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Meeting Minutes - Draft 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?*

Wednesday, July 12, 2023

6:30 PM

VIRTUAL

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held virtually at 6:30PM on Wednesday, July 12, 2023. President Harrington called the meeting to order at 6:30PM. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

Members Present: Ald. Yanette Figueroa Cole; Emily Gnam; Moira Harrington; Catie McDonald; Ald. Charles Myadze; and Ben Williams.

Excused: Chandra Miller Fienen.

Parks Staff Present: Lisa Laschinger; CJ Ryan; Joanne Austin; Ann Shea.

[78625](#)

Approval of the Minutes of the June 14, 2023 Board of Park Commissioners Meeting.

Motion made by Figueroa Cole, seconded by Myadze, to Approve the Minutes of the June 14, 2023 Board of Park Commissioners meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

Chandra Miller Fienen arrived at 6:35 pm.

Members Present: 7 – Ald. Yanette Figueroa Cole; Emily Gnam; Moira Harrington; Catie McDonald; Chandra Miller Fienen; Charles Myadze; and Ben Williams.

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Public Comment

There were no registrants for Public Comment.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

REPORTS

President of the Park Commission

No President update provided.

Superintendent of Parks

Assistant Superintendent CJ Ryan stated summer is here and things are running smoothly. Sasaki has been in town and meeting with stakeholders regarding the Lake Monona Waterfront project. They will present revised version of master plan July 24th at 6:30 PM at the Monona Terrace. They will collect more feedback before final master plan is submitted to Common Council in the fall. Goodman Pool hosting All City Swim in July. Parks Alive has had to cancel a couple events due to rain and air quality.

Assistant Superintendent Lisa Lashinger stated 2024 Operating Budget due July 21st with a proposal for 99% budget from this year.

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July 2023 Superintendent's Report

Public Information Officer Ann Shea presented the Public Information Office report.

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

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Report of the Minutes of the May 17, 2023 Parks Long Range Planning Subcommittee and May 16, 2023 Olbrich Botanical Society.

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

NEW BUSINESS[78629](#)

Review of Events Administratively Approved by Staff

Ryan provided overview of the report.

[78401](#)

Authorizing the Mayor and the City Clerk to enter into a contract with Madison Parks Foundation establishing the roles and responsibilities of the City and Foundation with respect to each other from the date of execution through December 31, 2033, with the possibility of renewal for successive 10-year periods.

Laschinger provided an overview of changes to the agreement.

Registered speaker Ty Beck of Madison Parks Foundation was available to answer questions.

Registered speaker Madison Parks Foundation Executive Director Stephanie Franklin was in support and available to answer questions.

Motion made by Gnam, seconded by Figueroa Cole, to Refer to a future meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners.

[78675](#)

Declaring the Crowley Station Well and Reservoir Surface at 201 S. Hancock Street to be a City Park, and Authorizing the Parks Division to Improve, Program and Maintain as a Public Park (District 4)

Ryan provided an overview.

Registrant Emily Devore was in support and available to answer questions.

Motion made by Gnam, seconded by Figueroa Cole, to RETURN TO LEAD WITH THE RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL TO THE WATER UTILITY BOARD.

Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[78692](#)

Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a Donation Agreement and a Developer's Agreement with the Madison Parks Foundation for the Privately Funded Improvement of the Crowley Station Well and Reservoir Surface at 201 S. Hancock Street (District 4).

Ryan provided introduction of item and was available to answer questions.

Registered speaker Emily Devore was in support and available to answer questions.

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

[78628](#)

Approving Revised Statement of Policy and Guidelines for On-Leash Dog Access to the Madison Park System to allow leashed and licensed dogs with valid dog park permits be allowed in all general parks, with continued exceptions consistent with Madison General Ordinance

Laschinger provided an overview of the item. Dogs in Forest Hill Cemetery policy will be a separate item to be taken up by the Commission in a future meeting.

Registrant Jan Odgen was in opposition.

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

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Confirming location and time of the Board of Park Commissioners August 9, 2023 meeting.

Laschinger presented the meeting proposal. Commission will meet at the Warner Park Beach Shelter at 4:30 PM for the August 9, 2023 meeting. Commissioners are encouraged to attend the Parks Alive event at Warner Park at 1606 Trailsway Rd.

Motion made by McDonald, seconded by Miller Fienen, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Figueroa Cole, seconded by Gnam, to Adjourn at 7:46PM.
Motion passed by voice vote/other.