



City of Madison

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Meeting Minutes - Approved BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, December 14, 2016

6:30 PM

Warner Park Community Recreation Center
1625 Northport Dr.

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Madison Board of Park Commissioners was held at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, December 14, 2016 at the Goodman Maintenance Facility. President Wallner called the meeting to order at 6:37 PM. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

Members Present: Emily Gnam; Madelyn Leopold; Nancy Ragland; and David Wallner.

Members Excused: Ald. Baldeh; Ald. Mark Clear; and Jeffrey Lewis.

Parks Staff Present: Eric Knepp; Kay Rutledge; Charlie Romines; Janet Schmidt; Claire Oleksiak; Ann Shea; Joanne Austin; and Roberta Sladky.

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

Alders Present: David Ahrens, District 15.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Leopold asked that the Minutes be revised to include that additional coordination occur with the Town of Cottage Grove regarding the Yahara Hills Neighborhood Development Plan. Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Gnam, to Approve the Minutes with the revision. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Registered Speaker Alex Singer spoke regarding his experience with Olbrich Botanical Gardens.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None

REPORTS

President of the Park Commission

President Wallner attended the Warner Park Community Recreation Center holiday festival and a District 15 meeting regarding the proposed Biergarten at Olbrich Park. He also attended a meeting with residents of Curtis Court and Tenny/Lapham regarding future developments and potential for greenspace in the area.

Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Eric Knepp stated that the winter recreation season is almost up and running. Some skating rinks and cross country skiing trails are already open and conditions are updated daily on the Parks website. The 2017 budget has been approved. Parks Workers and a Parks Ranger Leadworker positions have been added. Parks is moving towards the selection of an architect for the Olbrich Botanical Gardens project. An update was provided regarding Garver and Wallner requested an update on the Breese Stevens Draft Facility Plan when it becomes available.

45395

Superintendent's December 2016 Report

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

45405

Report of the Minutes of the October 18, 2016 Olbrich Botanical Society meeting.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Ragland, to Approve by Consent Agenda No. 12, Legislative File No. 45150; No. 16, Legislative File No. 45050; No. 17, Legislative File No. 45390; and No. 18, Legislative File No. 45175. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

45150

Authorizing the City of Madison to accept ownership of a "Little Free Library" from the Madison Public Library to be located in Owl Creek Park at 23 Horned Owl Court.

Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Ragland, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

45050

Proposed 2017 Forest Hill Cemetery Fees

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

45390

Proposed 2017 Recreation Services Fees

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

45175

Annual Statement of Interest Form Due

INFORMATIONAL

- [45394](#) Update on Sheboygan Avenue Community Gardens in Rennebohm Park.
Registered Speaker Cindy Statz of Sheboygan Avenue Community Garden provided an update.
- [45379](#) Request from University of Wisconsin to Allow the Urban Canid Project to Continue for a Third Year
Registered Speaker David Drake presented an update.
Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Gnam, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.
- [45408](#) Temporary Land Use Permit - Request from Dudgeon Monroe Neighborhood Association to perform east slope stabilization work in Glenwood Park.
Parks Planning and Development Manager Janet Schmidt provided an overview of the project.
Registered Speaker Peter Nause of Dudgeon Monroe Neighborhood Association also provided information on the project.
Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Ragland, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.
- [45396](#) Mendota Boats Operational Plan to conduct boat rental and instruction, concessions and other recreational activities at Marshall Park
Registered Speaker Tyler Leeper of Mendota Boats, LLC spoke in support.
Registered Speaker Stephan Reinke of Wingra Boats and Brittingham Boats registered in support and was available to answer questions.
Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Ragland, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.
- [44962](#) Proposed 2017 Greens Fees
Assistant Parks Superintendent Charlie Romines provided an overview regarding the Greens Fees.
Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Gnam, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.
- [45397](#) BKM Operational Plan for a Biergarten Proposal at Olbrich Park Beach
Alder Baldeh Arrived at 8:05 PM.
Members Present: 5 - Ald. Samba Baldeh; Emily Gnam; Madelyn Leopold; Nancy Ragland; and David Wallner.
Members Excused: 2 - Ald. Mark Clear and Jeffrey Lewis.
Registered Speaker Michael Bare of BKM Group, LLC presented information on the project.

Registered Speaker Cindy Watson spoke in opposition.
Registered Speaker Harry Stein spoke.
Registered Speaker Andrea Blattner spoke in support.
Registered Speaker Dan Zimmerman spoke in opposition.
Registered Speaker Jennifer Laack spoke in opposition.
Registered Speaker Anne Walker spoke in opposition.
Registered Speaker Steve McCarthy spoke.
Registered Speaker Mary Polancih spoke in opposition.
Registered Speaker Breanna Illene spoke in support.
Registered Speaker Erin McWalter spoke in support.
Registered Speaker Kathy Soukup spoke in opposition.
Registered Speaker Carl Landsness spoke.
Registered Speaker Tom Dechant spoke in support.
Registered Speaker Jeanne Kaether spoke in opposition.
Registered Speaker Barbara Nowak spoke in opposition.
Registered Speaker Jenn Jackson spoke in opposition.
Registered Speaker Tim Wagner spoke in opposition.
Registered Speaker Catherine Malchow spoke in support.
Registered Speaker Lynn Breedlove spoke in support.
Registered Speaker Bill White spoke in support.
Registered Speaker Samantha Link spoke.
Registered Speaker Carol Nickles spoke in opposition.
Registered Speaker Jason Garlynd spoke in opposition.
Registered Speaker Ivy Garlynd spoke in opposition.
Registered Speaker David Post spoke in opposition.
Registered Speaker Jeanie Verschey spoke in opposition.

The following people registered in support:

Kathryn Mazack; Travis Mueller of BKM Group, LLC; and Darren Bush of Rutabaga Paddlesports.

The following people registered in opposition:

Helen Fischer; Mary Watrovich; Terry Shermeister; Patrick Soukup; and Ed Woolsey.

Recessed at 9:20 PM

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Community Services Manager Claire Oleksiak and BKM responded to questions.

Motion made by Baldeh, seconded by Leopold, to approve BKM's operational concept for a biergarten proposal at Olbrich Park, directing staff to continue negotiating the contract to address the changes suggested and concerns raised by the Park Commission, and to notify the ALRC of the approval of the concept. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Gnam, to Adjourn at 10:22 PM. Motion passed by voice vote/other.