports being closed for swimming on Labor Day because the pool is opening earlier in the season. The shutdown sequence was then explained. Sunday night the pool would be dechlorinated and, following the event, the filters would be immediately backwashed to remove any dog hair that makes it through the screening from the pool. The group will handle all PR and take care of dealing with people who do come to the pool wanting to swim. They will also take care to have an area for dogs to relieve themselves and will deal with any dog fecal matter in the pool, which would be no different than a toddler's dirty diaper. The group will pay all lifeguard and clean-up costs. After receiving information from other municipalities that have hosted this type of event, he is comfortable with it.

**A motion was made by MacDonald/Schumacher to approve the proposal from Lori Rappé of Capital K-9's to hold a dog swim at Goodman Pool on Labor Day, September 3, 2007. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2008 Preliminary Capital Budget

Widstrand presented the preliminary 2008 Capital Budget noting that it contains many annual recurring items, such as the replacement of equipment, accessible trees in new developments and ongoing maintenance for the park system. Equipment continues to be added as park acreage is added. There are facility improvements at Goodman Park skating. The hockey rink will be converted to a general skating area by removing the boards and removing the lights in the middle of the pond that are a maintenance problem. The lights will be replaced along the edge with aerial lights. Hockey could still be played on an informal basis. This will save a large number of hours spent putting up and taking down the boards for hockey and is a reduction in a special service. However, the past couple of years have seen a large reduction in hockey play at this rink.

There are funds for regular costs associated with land acquisitions while actual land acquisitions are approved separately by Resolution. It also includes landscaping for meadow plantings to improve aesthetics and unmowed areas, trail improvements along both Starkweather and Yahara, woodland management for general parks similar to what is done in conservation parks, street tree replacements and the matching fund. Pavement repairs and tennis courts are also included. He asked whether any adjustment should be made to the tennis court maintenance and two additional courts in light of the earlier discussion.

The paving at Reindahl Park is a continuation of the long-term paving plan to complete that system by extending the paving to the community gardens area in the park. Engineering has indicated that permeable paving is not a good idea and would prefer that rain gardens be included in the plan. Gravel is not considered permeable since it tends to compact over time.

Money will continue to be available for developing parks. It is anticipated that ground will be broken at Door Creek this fall and that development will continue for several years. Country Grove Park/Chavez School improvements may be accomplished this year under a school safety grant that Engineering is seeking. Shoreline repairs at Hudson and BB Clarke Beaches were postponed to next year when an agreement was reached with the DNR. Upgrading of playgrounds and safety surfaces citywide continue each year.

There is a line item showing the replacement of the Warner Stadium bleachers and there is also continuing discussion with the Warner Stadium Committee and Mallards to put together a proposal to rebuild the entire stadium. The Mayor is currently putting together the city's negotiating position and will be meeting with the Mallards to see who will fund different portions of the renovation costs.

The next item is the Odana Golf Course clubhouse replacement study and design. This is one of a few public buildings in the area, it is used as a polling location and is not accessible. President Scarbrough noted the Golf Committee had talked about revenue possibilities for the city golf courses and noted there are a number of groups that have golf outings. The city courses do not have a facility where events could be held and when the redesign is done it would be financially feasible to have a clubhouse where events could be held both during and after the golf season. The current building is also used for cross-country skiing rentals and warming house in the winter. The redesigned clubhouse could be used for public meetings and other community events to maximize revenue. Superintendent Morgan related that a suitably designed clubhouse could be used

for activities outside of the golf season including a large area that could be rented by the public for parties. A downside may be that private enterprise will challenge that we are competing against their facilities.

The replacement of the Tenney Park shelter, parking lots and shoreline is a large supplemental item. A neighborhood group has formed to raise money to replace the shelter with a more attractive structure and approach to include shoreline treatments and parking lots. While Parks agrees, there is concern about costs and Parks staff are working with the group and the Mayor's office to determine where it will fit in with overall budget priorities. It is one of our major historical parks and one of the most heavily used parks in all seasons. The current shelter, parking lots and shoreline are not always functional.

Widstrand then added that one last item that has been floating around is the renovation of Lisa (Elizabeth) Link Peace Park. A redesign is estimated at \$650,000 to completely renovate the park with a small building containing restrooms and an area the State Street Police could use, including a performance stage. There may some TIF money and park development fees available for this project. A discussion ensued regarding the challenges this park represents.

