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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, October 11, 2023

6:30 PM

Parks Division Lakeside Offices
330 E Lakeside St

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held virtually at 6:30PM on Wednesday, October 12, 2023. President Harrington called the meeting to order at 6:30PM. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed. Members Present: Ald. Yanette Figueroa Cole; Moira Harrington; Catie McDonald; Chandra Miller Fienen; Ald. Charles Myadze; Michelle Probst; and Ben Williams. Parks Staff Present: Eric Knepp; Lisa Laschinger; CJ Ryan; Joanne Austin; Kelly Post; and Terrence Thompson.

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Approval of the Minutes of the September 6, 2023 Board of Park Commissioners meeting.

Motion made by Miller Fienen, seconded by Figueroa Cole, to Approve the Minutes of the September 6, 2023 Board of Park Commissioners meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

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Public Comment

There were no registrants for Public Comment.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

REPORTS

President of the Park Commission

President Moira Harrington welcomed new Park Commissioner Michelle Probst and the Commissioners introduced themselves. Harrington recognized former Commissioner Emily Gnam's 10 years of service. She will attend an upcoming meeting for a more formal recognition.

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Approving Park Commission Present Member and Resident Appointments to the Subcommittees of the Board of Park Commissioners

Motion made by McDonald, seconded by Williams, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO CONFIRM UNDER SUSPENSION OF MGO 2.055. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

Superintendent of Parks

Assistant Superintendent CJ Ryan stated that Superintendent Eric Knepp would be speaking later in the meeting about the budget.

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October 2023 Superintendent's Report

Community Services Manager Terrence Thompson provided the Community Services report.

Motion made by Myadze, seconded by Figueroa Cole, to Accept the Report.
Motion passed by voice vote/other.

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Report of the Minutes of the September 18, 2023 Facilities, Programs and Fees Subcommittee; September 20, 2023 Parks Long Range Planning Subcommittee; and July 18, 2023 Olbrich Botanical Society.

Motion made by McDonald, seconded by Williams, to Accept the Minutes.
Motion passed by voice vote/other.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Figueroa Cole, seconded by Miller Fienen, to Approve by Consent Agenda No. 11, Legislative File No. 79834; No. 12, Legislative File No. 79841; No. 13, Legislative File No. 79839; and No. 14, Legislative File No. 79835; No. 15, Legislative File No. 79837; No. 16, Legislative File No. 79838; No. 17, Legislative File No. 79836; No. 18, Legislative File No. 79843; No. 19, Legislative File No. 79842; No. 20, Legislative File No. 79840; No. 21, Legislative File No. 80112; No. 24, Legislative File No. 80086; and No. 25, Legislative File No. 80105.
Motion passed by voice vote/other.

11* [79834](#)

2024-2025 Proposed Olbrich Botanical Gardens Fees

Motion made by Figueroa Cole, seconded by Miller Fienen, to Approve the Fees. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

12* [79841](#)

2024 Proposed Shelter Fees

Motion made by Figueroa Cole, seconded by Miller Fienen, to Approve the Fees. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

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2024 Proposed Park Division Fees - Mooring; Watercraft Storage; Violation Ranges; Disc Golf, Dog Park, Lake Access, and Cross Country Ski Permit

Motion made by Figueroa Cole, seconded by Miller Fienen, to Approve the Fees. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

14* [79835](#)

2024 Proposed Athletic Fees

Motion made by Figueroa Cole, seconded by Miller Fienen, to Approve the Fees. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

- 15* [79837](#) 2024 Proposed Aquatics Fees

Motion made by Figueroa Cole, seconded by Miller Fienen, to Approve the Fees. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

- 16* [79838](#) 2024 Proposed Forest Hill Cemetery Fees

Motion made by Figueroa Cole, seconded by Miller Fienen, to Approve the Fees. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

- 17* [79836](#) 2024 Proposed Golf Fees

Motion made by Figueroa Cole, seconded by Miller Fienen, to Approve the Fees. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

- 18* [79843](#) 2024 WPCRC Fees

Motion made by Figueroa Cole, seconded by Miller Fienen, to Approve the Fees. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

- 19* [79842](#) 2024 Proposed Special Event Fees

Motion made by Figueroa Cole, seconded by Miller Fienen, to Approve the Fees. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

- 20* [79840](#) 2024 Proposed Recreation Services Fees

Motion made by Figueroa Cole, seconded by Miller Fienen, to Approve the Fees. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

- 21* [80112](#) Review of Events Administratively Approved by Staff

Motion made by Figueroa Cole, seconded by Miller Fienen, to Approve the Fees. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

- 24* [80086](#) Authorizing the City’s execution of a two-year lease agreement, with two subsequent two-year renewal terms, between the City of Madison and the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, allowing for the placement of boat storage racks, pier improvements and other site improvements for use by University of Wisconsin Rowing within Marshall Park, Wingra Park, Tenney Park and James Madison Park. (District 6, District 13, and District 19)

Motion made by Figueroa Cole, seconded by Miller Fienen, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

25* [80105](#) Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk execute a use agreement with Rutabaga Paddlesports LLC to conduct rental, instructional, non-alcoholic concession and other recreational activities at the Olbrich Park Beach House for the years 2024-2030 (District 14 and District 15).

