



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, February 14, 2024

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, February 14, 2024. President Harrington called the meeting to order at 6:34PM. 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; Michelle Probst; and Ben Williams.

Parks Staff Present: Ann Freiwald; Eric Knepp; Lisa Laschinger; CJ Ryan; Joanne Austin; and Terrence Thompson.

City Staff Present: Dan McAuliffe (Planning) and Matt Mikolajewski (Economic Development)

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Approval of the Minutes of the January 10, 2024 Board of Park Commissioners meeting.

Motion made by Myadze, seconded by McDonald, to Approve the Minutes of the January 10, 2024 Board of Park Commissioners meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

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Public Comment

There were no registrants for Public Comment.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

REPORTS

President of the Park Commission

President Harrington did not provide a president's report.

Superintendent of Parks

Assistant Superintendent Lisa Laschinger presented Superintendent report, discussed onboarding new Golf Director David Vetovec, and promoted Orchid Escape at Olbrich Gardens. Discussed volunteer appreciation event at Olbrich that celebrated over 21,000 volunteer hours in 2024 and current recruitments.

[82012](#)

February 2024 Superintendent's Report

Community Services Manager Terrence Thompson provided the Community Services quarterly report and was available to answer questions.

Motion made by Miller Fienen, seconded by Myadze, to Accept the Report.

Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[82013](#)

Report of the Minutes of the January 29, 2024 Facilities, Programs and Fees and the January 17, 2024 Parks Long Range Planning Subcommittees

Motion made by McDonald, seconded by Probst, to Accept the Minutes.

Motion passed by voice vote/other.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Figueroa Cole, seconded by Probst, to Approve by Consent Agenda No. 10, Legislative File No. 82043; No. 11, Legislative File No. 81715; and No. 12, Legislative File No. 81750. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

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[82043](#)

Informational presentation regarding report of 2023 Fee Modifications for use of Park Space

Motion made by Figueroa Cole, seconded by Probst, to Accept the Report.

Motion passed by voice vote/other. *I

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[81715](#)

Request from staff to amend 2024 Athletic Reservation Fees

Motion made by Figueroa Cole, seconded by Probst to Approve the Request.

Motion passed by voice vote/other.

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[81750](#)

Review of Events Administratively Approved by Staff

Motion made by Figueroa Cole, seconded by Probst, to Accept Events Administratively Approved by Staff. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[82040](#)

Informational presentation by Madison Parks Foundation regarding report of 2023 Year-End Review and annual initiatives

Ty Beck provided annual Madison Parks Foundation report and answered questions. Stephanie Franklin of Madison Parks Foundation, was available to answer questions.

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

[82045](#)

Staff Status Report on Projects and Programs Supported by the Madison Parks Foundation

Assistant Superintendent CJ Ryan provided an overview of projects that are only possible through MPF support and ongoing partnership and was available to answer questions.

Motion made by Myadze, seconded by Miller Fienen, to Accept the Report.

[82038](#)

The consideration and approval of a proposed request from University of WI to conduct wildlife study at and install temporary wildlife cameras at Olbrich North and Hartmeyer Roth.

Dr. David Drake of UW answered questions.

Registered speaker Jennifer Argelander spoke in opposition.

Registrant Rebecca Leidner was in opposition.

Registrant Beth Sluys was in opposition.

Motion made by Figueroa Cole, seconded by Probst, to Approve the Request.

Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[81961](#)

Authorizing the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute the Third Amendment to Use Agreement for the Warner Park Stadium with Madison Mallards LLC and Northwoods League Inc. to expand the use of the Ballpark at Warner Park for women's college summer softball and make certain capital improvements for the years of 2024-2035 (District 12).

Ryan provided overview of agreement update.

Samantha Rubin and Vern Stenman of Madison Mallards were available to answer questions.

Motion made by McDonald, seconded by Williams, to RETURN TO LEAD WITH THE RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Motion passed by voice vote/tto

[81936](#)

Approving Request by Madison Mallards for Capital Improvements at Warner Park Stadium for the 2024 Mallards Season at Warner Park

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

The Commission agreed to take up item 19, Leg File 82017 before item 18, Leg File 81935.

[81935](#)

Informational Report by Madison Mallards Regarding the 2024 Access Plan, Neighborhood Impact Plan, and Responsible Alcohol Consumption Action Plan at Warner Park

The Commission took item 19 (Leg File 82017) before item 18 (Leg File 81935)

Samantha Rubin of Madison Mallards said they would speak to WPCRC staff regarding parking and include Alder Myadze.

Motion made by McDonald, seconded by Miller Fienen, to Accept the Report.

Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[82017](#)

Approving Request by Madison Mallards for fireworks displays and other promotions for the 2024 Mallards Season at Warner Park Stadium.

Ryan provided overview of request and shared a concern from Alder Burris to request additional engagement with community members regarding 2 additional fireworks requests for softball.

Registered speaker Jennifer Argelander spoke in opposition.

Registered speaker Joan Bell-Kaul of Environmental Group on Nextdoor registered in opposition and was available to answer questions.

Registered speaker Zoey Colglazier registered in opposition and was available to answer questions.

Registrant Rebecca Leidner was in opposition.

Registrant Carolyn Rumph was in opposition.

Registrant Don Lindsay was in opposition.

Registrant Kathleen Wolf was in opposition.

Registrant Kirstin Kiphardt was in opposition.

Registrant Beth Kubly was in opposition.

Registrant Jennifer Hixon was in opposition.

Registrant Kay Hagertu was in opposition.

Registrant Ruth Thomas was in opposition.

Registrant Dolores Kester was in opposition.

Registrant Maureen Pauly-Hubbard was in opposition.

Registrant Susan Hessel was in opposition.

Registrant Emily Landmann was in opposition.

Registrant Gregg Larson was in opposition.

Registrant Beth Sluys was in opposition.

Motion made by Miller Fienen, seconded by Myadze, to Approve up to 6 fireworks shows in 2024 at Warner Park Stadium with at least 1 being held at a women's softball event. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[81937](#)

Informational Report by Big Top events Regarding the 2024 Access Plan, Neighborhood Impact Plan, and Responsible Alcohol Consumption Action Plan at Breese Stevens.

Ryan provided brief overview.

Vern Stenman of Big Top Events provided an overview of the request and discussed approach to addressing parking concerns.

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

[82014](#)

Approving request from Big Top Events for a fireworks display on June 29, 2024 at Breese Stevens.

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

[81947](#)

Authorizing the City's execution of an amendment to a Purchase and Sale Agreement between the City of Madison and Opitz Investment Corporation and Halleen Properties, LLC or their successors and assigns, for the purchase of the property located at 4710 Lien Road in the City of Madison to provide the City with park land. (District 17)

Assistant Superintendent Lisa Laschinger provided an overview of the proposed acquisition and was available to answer questions.

Superintendent Eric Knepp and Dan McAuliffe of City Planning provided clarification regarding East Towne Mall Development plan.

Motion made by McDonald, seconded by Williams, to RETURN TO LEAD WITH THE RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[82037](#)

Informational presentation by City of Madison Planning Department staff regarding Northeast Area Plan development process.

Dan McAuliffe of City Planning provided overview of the plan and answered questions.

[82039](#)

Informational presentation by City of Madison Economic Development Staff regarding potential surplus of a portion of Starkweather Park for purposes of Voit Farm Development

Matt Mikolajewski of Economic Development provided an overview of the proposed development and potential surplus.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by McDonald, seconded by Williams, to Adjourn at 9:49 PM. Motion passed by voice vote/other.