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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, December 8, 2021

6:30 PM

Via Virtual Meeting

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held virtually at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, December 8, 2021. President Gnam called the meeting to order at 6:37 PM. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

Members Present: Ald. Syed Abbas; Ald. Yanette Figueroa-Cole; Emily Gnam; Moira Harrington; Madelyn Leopold; and Chandra Miller Fienen.

Alders Present: Sherry Carter

Parks Staff Present: Eric Knepp; Lisa Laschinger; Christopher Peguero; Joanne Austin; Ann Shea; and Ann Freiwald.

City Staff Present: Jim Wolfe, City Engineering; Jeff Greger, City Planning.

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Approval of the Minutes of the November 3, 2021 Board of Park Commissioners meeting.

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

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Public Comment

Registered speaker Robert Beets spoke regarding the dogs in parks policy.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

REPORTS

President of the Park Commission

President Emily Gnam noted that item 11 was removed from the original agenda so any registrants for that item would no longer need to stay.

Superintendent of Parks

Parks Superintendent Eric Knepp described the situation with the boathouse that has been mooring near the boat launch at Marshall Park. The owner has been told this is not allowed and has been ticketed repeatedly. The owner does not have a plan to remove it before the lake freezes so Parks requested and received authorization by Common Council to remove it. The contractor is set to remove it tomorrow and Parks will attempt to recover costs from the owner. Clean-up at Reindahl Park will continue, as nearly all people at the encampment have left. Knepp reminded the commission that no machine-made snow will be made at Elver Park this year as it's not budgetarily responsible at this time. Parks hopes to partner again with MadNorski in the future. Warming shelters at the skating rinks will remain closed this winter due to operations staffing and continued COVID concerns. Parks will continue to evaluate. Due to warm temperatures, ice rinks are unlikely to be ready until January.

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December 2021 Superintendent's Report

Operations Manager Greg Genin presented the Operations quarterly report.

**Motion made by Abbas, seconded by Miller Fienen, to Accept the Report.
Motion passed by voice vote other.**

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Report of the Minutes of the October 18, 2021 Facilities, Programs and Fees, August 10, 2021 Habitat Stewardship, October 20, 2021 Parks Long Range Planning, November 18, 2021 WPCRC Advisory Subcommittees; and October 19, 2021 Olbrich Botanical Society.

**Motion made by Abbas, seconded by Miller Fienen, to Accept the Minutes.
Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

NEW BUSINESS[68630](#)

Discussion on the default format for 2022 Board of Park Commissioners Meetings

There was a discussion regarding the format.

Motion made by Abbas, seconded by Harrington, to continue meeting virtually until a change is requested. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

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Proposed extension of the Cannonball Path through a portion of Bowman Field

Jim Wolfe of City Engineering presented the proposal.

**Motion made by Abbas, seconded by Figueroa-Cole to Approve the proposal.
Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

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Adopting the South Madison Plan as a supplement to the Comprehensive Plan and directing staff to implement the recommendations contained in the plan.

Jeff Greger of City Planning presented.

Public speaker Helen Kitchel spoke in opposition regarding concerns with the height of buildings near Olin-Turville.

Registrant Alder Sheri Carter was in support and was available to answer questions.

Motion made by Abbas, seconded by Miller Fienen, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the PLAN COMMISSION.

Motion passed by the following vote:

Aye (3) - Abbas, Harrington, and Miller Fienen.

No (2) - Figueroa Cole, Leopold.

Figueroa Cole voted No due to concerns about single family housing.

Leopold voted No due to concerns about the allowable heights of buildings.

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Authorizing an Agreement with Dane County, along with the land purchase, land division and annexation of approximately 8 acres of land located in the Town of Verona to extend the Ice Age National Scenic Trail and Amending the Parks Division Capital Budget to include funding for the acquisition.

Knepp presented the agreement.

Motion made by Abbas, seconded by Figueroa-Cole, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

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Annual Statement of Interest Due

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Miller Fienen, seconded by Abbas, to Adjourn at 8:32 PM.

Motion passed by voice vote/other.