



City of Madison

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Meeting Minutes - Approved BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, April 8, 2015

6:30 PM

Olbrich Botanical Gardens
3330 Atwood Ave

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Madison Board of Park Commissioners was held at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at Olbrich Botanical Gardens. President Wallner called the meeting to order at 6:37 PM. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

Members Present: Ald. Joseph Clausius; Emily Gnam; Jeffrey Lewis; Nancy Ragland; and David Wallner.

Members Excused: Ald. Mark Clear and Madelyn Leopold.

Parks Staff Present: Eric Knepp; Kay Rutledge; Charlie Romines; David Albino; Joanne Austin; Ann Shea; and Roberta Sladky.

City Staff Present: Katie Crawley, Mayor's Office; Sally Swenson, City Engineering; Tony Fernandez, City Engineering; and Dan Rolfs, City Real Estate.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Clausius, seconded by Gnam to Approve the Minutes of the March 11, 2015 Board of Park Commissioners meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no registrants for Public Comment.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

REPORTS

President of the Park Commission

Wallner went to Breese Stevens and the stadium and turf look great. The Garver site selection process was completed April 18th and Baum was chosen. This will be discussed later in Item No. 16 on the Agenda. Wallner thanked the staff for their work on this. Alder Clausius was commended for his eight years of service on both the Common Council and the Board of Park Commissioners. Motion made by Ragland, seconded by Gnam, to commend Alder Clausius on his service. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

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Park Commission President Board Member and Citizen Appointments to Subcommittees of the Board of Park Commissioners

Motion made by Ragland, seconded by Clausius, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO CONFIRM the Appointments. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

Superintendent of Parks

Spring is here! Superintendent's report illustrates there is a lot going on. Alder Clausius, City staff, and the community were acknowledged for their work on the skate park in Central Park. The golf courses are all open and the pool and splash parks will be opening soon. Parks hopes to partner with the Parks Foundation and a local non-profit to play more of a role developing youth-oriented programming in parks. Ho-Chunk on the Southeast side is planning a possible sports complex and tribal museum. As this is next to Yahara Hills, this will likely have an impact on park property. No plan from them has yet been released. We will be potentially implementing a dog park pilot program. The program will be done in places where the alders and neighbors are willing to try it. Wallner asked what City Parks will be doing regarding Earth Day. Knepp explained City Parks' role in the Earth Day Challenge, which will be held on Sunday, April 25th. On April 29th a visioning session, organized by Alder Palm, will be held at the Warner Park Community Recreation Center. Shea announced upcoming events being presented by City Parks. Lewis requested that we find ways for more outreach to get more diversity at our events. The revitalization of Owl Creek Park was also discussed.

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Superintendent's April 2015 Report

Motion made by Gnam, seconded by Clausius, to Accept the Report. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

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Report of Subcommittee Minutes of January 20, 2015 Olbrich Botanical Society.

Motion made by Clausius, seconded by Ragland, to Accept the Report of the Subcommittee Minutes. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Gnam, seconded by Clausius to RECOMMEND to COUNCIL TO ADOPT UNDER SUSPENSION of RULES 2.04, 2.05, 2.24, & 2.25 - MISC. ITEMS Adopt by consent: Agenda Item No. 12, Legislative File No. 37762; Agenda Item No. 13, Legislative File No. 37700; Agenda Item No. 14, Legislative File No. 37696; and Agenda Item No. 18, Legislative File No. 37813. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

Ald. Mark Clear arrived at 7:03 PM.

**Members Present: 5 - Ald. Joseph Clausius; Ald. Mark Clear; Emily Gnam; Jeffrey Lewis; Nancy Ragland; and David Wallner.
Members Excused: 1 – Madelyn Leopold.**

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Proclaiming Sunday, April 19, 2015 as International Migratory Bird Day in the City of Madison.

Motion made by Gnam, seconded by Clausius, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES 2.04, 2.05, 2.24, & 2.25 - MISC. ITEMS. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

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Proclaiming the week of May 3rd through May 9th, 2015 as Arbor Week in the City of Madison.

Motion made by Gnam, seconded by Clausius, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES 2.04, 2.05, 2.24, & 2.25 - MISC. ITEMS. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

37696

To commemorate the 45th anniversary of Earth Day on April 22nd and to proclaim April 25th as Earth Day Challenge Day and endorsing and encouraging citizen participation in the clean-up events at City of Madison Parks. (All ADs)

Motion made by Gnam, seconded by Clausius, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES 2.04, 2.05, 2.24, & 2.25 - MISC. ITEMS. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

37813

To commemorate the 100th anniversary of the construction of the Bernard-Hoover Boathouse in James Madison Park and the 40th anniversary of the Mendota Rowing Club, and proclaiming June 6, 2015 as Learn to Row Day.

Motion made by Gnam, seconded by Clausius, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES 2.04, 2.05, 2.24, & 2.25 - MISC. ITEMS. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

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Hiestand Ridge Path in Hiestand Park

Tony Fernandez, City Engineering, presented information on the potential bikepath extension in Hiestand Park.

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Olbrich Gardens Gift Recognition Policy

Roberta Sladky, Olbrich Gardens Director, discussed the Olbrich Gardens Gift Recognition Policy. Motion made by Clear, seconded by Clausius, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

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Accepting the proposal of Baum Development for the redevelopment of the Garver Feed Mill.

**Registered Speakers in Support: Bryant Moroder and Lou Host-Jablonski, on behalf of Baum Development;
Brad Hinkfuss, on behalf of the Schenk Atwood, Starkweather, Yahara Neighborhood Association;
Katherine Esposito; Carl Landsness; Robert J. Bingham; and John Steines.**

Registered Speakers Scott Frank and Tom Landgraf, spoke on behalf of ACC's proposal.

Motion made by Clausius, seconded by Clear, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the BOARD OF ESTIMATES. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

Motion made by Clausius, seconded by Clear, to Recess. Motion passed by voice vote/other. Commission recessed from 8:16 pm - 8:28 pm.

**Members Present: 5 - Ald. Joseph Clausius; Ald. Mark Clear; Emily Gnam; Jeffrey Lewis; Nancy Ragland; and David Wallner.
Members Excused: 1 – Madelyn Leopold.**

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Authorizing the transfer of funds from numerous donated funds accounts to the Madison Parks Foundation pursuant to the Cooperative Agreement between the City of Madison and the Madison Parks Foundation.

David Albino, new Financial and Administrative Coordinator, introduced the item.

Motion made by Clausius, seconded by Gnam, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the BOARD OF ESTIMATES. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

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Nakoma Greenway Repair in Nakoma Park

Sally Swenson, City Engineering, presented information on the project. Motion made by Ragland, seconded by Clear, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

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Request by the Madison Mallards to use Olin Park (including the boat launch) and Law Park on June 26th and 27th and potentially June 28th for the first annual Shake the Lake fireworks celebration.

Registered Speaker Vern Stenman spoke in Support.

Motion made by Clausius, seconded by Clear, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Clausius, seconded by Clear, to Adjourn at 9:22 PM. Motion passed by voice vote/other.