Motion made by Figueroa Cole, seconded by Miller Fienen, to RETURN TO LEAD WITH RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[79533](#) Request to make Classes in Parks & Day Camps in Parks permits permanent.

Parks and Street Use Supervisor Kelly Post presented the request.

Motion made by Figueroa Cole, seconded by Williams, to Approve the Request.

[77881](#) Request from staff to approve the Parks Guidelines for Closure Policy

Ryan provided an overview and answered questions.

Motion made by Figueroa Cole, seconded by McDonald to Approve the Request. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[78401](#) SUBSTITUTE - Authorizing the Mayor and the City Clerk to enter into a contract with Madison Parks Foundation establishing the roles and responsibilities of the City and Foundation with respect to each other from the date of execution through December 31, ~~2033~~2028, with the possibility of renewal for successive ~~40~~ 5-year periods.

Registered speaker Stephanie Franklin of Madison Parks Foundation was available to answer questions.

Motion made by McDonald, seconded by Figueroa Cole, to ADOPT WITH REVISIONS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS - REPORT OF OFFICER.

[80162](#) Authorizing the Superintendent to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Madison Parks Foundation for improvements at Rennebohm Park.

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

80226

Request from Big Top Events for additional concerts at Breese Stevens Field

Registered speaker Connor Caloia of Big Top Events spoke in support and answered questions.

Registered speaker Karen Banaszak spoke in opposition.

Registered speaker Jeff Reinke spoke in opposition.

Registered speaker Matt Krueger spoke in opposition.

Registered speaker Alex Saloutos spoke in support.

Jennifer Keeley Yonda spoke in opposition.

Registered speaker Andrew Keeley Yonda spoke in opposition.

Motion made by Myadze to refer to the next meeting, seconded by Probst.

Myadze Amended motion to Approve up to 10 concerts in 2024 and to require Big Top Events to hold at least 1 meeting with Tenney Lapham Neighborhood Association to review concerns, seconded by Figueroa Cole. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

80099

Authorizing the Purchase of the Property Located at 305 S. Bedford from Dane County for Future Assemblage with Brittingham Park. (District 4).

Superintendent Eric Knepp provided an update regarding the resolution.

Registered speaker Alex Saloutos spoke in opposition and presented slides.

Motion made by McDonald, seconded by Figueroa Cole, to RETURN TO LEAD WITH RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

80083

Authorizing the execution of a Purchase and Sale Agreement between the City of Madison and Samuel and Margaret Thomas for the City's acquisition of the property located at 16 Lakeshore Court for assemblage with Olin Park. (District 13)

Knepp discussed the purchase.

Catie McDonald left at 8:56PM.

**Members Present: 6 – Ald. Yanette Figueroa Cole; Moira Harrington; Ald. Charles Myadze; Chandra Miller Fienen; Michelle Probst; and Ben Williams.
Members Excused: 1 - Catie McDonald.**

Motion made by Figueroa Cole, seconded by Williams, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[80200](#)

Authorizing the execution of a Purchase and Sale Agreement between Lincoln Capital Acquisition LLC, or their successors and assigns (“Seller”) and the City of Madison (“Purchaser”) for the acquisition of a portion of the property located at 2007 Roth Street (“Property”) for the Parks Division. (District 12)

Catie McDonald returned at 8:59PM.

Members Present: 7 – Ald. Yanette Figueroa Cole; Moira Harrington; Catie McDonald; Ald. Charles Myadze; Chandra Miller Fienen; Michelle Probst; and Ben Williams.

Assistant Superintendent Lisa Laschinger explained the purchase.

A motion was made by Figueroa Cole, seconded by McDonald , to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the FINANCE COMMITTEE. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

[79961](#)

Parks Division Roadmap 2023

Ryan presented the 2023 Parks Division Roadmap and answered questions.

[80193](#)

Informational Presentation of The Parks Division’s 2024 Executive Operating Budget

Knepp gave a presentation about the 2024 Executive Operating Budget and answered questions.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Figueroa Cole, seconded by McDonald, to Adjourn at 9:57 PM. Motion passed by voice vote/other.