Barker noted he has been watching this park over the last year and questions whether the park can be saved. He suggests that the Commission give serious thought to whether any kind of redesign or reinvestment will help. When the project was first proposed the Park Commission was in favor of the rebuilding of the park primarily due to the proposal to have retail and condos built on the adjacent parking lot. That proposal has since fallen through. Superintendent Morgan indicated partial agreement but noted he has seen other parks in other locations rebound back because of investments in the facility with positive programming. In the past Saturday night family friendly outdoor movies were shown in the park attended by parents with kids in strollers and sitting on blankets. There were absolutely no problems. When you bring good people to the area, the bad element leaves. At the present time there is no place to sit and read a paper or eat your lunch because there are no tables. There are many bad elements and activities occurring there that are very well documented. The hope is that the park can be revitalized but that conclusion was influenced by the residential and retail development proposal for the adjacent lot with balconies overlooking the park and would have had a huge impact on activities in the park. Unfortunately that project is no longer on the table and it will take more than two years to resolve the Buckeye Parking Lot issues. It is appropriate to bring back some basic park features including lights.

Barker asked Parks staff whether it was a good idea to upgrade the park. He noted that the Park Commission had originally approved the redesign for the park based upon the proposed development on the Buckeye Lot that would bring neighbors in to use the park in a positive way. He understands that there needs to be lots of good programming and lots of community members using the area in a constructive manner in order to overcome the negative behaviors. Many people walking along State Street do not even know there is a large grassy area behind that building with unsavory activities occurring. Commissioners noted that sometimes risks are taken when revitalizing a park in order to bring positive activities into an area.

Superintendent Morgan indicated there is an adopted Master Plan for Lisa (Elizabeth) Link Peace Park that was approved by both the Park Commission and Common Council following twenty months of debate and discussion. The



stakeholders still like that plan. The first phase of the development does not include the small bathroom building. That building was going to be a visitor center with locked restrooms so they would only be open when the visitor center was open. There has also been a suggestion of fencing the park with gates on Gilman and State Streets.

Widstrand then highlighted projects into the future. They include the second pool slated for Warner Park in 2010 that could happen sooner or later depending on fundraising, a large named donor, etc. There have been discussions with Streets about a Far Westside joint maintenance facility. The Parks portion has been estimated at \$2 million with a projected construction date in 2009. Those discussions took place before the renovation of the Goodman maintenance facility serving central city needs.

Superintendent Morgan mentioned the restrooms at Lake Edge Park are very dated and not ADA accessible. He has been working with the Alder and neighborhood on a Park Master Plan. One item on their list is a more suitable shelter facility with restrooms to accommodate the heavy use on this eastside park with company picnics and other groups. If that group sees the plans for Tenney Park, they are going to question why Tenney is receiving a higher priority. The other park in similar circumstances is Burrows Park. Again, the public restrooms at Burrows are probably the worst in the park system and questions will be asked.

Ald. Schumacher asked how the Warner Park Community Recreation Center expansion would fit in this budget process. Superintendent Morgan indicated there is a move to lump the pool and addition together but he does not concur with that idea. Ald. Clausius had a question about drinking fountains in one of his District parks. Superintendent Morgan provided a brief explanation of the budget process and how projects are identified over a 5-year cycle and move forward each year. The Mayor's budget message will be released shortly. Revisions to the budget will be on the agenda again next month. The Long Range Planning Committee reviewed the proposed budget at its meeting yesterday and gave it preliminary approval.

#### B. Hill Farms DOT Development Proposal

**Registered Speakers:**

Brian Munson, DOA, in support

Bill Peterson, DOA, in support

John Bellanti, in opposition

Mary Malischke, in opposition

The information presented by the DOA this evening will hopefully open a dialogue to assist DOA in identifying what concerns need to be addressed and ascertain the costs associated with possible solutions.

Representatives of the Department of Administration noted they were asked to review the state owned Hill Farms property that is extremely under-utilized. The state would like to implement a portion of the city's Comprehensive Plan through the creation of a mixed use employment district featuring 1.5 million square feet of office space, 160,000 square feet of mixed retail and some incidental uses. The DOT is the primary tenant at the current site as well as the Westside Farmers Market and the Sheboygan Avenue Community Gardens utilizing portions of the

site under existing agreements with the State. Munson stated the DOA has been working with various neighborhood groups. DOA has determined that additional discussion regarding the Farmers Market and Community Gardens space is needed. DOA has proposed options to incorporate those uses. The Farmers Market could be located on site through the creation of a permanent street side vending site. Parking would be served on the adjoining parcels.

