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Meeting Minutes - Approved 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, September 6, 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, September 6, 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; Moira Harrington; Catie McDonald; Chandra Miller Fienen; Ald. Charles Myadze; and Ben Williams. Parks Staff Present: Eric Knepp; Lisa Laschinger; CJ Ryan; Kevin Goke; Greg Genin; and Mike Sturm. City Staff Present: Katie Crawley, Mayor's Office; Janet Schmidt, Engineering; and Lara Mainella, Attorney's Office.

[79559](#)

Approval of the Minutes of the July 12, 2023 Board of Park Commissioners Meeting

Motion made by McDonald, seconded by Williams, to Approve the Minutes of the July 12, 2023 Board of Park Commissioners meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

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Public Comment

Alder Charles Myadze arrived at 6:34 PM.

Members Present: 6 – Ald. Yanette Figueroa Cole; Moira Harrington; Catie McDonald; Chandra Miller Fienen; Charles Myadze; and Ben Williams.

There were no registrants for Public Comment.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

REPORTS**President of the Park Commission**

President Moira Harrington indicated she did not have a monthly president's report.

Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Eric Knepp provided the report. The Parks Division is not accepting art proposals until there is an adopted art policy. There are tons of events, nearly all have returned. Golf Program is doing well, yet another record revenue year as of today. There's been positive feedback about quality and mission, all rooted in the Task Force work. We accomplished much this summer during the drought. It's been an incredible summer for Parks Alive, Aquatics and programming.

79202

August 2023 Superintendent's Report

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

79638

September 2023 Superintendent's Report

Operations Manager Greg Genin presented the Parks Operations report and answered questions. He announced that he would be retiring at the end of the year.

Motion made by Myadze, seconded by McDonald, to Accept the Report. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

79203

Approval of the Minutes of the May 9, 2023 Habitat Stewardship Subcommittee; July 19, 2023 Parks Long Range Planning Subcommittee; and June 20, 2023 Olbrich Botanical Society.

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

79555

Approval of the Minutes of the August 15, 2023 Habitat Stewardship Subcommittee and August 16, 2023 Parks Long Range Planning Subcommittee.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Miller Fienen, seconded by Gnam, to Approve by Consent Agenda No. 12, Legislative File No. 79644; No. 13, Legislative File No. 79637; and No. 16, Legislative File No. 79579. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

79644

Board of Park Commissioners Honoring the 70th Anniversary of the Women's Municipal Golf Association in the Madison Area.

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

79637

Granting access and right of entry to Vermilion Development, LLC or their contractor, for the installation of public storm sewer within Tenney Park to serve the development located at 1601-1607 Sherman Avenue. (District 12)

Registrant Wade Wyse of Vermilion Development, Wyser Engineering was in support.

Registrant Darrin Jolas of Vermilion Development was in support.

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

79579

Request From Olbrich Botanical Gardens to Close Bolz Conservatory for Various Dates to Accomodate Event and Maintenance Activities From October 2023-June 2023 (District 15)

This item was removed from the Consent Agenda. There is a typo in the years of the request. The requested closure dates are October 2023 through June 2024.

Motion made by Myadze, seconded by McDonald, to Approve the Request with the correct years.

79578

Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an agreement with BKM Group, LLC to conduct food and beverage concession sales (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) and selling supporting merchandise at Olbrich Park from the years of 2024 - 2031. (District 15)

Assistant Superintendent CJ Ryan provided an overview and was available to answer questions.

Motion made by Myadze, seconded by McDonald, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the FINANCE COMMITTEE. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

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Authorizing the Mayor and the City Clerk to enter into a contract with Friends of Goodman Waves, Inc. for the management and responsibility of the Goodman Waves Swim & Dive Team and the use of the Goodman Pool from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, with the possibility of five successive one-year renewal terms (District 13).

Ryan provided an overview of the agreement and was available to answer questions. There were many favorable comments from participants at All City Swim Meet.

Motion made by Myadze, seconded by Williams, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the FINANCE COMMITTEE. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[79687](#)

Informational Update Regarding Upcoming Land Acquisition as Proposed Within Adopted Oscar Mayer Special Area Plan.

Registrant Rebecca Leidner was in support.

Assistant Superintendent Lisa Laschinger provided an overview of the potential acquisition.

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Authorizing the Parks Division to submit, and if awarded, to accept a grant of \$187,500 from the Dane County PARC & Ride grant program for the proposed Country Grove Recreational Biking project and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a contract with Dane County to accept the PARC & RIDE grant award. (District 7)

Laschinger provided an overview of the proposed resolution and was available to answer questions.

Motion made by Myadze, seconded by Williams, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the FINANCE COMMITTEE. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[78240](#)

Consideration of a proposal to place a mural for 1 year at McPike Park. (District 6)

Laschinger provided an overview of the request.

Registered speaker Kristin Mathews of Social Justice Center and representing Sharon Irwin provided an overview of the request.

Motion made by McDonald, seconded by Myadze, to Approve the Request. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[79558](#) Declaring the Forest Hill Cemetery and Mausoleum a “Designated Dog Recreation Area” per the Madison General Ordinance 8.195 and subject to the rules and requirements governing Dog Recreation Areas; and updating the Forest Hill Cemetery rules and regulations per MGO 8.11(2). (District 13)

Genin provided an overview of the proposed revision and change in policy and was available to answer questions.

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

[79556](#) Approving Yahara Hills Golf Course Conceptual Master Plan (District 16)

Laschinger provided an overview of the Master Plan and public engagement process and was available to answer questions.

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

[79557](#) Informational Presentation of The Parks Division’s 2024 Executive Capital Budget

Knepp provided an overview of the Executive Capital Budget and answered questions.

[79642](#) Modifying RES-22-00091 ([Legislative File 68974](#)) to extend the end date of the Lake Monona Waterfront Ad-hoc Committee from 9/1/23 to the date of master plan submission to the Common Council, or 3/31/24, whichever is soonest. (Districts 4, 6, 13, and 14)

Landscape Architect Mike Sturm explained the requested change.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Myadze, seconded by McDonald, to Adjourn at 8:54 PM. Motion passed by voice vote/other.