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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, February 10, 2021

6:30 PM

Via Virtual Meeting

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL FOR JOINT MEETING WITH LIBRARY BOARD

A joint meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners and Madison Public Library Board was held virtually at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, February 10, 2021 with the Board of Park Commissioners meeting continuing following the end of the joint meeting. Presidents Gnam and Galanter called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

Park Commission Members Present: Emily Gnam; Moira Harrington; Ald. Zachary Henak; Madelyn Leopold; and Ald. Paul Skidmore.

Members Excused: Venus Washington.

Madison Public Library Board Present: Jair Alvarez; Cindy Fesemyer; Michael Ford; Eve Galanter; Jaime Healy-Plotkin; Ald. Barbara Harrington-McKinney; and Jolynne Roorda.

Members Excused: Lisa Hempstead and Alyssa Kenney.

Parks Staff Present: Eric Knepp; Lisa Laschinger; Ann Freiwald; Joanne Austin; Mike Sturm; Ann Shea; Ryan Brinza; Terrence Thompson; and Mark Crosby.

Library Staff Present: Greg Mickells; Krissy Wick; Margie Navarre-Saaf; Mark Benno; Lori Suiter; Tammy Ocampo; Annie Weatherby-Flowers; Tana Elias; and Isis Newman.

City Staff Present: Katie Crawley, Mayor's Office; Joanna O'Brien and Brent Pauba, City Engineering; and Tom Lynch, Transportation.

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Public Comment, Board of Park Commissioners/Madison Public Library Board, February 10th @ 6:30 PM

There were no disclosures or recusals.

There were no registrants for public comment.

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Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a competitively selected, two-step contract for Purchase of Services (Architect) with Joseph Lee & Associates, LLC to provide professional architectural and engineering design services and construction administration services for the design and construction of the Reindahl Imagination Center/Library. (17th AD)

Parks Superintendent Eric Knepp introduced the item.

Madison Public Library Director Greg Mickells spoke regarding the selection process.

Motion made by Skidmore, seconded by Leopold, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

Motion made by Healy-Plotkin, seconded by Harrington-McKinney, to Adjourn at 7:16 PM. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

END OF JOINT MEETING WITH LIBRARY BOARD

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Approval of the Minutes of the January 13, 2021 Board of Park Commissioners meeting.

Motion made by Harrington, seconded by Henak, to Approve the Minutes of the January 13, 2021 Board of Park Commissioners meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

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Public Comment, Board of Park Commissioners, February 10th (immediately following joint meeting with Madison Public Library Board)

There were no registrants for public comment.

REPORTS

President of the Park Commission

President Emily Gnam stated she went snowshoeing at Owen Conservation Park and it was a nice trail.

Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Eric Knepp acknowledged the hard work of all Parks staff in the last year during COVID amidst major changes and challenges. Knepp stated that it shows Parks can continue to provide essential services even in trying conditions.

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February 2021 Superintendent's Report

Planning and Development Manager Ann Freiwald presented the Planning and Development quarterly report.

Public Information Officer Ann Shea presented the Public Information Office quarterly report.

Motion made by Henak, seconded by Skidmore, to Accept the Report. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

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Report of the Minutes of the January 11, 2021 Facilities, Programs and Fees Subcommittee; October 8, 2020 Golf Subcommittee; and December 15, 2020 Olbrich Botanical Society.

Leopold requested that staff include all draft minutes for subcommittees, especially given the Golf Subcommittee's ongoing projects.

Motion made by Harrington, seconded by Leopold, to Accept the Minutes. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

NEW BUSINESS

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Request from the City Engineering Division and Wisconsin State Department of Transportation (WisDOT) to dedicate approximately 2.8 acres of fee acquisition and 27.5 acres of temporary limited easement for grading purposes at Yahara Hills Golf Course to improve USH 12 access from and to County Trunk Highway AB (CTH AB) and Millpond Road.

Knepp presented an overview and Freiwald provided further explanation.

Tom Lynch of City Transportation explained access and safety improvements.

Motion made by Skidmore, seconded by Leopold, to Approve the Request. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

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Request from City Engineering to Install Stormwater Utility Infrastructure at Monona Golf Course as a part of the Dean Ave. Reconstruction project.

Joanne O'Brien of City Engineering presented the request.

Motion made by Henak, seconded by Skidmore, to Approve the Request. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

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Olin Park Facility Renovation - Former Wisconsin Medical Society Building Update

Landscape Architect Mike Sturm presented the update and answered questions. Completion is anticipated in June 2022.

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Glenway Park and Golf Course Project Update

Knepp provided an overview of the project.

Registered speaker Michael Keiser spoke in support and provided additional information about the project.

Registered speaker Michael Bekken spoke in support.

Registrant Doug Soldat was in support and was available to answer questions.

Registrant Stephanie Franklin of Madison Parks Foundation was in support.

Registrant Maureen Lokrantz of Madison Parks Foundation was in support.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Henak, to Adjourn at 9:34 PM. Motion passed by voice vote/other.