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Meeting Minutes - Draft 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, May 17, 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, May 17, 2023. President Harrington called the meeting to order at 6:32PM. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

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

Alders Present: Tag Evers and Marsha Rummel.

Parks Staff Present: Eric Knepp; Lisa Laschinger; CJ Ryan; Tanya Zastrow; Terrence Thompson; Joanne Austin; Kelly Post; Sarah Grimalkin; Adam Kaniewski; Ann Freiwald; Paul Quinlan; and Greg Genin.

City Staff Present: Linda Horvath and Urvashi Martin, City Planning.

[77754](#)

Approval of the Minutes of the April 19, 2023 Board of Park Commissioners Meeting.

Motion made by Myadze, seconded by Williams, to Approve the Minutes of the April 19, 2023 Board of Park Commissioners meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[77755](#)

Public Comment

Registered speaker Dennis Kienbaum spoke regarding Wingra Park dock issues.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

REPORTS**President of the Park Commission**

President Harrington did not give a report.

Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Eric Knepp stated that Lake Monona Waterfront Ad Hoc Committee chose Sasaki and is on a tight timeline. Madison will be getting a women's professional soccer team. Ryan Brinza and Trygve Ekern have left golf for other opportunities. Dan Breunig will be leading clubhouse team in the interim. Rounds and revenue are up. Knepp is very optimistic about the future of the Golf program.

77756

May 2023 Superintendent's Report

Olbrich Botanical Gardens Director Tanya Zastrow presented the Olbrich Botanical Gardens quarterly report.

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

77757

Report of the Minutes of the March 21, 2023 Olbrich Botanical Society.

Motion made by Gnam, seconded by Myadze, to Accept the Minutes. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

77733

Approving the Olbrich Botanical Gardens Strategic Plan

Item was taken up following Item 8 (Leg File 77757).

Zastrow presented the OBG Strategic Plan.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Myadze, seconded by Gnam, to Approve by Consent Agenda No. 11 Legislative File No. 77609; No. 16, Legislative File No. 77572; No. 17, Legislative File No. 77444; No. 18, Legislative File No. 77613; No. 24, Legislative File No. 77701; No. 25, Legislative File No. 77702; and No. 26, Legislative File No. 77588. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

77609

Kids to Parks Day Proclamation

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

[77572](#) Review of Memorandum of Understanding between City of Madison Parks Division and Madison Metropolitan School District, Madison School & Community Recreation for the Use of Goodman Pool for Swim Lessons in 2023.

Registrant Diana Miller was in support.

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

[77444](#) Authorizing the City's execution of a Sixth Amendment to Lease for the purpose of adding two community garden sites to the City's lease with Rooted WI, Inc. (13th & 14th AD)

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

[77613](#) Authorizing the Mayor and the City Clerk to enter into a contract with Madison Home Brewers and Tasters Guild, Ltd., for the use and closure of the Olin Park boat launch and surrounding area during the Great Taste of the Midwest Event from 2023 through 2025, with the possibility of two successive one-year renewal terms.

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

[77701](#) Adoption of the Master Plan for Country Grove Park

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

[77702](#) Adoption of the Master Plan for Sycamore Park

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

[77588](#) Adoption of the Park Development Plans for Fraust and Harvey Schmidt Parks

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

[77703](#) Follow-up Informational Presentation Regarding the Properties Known as Thorstrand Estate Located within Marshall

Robert C. Procter of Polly O'Hare Revocable Living Trust gave a presentation and was available to answer questions.

Commissioners provided Procter feedback that they were open to exploring the terms of the lease of the property for future consideration.

77097

Request by Sessions at McPike Park Board to extend Madison Park hours for the Sessions at McPike Park, event activities, including amplification and beer sales, to 11 PM, on Friday, August 11 & Saturday, August 12, 2023 at McPike Park. The amplification extension would be for comedy, inside a test, 72dB, 150 ft from the source. Beer sales and amplified music would end at 10pm.

