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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, April 14, 2021

6:30 PM

Via Virtual Meeting

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held virtually at 6:30PM on Wednesday, April 14, 2021. President Gnam called the meeting to order at 6:36PM. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

Members Present: Emily Gnam; Moira Harrington; Ald. Zack Henak; Madelyn Leopold; Chandra Miller Fienen; and Ald. Paul Skidmore.

Parks Staff Present: Eric Knepp; Lisa Laschinger; Joanne Austin; Roberta Sladky; Ann Freiwald; Ann Shea; and Kelly Post.

City Staff Present: Katie Crawley, Mayor's Office; Urvashi Martin, City Planning; and Janet Schmidt, Dan McAuliffe, Mark Moder, and Greg Fries, City Engineering.

[64912](#)

Approval of the Minutes of the March 10, 2021 Board of Park Commissioners meeting.

Motion made by Henak, seconded by Miller Fienen, to Approve the Minutes of the March 10, 2021 Board of Park Commissioners meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[64936](#)

Public Comment

Registered Speaker Nicholas Christianson spoke about the dog paddle event.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

REPORTS

President of the Park Commission

President Emily Gnam thanked Alders Zach Henak and Paul Skidmore for their service with the Park Commission. Due to changes in the Park Commission's membership, there will be new Park Commissioner appointments to subcommittees. Gnam will temporarily fill the empty position on the Warner Park Community Recreation Center Advisory Subcommittee.

[64872](#) Park Commission President's Board Member and Resident Appointments to Subcommittees of the Board of Park Commissioners.

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

Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Eric Knepp also thanked Alders Zach Henak and Paul Skidmore for their time served with the Park Commission. He introduced Christopher Peguero, the new Assistant Parks Superintendent. He deferred the remainder this item to the presentation of the Superintendent's report.

[64978](#) April 2021 Superintendent's Report

Assistant Superintendent Lisa Laschinger presented the Community Services quarterly report.

Olbrich Botanical Gardens Director Roberta Sladky presented the Olbrich Botanical Gardens quarterly report.

Leopold complimented Park Ranger Lea Rumbolo who worked on a donor project recommendation at Bernie's Beach for wheelchair access to the water. She was dedicated and passionate about the project.

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

[64913](#) Report of the Minutes of the January 20, 2021 Parks Long Range Planning Subcommittee; March 25, 2021 Warner Park Community Recreation Center Advisory Subcommittee; and February 9, 2021 Olbrich Botanical Society.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Miller Fienen, to Approve by Consent Agenda No. 11, Legislative File No. 64904; No. 12, Legislative File No. 64925; No. 13, Legislative File No. 64927; and No. 19, Legislative File No. 64570; No. 20, Legislative File No. 64592; and No. 23, Legislative File No. 64821. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[64904](#) Request from Olbrich Botanical Society to close Olbrich Botanical Gardens to the public at 2 PM on Thursday, June 24 and Friday, June 25, 2021 for Summer Breeze; 5 PM on Saturday, August 28 to prepare for GLEAM, Art in a New Light and stay open until midnight on Saturday, August 28, 2021 for the event; and close to the public at 3 PM on Friday, September 10th for a member appreciation event.

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

- [64925](#) Board of Park Commissioners Earth Day 2021 Proclamation
- Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Miller Fienen, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- [64927](#) Board of Park Commissioners World Migratory Bird Day Proclamation
- Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Miller Fienen, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- [64570](#) Authorizing the City's acceptance of ownership from the Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association of the existing Indian Hills sign and decorative landscape garden located partially in public right-of-way and partially in Spring Harbor Park near the Flambeau Road and University Avenue intersection. (19th AD)
- Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Miller Fienen, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- [64592](#) Authorizing the assignment of a Ground Lease Agreement from Larry E. Lichte and Dolores A. Lichte to their living trust for their homestead located within Marshall Park at 2 Thorstrand Road. (19th AD)
- Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Miller Fienen, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- [64821](#) Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to Enter into Boat Launch Use Agreements With Joe Daniels Construction Co., Inc. to Use the Marshall Park Boat Launch for Private Shoreline Restoration Work
- Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Miller Fienen, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- [64442](#) Planning Division update on the Odana Special Area Plan
- Registrant Janet Hirsch was in opposition.
Registrant Kathy McComb was in opposition.**
- Dan McAuliffe of City Engineering presented the plan and answered questions.**
- [64906](#) Warner Lagoon Water Quality Planning Report
- Janet Schmidt of City Engineering presented the report.**
- Registered speaker Kurt I Welke spoke in support.
Registered speaker James Edward Krause of Yahara Fishing Club of Madison spoke in support.
Registered speaker Tim Nelson of Wild Warner spoke in support.
Registrant Tehmina Islam was in support.
Registrant Kay Hagerty was in support.
Registrant D.A. Kester was in support.
Registrant Alisha Steele was in support.**

Registrant Zachary Schwartz was in support.
Registrant Michaiah Faraj was in support.

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

Recessed at 8:57 PM.

Members Present: 6 – Emily Gnam; Moira Harrington; Ald. Zachary Henak;
Madelyn Leopold; Chandra Miller Fienen; and Ald. Paul Skidmore.

Reconvened at 9:05 PM.

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Madelyn Leopold; Chandra Miller Fienen; and Ald. Paul Skidmore.

64893

Request from City Engineering for Access to Spring Harbor Park for Purposes of Outfall Wall Repair Related to FEMA Claim for 2018 Flood damage.

Janet Schmidt of City Engineering presented the request.

Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Henak, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

64969

Request from City Engineering for Use of Undeveloped Park Land South of Yahara Hills Golf Course for Purpose of Storing and Dewatering Dredging Material from Spring Harbor Outfall Wall Repair Project.

Janet Schmidt of City Engineering presented the request.

Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Harrington to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

64907

Odana Hills Park Sanitary and Storm Sewer Upgrades

Janet Schmidt and Mark Moder of City Engineering presented the project.
There will be no activities in the park after August in order for the work to begin.

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

64793

Authorizing the City's execution of a Fifth Amendment to Lease, with Rooted WI, Inc, for the purpose of expanding the area of three community gardens located on City-owned land.

Registered speaker Nicholas Leete of Rooted WI, Inc. discussed the plan.

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

64836

Authorizing the Park Superintendent to Approve Certain Park Event Permits Temporarily Due to COVID Restrictions That Will Allow Events and Encourage Use of Park Spaces for Economic Recovery

Laschinger explained the need for the Parks Superintendent to administratively approve certain events as long as they meet Public Health, Madison/Dane County (PHMDC) restrictions and obtain all required permits.

Registrant Nicholas Christianson withdrew his request to register for this item.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Henak, seconded by Leopold, to Adjourn at 10:20 PM. Motion passed by voice vote/other.