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Meeting Minutes BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

6:30 PM

Olbrich Botanical Gardens
3300 Atwood Ave

I CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Madison Board of Park Commissioners was held at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, January 8, 2014 at Olbrich Botanical Gardens. President Wallner called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

Members Present: Ald. Joseph Clausius; Ald. Mark Clear; Emily Gnam; Madelyn Leopold; Nancy Ragland; Emanuel Scarbrough and David Wallner.
Parks Staff Present: Eric Knepp; Kay Rutledge; Dawn Grosdidier; Joanne Austin and Roberta Sladky.
City Staff Present: Katie Crawley, Mayor's Office.

II APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made Clausius, seconded by Clear to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2013 Board of Park Commissioners meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

III PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no registrants for Public Comment.

IV DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals by members of the Commission for any item on the Agenda.

V REPORTS

A President of the Parks Commission

President Wallner discussed his attendance at the Warner Park Facility Manager public input meeting on December 19th. He mentioned that the meeting went well and that he was excited to be a part of the upcoming interview process. Dawn Grosdidier was introduced as the new Parks Community Services Manager. President Wallner asked that the staff provide a schedule of upcoming public meetings to the Commissioners.

B Superintendent of Parks

Assistant Superintendent Knepp presented the monthly report of activities for consideration to the Board.

1 [32745](#) Written Report of Supervisor's January 2014 Activities

A motion was made by Clausius, seconded by Scarbrough to accept the written report of Supervisor's Activities. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

VI NEW BUSINESS

A [32726](#) Request from Aruna Project for the use of Vilas Park on Saturday, October 18, 2014 for the Madison Aruna 5K Run for Their Freedom.

A motion was made by Clear, seconded by Clausius to Approve the Request with conditions . Motion passed by voice vote/other.

B [32725](#) Request from the Pink Family for the use of Elver Park on Saturday, July 12, 2014 for the Douglas M. Pink 5K Run/Walk for Glioblastoma.

A motion was made by Clear, seconded by Clausius to Approve the Request with conditions . Motion passed by voice vote/other.

C [32733](#) Request from Race Day Events, LLC to use Olin Park on Saturday, May 10, 2014 for the "It's Glow Time - 5K" run event.

Registered Speaker in Support: Ryan Richards.
The Commission discussed the event and asked questions of staff related to the impacts on the park. Specific areas of concern included the use of the athletic field area for the event. Asst. Superintendent Knepp also answered questions in regard to the growth in the number of events. He indicated that the Long Range Planning Subcommittee is working on the Event Standard issue in 2014. The Commission requested that the organizers work with Parks staff to refine the request to address the Commission's concerns.

A motion was made by Scarbrough, seconded by Leopold, to refer to the February Commission meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

D [32741](#) Request from Olbrich Botanical Society for Thai Fest 2014

A motion was made by Clear, seconded by Clausius to Approve request. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

E [32734](#) Approving a request from Race Against Extinction for the use of Vilas Park on Saturday, April 19, 2014 for an Earth Day 5k Run/Walk.

A motion was made by Clear, seconded by Clausius to Approve the Request with conditions . Motion passed by voice vote/other.

- F [32743](#) Madison Mallards informational reports regarding the 2014 Fan Access Plan, Neighborhood Access Plan and Responsible Alcohol Consumption Action Plan.
- Registered Speaker in Support: Vern Stenman**
- Vern Stenman answered questions regarding the Mallards 2013 season and the upcoming 2014 season. The Commissioners congratulated the Mallards on winning the Northwoods League Championship in 2013.**
- A motion was made by Clear, seconded by Clausius to accept the written reports. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- G [32742](#) Request by Vern Stenman President of the Madison Mallards for fireworks and other promotions for the 2014 Mallards Baseball Season.
- Registered Speaker in Support: Vern Stenman**
- A motion was made by Clear, seconded by Clausius to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- H [32694](#) Creating Section 25.25(2)(f) of the Madison General Ordinances to allow bow hunting on private property, subject to certain conditions.
- A motion was made by Clear, seconded by Clausius, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the PUBLIC SAFETY REVIEW COMMITTEE. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- I [32671](#) Authorizing the execution of an Underground Utility Easement to TDS Telecom Service Corporation, Charter Communications-CCVIII Operating, LLC, and Wisconsin Power and Light Company across a portion of Waldorf Park, located at 1736 Waldorf Boulevard.
- A motion was made by Clear, seconded by Clausius, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- J [32732](#) Olbrich Botanical Gardens Facilities Master Plan & Schematic Design Report
- Jim Shields from HGA Architects, Engineers, & Planners presented an informational presentation to the Commission. Mr. Shields discussed the planning process and its focus on including public input into the Facilities Master Plan.**

K [31913](#) Volunteer Policy

Registrants: Jim Carrier; Dina Corigliano; Ed Jepsen and Rob Lewis

Kay Rutledge presented the Volunteer Policy to the Commissioners. The Commissioners discussed the structure of the Policy and the need for it to be more positive towards volunteerism. Ed Jepsen provided input as a member of the Longe Range Planning Subcommittee and discussed how the Subcommittee had developed the policy over the prior year. Commissioner Leopold indicated that she felt it would make more sense for this item to be considered at the same time as the Land Management Plan that was set to come to the Board in February. The Commission discussed potentially referring the Policy, but no motion was made on the question. The Commissioners provided input and guidance to staff on the need to develop a positive approach in implementing the Policy, including potentially developing a different method of communicating the policy than the document alone.

A motion was made by Clausius, seconded by Clear to Adopt. Motion passed 6 AYES (Clausius, Clear, Gnam, Ragland, Scarbrough, and Wallner): 1 NO (Leopold).

VII ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Clausius, seconded by Clear, to Adjourn at 9:10 PM. The motion passed by voice vote/other.