



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Approved LONG RANGE PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE

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Thursday, January 29, 2015

3:00 PM

210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.  
Room 108 (City-County Building)

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### 1 CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Long Range Planning Subcommittee was held at 3:00 PM on Thursday, January 29, 2015 at the City-County Building, 210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd, Room 108. Webster called the meeting to order at 3:05 PM. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

**Members Present:** Ald. Joseph Clausius; Grant Frautschi; Madelyn Leopold; and Stephen Webster.

**Members Excused:** Edward Jepsen.

**Parks Staff Present:** Kay Rutledge and Mike Sturm.

**Present:** 4 - Madelyn D. Leopold; Joseph R. Clausius; Grant J. Frautschi and Stephen A. Webster

**Excused:** 1 - Edward A. Jepsen

### 2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Frautschi, seconded by Clausius, to Approve the Minutes of the November 6, 2014 Long Range Planning Subcommittee meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other with Leopold Abstaining.

### 3 PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no registrants for Public Comment.

### 4 DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 5      [30800](#)      Slacklining in Parks and on Public Property

Mike Sturm, Parks Landscape Architect, presented the latest draft of the Slacklining Policy and relayed information from his discussions with the Risk Manager and City Forester. Sturm also presented a summary of the existing ordinances regarding protection of trees. Leopold recommended not allowing slacklining in conservation parks. Frautschi recommended removing #11 and adding back the Assumption of Risk statement. Clausius recommended making it clear that slacklines cannot be tied to park equipment or structures. Webster recommended monitoring things like the number of slackliners, time of day, locations, damage to trees, etc., during the pilot program. A motion was made by Leopold, seconded by Clausius, to recommend the Slacklining Policy and pilot program to the Park Commission with the changes discussed at the Subcommittee meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

- 6      [31487](#)      Park Event Standards

Webster provided an update on the analysis. Community Services staff is in the process of looking at different categorizations of park events based on size. Webster also stated Community Services staff indicated it's difficult to determine whether an event is a for profit or a non-profit event as the historical data doesn't provide this information; this conclusion was questioned by Leopold. Webster relayed feedback on some of the questions that will be discussed further at future meetings, including identifying the actual costs of all staff's efforts for these events. Leopold stated it's critical to have standards that are predictable for applicants. Webster indicated he hoped to have a revised report by the next Subcommittee meeting. A motion was made by Clausius, seconded by Leopold, to refer this item to the next Subcommittee meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 7      [36437](#)      Establish Ice Rink Service Area Standards

Rutledge introduced the topic referred by the Park Commission to establish ice rink service area standards for Madison Parks. The request for an ice rink at Segoe Park was the impetus for this discussion given that two ice rinks are located less than a mile from Segoe Park. Leopold requested that the cost of a new rink be evaluated (capital costs as well as operating costs). Webster volunteered to lead this item for the Subcommittee and will put together a project statement. A motion was made by Clausius, seconded by Leopold, to refer this item to the next Subcommittee meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

8      [36442](#)      Establish Dog Park Service Area Standards

Rutledge introduced the topic referred by the Park Commission to establish off-leash dog park service area standards, as well as the size of a dog park to make it sustainable. The request for a dog park at Northland Manor Park was the impetus for this discussion given that two dog parks are located within a 2.5 mile radius of Northland Manor Park. The Park Commission also requested that the Subcommittee begin a general discussion about dogs in parks given the number of dog owners in the City (MGO 8.19). Clausius stated these are two separate issues, as one will involve a bigger and longer process (dogs in parks) than the other. Leopold volunteered to lead these items and prepare project statements; a lot of research will be required for the larger discussion about dogs in parks. A motion was made by Leopold, seconded by Frautschi, to refer this item to the next Subcommittee meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

9      [36968](#)      Next Long Range Planning Subcommittee Meeting

Webster suggested that the Subcommittee hold its next meeting on March 4th at 4 PM. A motion was made by Webster, seconded by Frautschi, to add this meeting to the schedule. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Frautschi, seconded by Clausius, to Adjourn at 4:26 PM.  
Motion passed by voice vote/other.