In regard to the Community Garden space, the DOA has recognized there is some potential conflict between the intensity of use and the ongoing viability of the Gardens in the current location, which is the basis for tonight's discussion. The proposed development plan is fairly intense in keeping with the city's redevelopment initiatives. The employment center concept may lead to conflict with the gardens due to the intensity of use on the site. DOA began to look for other site options in terms of identifying a permanent location for the gardens. DOA has been working in concert with the gardeners and has discovered that a majority of users are located along Sheboygan Avenue within close proximity of the existing gardens. DOA identified Rennebohm Park as a potential location to neighbors and gardeners who felt very strongly that the active use area in the western portion of the park was already heavily used and would not be appropriate for gardens. DOA then looked at the greenway section to the east for relocation of the gardens, recognizing there would be cost implications. DOA is interested in determining whether it is physically possible before they develop a concept for the area. This area is grown over with box elder and buckthorn as well as other invasive species. The gardens would cover about an acre to an acre and a half and would be paid by the development. The proposal takes the storm water/greenway system and creates a platform out of the storm water line by extending the area by the bridge and positioning the gardens there. While some tree removals will be necessary most of the mature woods are west of this site. Access to the site could be accommodated via a bike path connection that DOA recognizes would need to be coordinated with the balance of the park. They are also looking for options to incorporate parking.

The DOA is currently working on the zoning application for the redevelopment of their 20-acre parcel. The document contains specific language stating the gardens will stay in their current location until the first SIP comes along that would impact it. The gardening site will remain until an alternate garden site is developed in another location. This will insure that the current garden site is protected and recognizes that they are a valuable community use and that DOA is trying to find a permanent location for them. They also recognize that any alternate permanent location has concerns from several different entities, i.e. the state, the gardeners, the city and adjoining property owners. It is a complicated issue but DOA believes most of the concerns can be resolved. If the gardens are moved to city parkland there will also be ongoing maintenance costs to be covered.

Superintendent Morgan reported he attended several neighborhood meetings and the gardeners do not want to leave their current site. Many of the gardeners are elderly and have been at that site a very long time. They do recognize that the state has been generous in allowing them to use that site. The gardens could stay at that location except that DOA is interested in maximizing the revenue at that site. DOA is interested in moving to a site that is agreeable to as many of the neighbors as possible. The proposed site could work but creates problems for the residents of the adjoining property. President Scarbrough mentioned the call he received from a resident who was concerned about early morning noise if the

gardens were moved close to the apartment buildings. There are also problems at that site with regard to parking and from a gardener's standpoint there is a long hike from available parking to the garden plots. Five years ago the city suggested extending a path past the apartment building out to Segoe and the neighbors turned it down.

He relayed the results of last week's meeting between DOA and neighborhood residents where the different radii were shown and how the debate changed from the gardens staying at the DOT site to why won't the Parks Division let the gardeners have Garner Park or a portion of Rennebohm Park. The dispute should really be with DOA about the continued use of the current site rather than moving the gardens elsewhere. It shouldn't be about getting the city to cooperate and provide garden space. Superintendent Morgan is on the gardeners' side but does not believe their anxiety should be directed at the Parks Division. There are other big issues for the city. One is that the original plan was to divert stormwater into the Rennebohm Park Greenway while DOA's proposal has the water diverted into Bordner Park and ultimately into Spring Harbor that is not environmentally sound.

The other issue of concern is the wonderful rendering of the Farmer's Market. However, the plan for the maintenance of the street system and open air garden is to turn the area over to the city and have the city manage it. Maintenance for this area would cost the city approximately \$90,000 to \$125,000 annually without programming concerts or other activities. Because of the adjoining state owned property there are no building owners to assess those costs. These are major issues that must be resolved before further negotiations occur. Parks is supportive of community gardens in parks and does whatever it can to make them work in parks but do not want to be put in the position of having to negotiate an appropriate outcome in this issue. He is concerned that this has become a city problem to find a place for a garden when it is really a DOA problem. The gardeners have indicated that they prefer to stay at their current location.

Superintendent Morgan suggested that the Park Commissioners might want to walk the site to see firsthand how it will affect the drainage in the area, look where people will walk to get to the garden and how close it will be to bedroom windows and visualize the changes that would take place. There will also be ongoing costs and an irrigation system will be needed. Finally removal of garbage will also need to be considered. Rennebohm Park is very heavily used by soccer groups, there are many company picnics at the shelter with organized games in the immediate area and the shelter is also used for Capital City Band concerts in the summer. This is an example of how the issue of moving the garden has become a Parks problem to deflect by defending current uses within the park or another park such as Garner Park where the Opera in the Park is hosted. The issue of why can't the gardeners stay where they are has become why won't the city give us a location for the gardens. It should not become Parks responsibility to negotiate with all the various groups to solve DOA's problem. Barker cautioned that there is a risk of damaging support for the entire community garden program as far as the placement of new gardens on lands owned by the state, county, city or privately owned land. This is a great program and this proposal is putting the entire program at risk.

President Scarbrough addressed the DOA representatives, gardeners and neighbors in attendance, informing them they need to work out their problems and not put either the Parks Division or Park Commission in the middle.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

**On motion of MacDonald/Chewning the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.**