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Meeting Minutes BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, January 9, 2013

6:30 PM

Goodman Maintenance Facility
1402 Wingra Creek Pkwy

I CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held on Wednesday, December 12, 2012 at the Warner Park Community Recreation Center at 1625 Northport Drive. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

Members Present: William Barker Ald. Mark Clear, Madelyn Leopold, Nancy Ragland, and David Wallner. Ald. Joseph Clausius arrived at 7:15 P.M.

Member Excused: Emanuel Scarbrough

Park Staff Present: Kevin Briski, Eric Knepp, and Kay Rutledge

City Staff Present: Katie Crawley, Mayor's Office

II ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President of the Park Commission

President Wallner opened the floor for nominations for President. A motion was made by Clear, seconded by Leopold to nominate David Wallner as President. Motion Passed by Voice Vote, with Wallner abstaining.

Vice President of the Park Commission

President Wallner opened the floor for nominations for Vice-President. A motion was made by Ragland, seconded by Clear to nominate Madelyn Leopold as Vice President. Motion Passed by Voice Vote, with Leopold abstaining.

Appointments to Committees

President Wallner announced the appointments to the standing subcommittees of the Park Commission would be made in February and asked members to contact him if they had a preference or ideas.

III APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Clear, seconded by Leopold to approve the Minutes of the December 12, 2012 meeting of Board of Park Commissioners. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

IV PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no registrants for Public Comment for items not on the agenda.

V DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

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

VI REPORTS

A President of the Parks Commission

President Wallner reported that he had taken a nice walk in Cherokee Park and had been spending some time at Tenney Park recently.

B Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Briski informed the Board of the significant efforts made by staff in snow removal activities related to the blizzard in December. The efforts were impressive and contributions were made by all sections of the Division.

1 January 2013 Written Report of Supervisor's Activities

Superintendent Briski discussed the status of the ice rinks and other winter recreational opportunities given the recent warming weather. He informed the Commission that as of January 9th, most of the winter recreational opportunities were still open, though the warming weather trend did not look favorable. A motion was made by Clear, seconded by Leopold to accept the written report of Supervisor's Activities. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

VII NEW BUSINESS

A Authorizing the Mayor and the City Clerk to enter into an agreement with the consultant team of Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc., for South Capitol Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) District Planning Study services for the City of Madison, and creating the South Capitol District Planning Committee.

Assistant Superintendent Eric Knepp requested that the Commission refer this meeting to the February meeting so that Economic Development staff could be present. A motion was made by Clear, seconded by Ragland to Refer the resolution to the February 13, 2013 Board of Park Commissioners meeting.

B Approving a Community Garden location within Brittingham Park

Parks Planning and Development Manager Kay Rutledge presented the issue related to the siting of a garden location within Brittingham Park. Rutledge provided information about the multiple locations in Brittingham that have been evaluated over the past two years. Michelle Shively from the CAC provided an overview of their role in the process of siting a community garden in Brittingham Park. Commissioner Clear requested that Rutledge provide an overview of how a site is chosen. Rutledge indicated that the process includes reviewing historical, legal, programmatic and future needs and restrictions on the proposed sites. Rutledge indicated that there are currently six community gardens in public parks in Madison. Rutledge and Shively indicated that there is high demand for garden plots in this area.

Registered Speakers in Support:

Michelle Shively, representing the CAC.

Mee Vang; Damon Terrell; Rashad Barber; Venum Richard Vildermuth; John Bell; Jim Winkle; ZI Haukeness; True Yee Thao; Kabzuag Vaj; Xay Thao; Jasmine Vang; Mary Berryman Agard; Monica Adams; Shaquita Griffin; Aaron Crandall; Danna Olsen.

Registrants in Support, but not wishing to speak:

Kyle Richmond, Dane County Supervisor; Mikey Thao; Paxton Yang; Walter Yang; Zon Moua.

Registered Speakers in Opposition:

Ron Shutvet; Peter Taglia; Nina Emerson; Sue Alioto; Kate Odahowski; Rita Bloomfield; Dennis Davidsauer; Alder Sue Ellingson, District 13.

Registrants in Opposition, but not wishing to speak:

Rodney Schreiner; Mark Blank; Linda Davidsauer.

Alder Ellingson discussed her work on this issue over the past year or so, including neighborhood meetings and discussing of alternatives. President Wallner discussed the difficulty in making these important decisions, and encouraged the neighborhood to come together after a decision is made. Rutledge discussed the deed restriction on this specific parcel, and indicated that the Attorney's Office had indicated that it did not seem to preclude a garden. Rutledge indicated the park was in total greater than 20 acres, and that the garden would be a little less than 1/4 of an acre. The Commission indicated a recognition of the need for gardens in the urban core and the values they add to the community. The Commission expressed confidence in the CAC to work diligently with the gardeners to keep the garden in good condition.

A motion was made by Barker, seconded by Leopold to Approve the location of a Community Garden within Brittingham Park. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

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Madison Parks Memorial Policy

Parks Planning and Development Manager Kay Rutledge presented the Memorial Policy as recommended by the Long Range Subcommittee. Rutledge indicated the changes from the 2001 version of the Memorial Policy. Both the recommended policy and the 2001 version are attached to legislative file #28128.

Registered Speakers:

Support - Ed Jepsen

Oppose- Ron Shutvet

A motion was made by Clausius, seconded by Ragland to Adopt the Memorial Policy. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

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Timeline for Establishing Community Gardens in City of Madison Parks

Kay Rutledge, Parks Planning and Development Manager, presented the current process for working with interested garden groups and the Community Action Coalition (CAC) to site community gardens in public parks. She provided information as to how the timeline assists everyone in understanding the process and to provide a realistic timeframe for action for siting a community garden in a public park. Rutledge indicated that Parks staff have worked with the CAC to develop this timeline and to ensure that the CAC can use the timeline to inform their clients about the process for getting new garden applications to Parks staff in a reasonable timeframe. The timeline

should allow for approval prior to the start of a new growing season. Michelle Shively from the CAC indicated that this timeline was helpful to the CAC as well, as it provides a process that can be communicated to potential new gardeners. President Wallner thanked staff for getting this timeline in place.

E B-Cycle Annual Report

Superintedent Briski presented the B-Cycle Annual Report to the Commission as an informational item on the program. President Wallner thanked Superintendent Briski for bringing this information to the Commission. Superintendent Briski discussed the relationship with B-Cycle and how the City does not pay for ths program. He also provided information that B-Cycle has indicated it is not profitable and requires a subsidy from Trek at this time. Superintendent Briski indicated that there are currently no plans to expand the program outside of the current 33 sites in 2013.

VIII ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Barker seconded by Leopold, to Adjourn at 9:29 p.m.
Motion passed by voice vote/other.