Interim Community Events Coordinator Kelly Post gave a correction to the item's title to add "The amplification extension would be for comedy, inside a test, 72dB, 150 ft from the source. Beer sales and amplified music would end at 10pm."

Registered speaker Judy Olson of Sessions at McPike Park, Inc. spoke in support.

Registered speaker Shadayra Kilfoy-Flores was in opposition, but was not present to speak.

Registered speaker Bob Queen of Sessions at McPike Park, Inc. spoke in support.

Registrant Jovan Chavez was in support and available to answer questions.

Registrant Karalyn Kratowicz was in support.

Motion made by Myadze, seconded by Williams, to Approve the request to extend park hours to end event clean-up by 12AM with possible monitoring by Park Rangers.

77561

Request from the Wisconsin Army National Guard for the use of Warner Park for a WIARNG Open House, on Saturday, June 3, 2023 with setup 8am-11am, event time 11am-4pm, and clean up 4pm-6:30pm. The permit request includes landing a UH-60 Black Hawk Helicopter.

Post introduced the event and was available to answer questions.

Registered speakers Nils Henderson and Jenna Sorenson of Wisconsin Army National Guard spoke in support and were available to answer questions.

Registrant Irene Landrum was in support and available to answer questions.

Assistant Superintendent CJ Ryan provided update that based on recent information from Traffic Engineering that revised conditions are needed for heavy equipment to prevent damage to the parking lot.

Motion made by Miller Fienen, seconded by Figueroa Cole, to Approve the Request with the added condition that the organizer work with Traffic Engineering to safely transport heavy equipment on city streets and into the park and prohibit transport vehicles from entering the parking lot. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[77882](#)

MSCR Olin Park Watercraft Storage Fee Modification

Registrant Diana Miller of MSCR was in support.

Community Services Manager Terrence Thompson explained the Fee Modification and was available to answer questions.

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

[77432](#)

Adopting the Reiner Neighborhood Development Plan, a supplement to the City of Madison Comprehensive Plan

Urvashi Martin of City Planning presented the plan.

Motion made by Myadze, seconded by McDonald, to RETURN TO LEAD WITH THE RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL TO THE PLAN COMMISSION. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[77769](#)

Informational Presentation of West Area Plan Update

Martin presented the Plan Update with Landscape Architect Sarah Grimalkin assisting.

[77860](#)

Informational Project Update to the Board of Park Commissioners Regarding Lake Monona Waterfront Design Challenge

Landscape architect Mike Sturm provided the project update and was available to answer questions. Miller Fienen and Harrington provided comments.

[77758](#)

Adopting the City of Madison Parks Division's 2023 Land Management Plan

Operations Manager Greg Genin recognized the Habitat Stewardship Subcommittee and Conservation Resource Supervisor Paul Quinlan for their efforts.

Quinlan presented the Land Management Plan and was available to answer questions.

Motion made by Myadze, seconded by Gnam, to Approve the plan. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[77770](#)

Informational presentation of the Kestral Park Development Plan

Landscape Architect Adam Kaniewski presented the plan.

[77441](#)

Adopting the Final Report of the Task Force on Farmland Preservation

Registered speaker Nan Fey spoke in support.

Registered speaker Marcia Caton Campbell of City of Madison Farmland Preservation Task force Rooted spoke in support.

Registrant Erik Paulson was in support.

Registrant Alison Volk was in support and available to answer questions.

Registrant Mark Voss was in support.

Registrant Rebecca Kemble was in support.

A motion was made by Gnam, seconded by Figueroa Cole, to RETURN TO LEAD WITH THE RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL TO THE PLAN COMMISSION. The motion passed by the following vote:

Approve- 5 - Ald. Yanette Figueroa Cole; Emily Gnam; Chandra Miller Fienen; Catie McDonald; and Ben Williams.

Abstain-1 - Ald. Charles Myadze.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by McDonald, seconded by Myadze, to Adjourn at 10:07 PM.

Motion passed by voice vote/other.