



Meeting Minutes - Draft
HABITAT STEWARDSHIP
SUBCOMMITTEE (Parks)

*Consider: Who benefits? Who is burdened?
Who does not have a voice at the table?
How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?*

Tuesday, February 11, 2025

4:30 PM

Virtual

1 CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Habitat Stewardship Subcommittee was held virtually at 4:30 PM on Tuesday, February 11, 2025. Chair Gere called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

Members Present: Sean Gere; Kelly Kearns; Michelle Probst; and Brock Woods.

Parks Staff Present: Paul Quinlan; Chad Hughes; Scott Nelson; and Nataliya Akulenko.

City Staff Present: Ian Brown, Forestry; Isaac Matthias, Common Council Office; and Charlie Romines, Streets.

2 [86998](#)

Approval of the Minutes of the December 10, 2024 Habitat Stewardship Subcommittee Meeting

Motion made by Woods, seconded by Kearns, to Approve the Minutes of December 10, 2024 Habitat Stewardship Subcommittee. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

3 [87004](#)

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no registrants for Public Comment.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

PUBLIC HEARING

4 [87030](#)

PUBLIC HEARING: Madison Gas and Electric Company (MGE) Permit for Utility Line Clearance Pruning and Removal in the Public Right-of-Way

The Public Hearing was declared Open at 4:35 PM.

Tim Meisenheimer of MG&E presented the plan. City Forester Ian Brown answered questions. Registered speaker Kate Kendziora was in support. Registered speaker Sandra Ward was neither in support nor opposition.

Motion made by Kearns, seconded by Woods, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

The Public Hearing was declared Closed at 4:52 PM.

- 5 [87012](#) Land Management Plan Revision
- Parks Operations Manager Chad Hughes presented the revision and answered questions.
Kearns proposed amending the language to "non-restricted use pesticides".
- Motion made by Kearns, seconded by Probst, to REFER TO 3/12/2025 BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS MEETING WITH RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL.
Motion passed by voice vote/other.
- 6 [87017](#) Approval of the 2024 Parks Pesticide Report
- Conservation Resource Supervisor Paul Quinlan presented the Report and answered questions.
- Motion made by Probst, seconded Kearns, by to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.
- 7 [87032](#) Informational overview of Habitat Management Plan for Hiestand Woods Conservation Park
- Quinlan presented the overview.
- 8 [87033](#) Informational overview of Managed Meadow Scorecard
- Scott Nelson, Parks Ecoteam technician, provided an overview of the Scorecard and answered questions.
- 9 [87029](#) Informational Update on the City's Board, Committee, and Commission Streamlining Project (All Districts)
- Isaac Matthews of the Mayor's office, Charlie Romines, Streets Division, and Michelle Probst provided an update on the City's Committees.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Probst, seconded by Kearns, to Adjourn at 5:58 PM. Motion passed by voice vote/other.