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### CALL TO ORDER

#### I. ROLL CALL

**Present:** Joseph R. Clausius, William Barker, Emanuel Scarbrough and Betty N. MacDonald

**Excused:** Michael Schumacher, Stephen A. Webster and Betty Chewning

**Parks staff present:** James Morgan, Si Widstrand, Elinor Riley, Russ Hefty, Laura Bauer, LaVonne LaFave

**President Scarbrough called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.**

#### II. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public who wished to comment on items not on the Agenda.

#### III. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

##### A. Presentation by State Historical Society

**Registered Speaker:** Michael Stevens of Wisconsin State Historical Society

**Mr. Stevens of the Wisconsin State Historical Society, announced the presentation this year's Historic Preservation Award to the Madison Board of Park Commissioners for the restoration of the Brittingham Boat House on North Shore Drive. This project shows how a public/private partnership can work. The**

Brittingham Boat House was built in 1910 by the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association. It was slated for demolition in the 1970's but the Landmarks Commission declared it a Landmark in 1979 and repairs were made to the roof and to deal with the instability caused by the slope on one end. The Mendota Rowing Club has since partnered with the Parks Division to raise funds to restore the building and move it to a new foundation. President Scarbrough asked that Superintendent Jim Morgan receive the award on behalf of the Park Commission. He also stated that Parks Division staff present shared in this award for the work they have done on this project.

Superintendent Morgan praised the Park Commission who very early in this process made available the funds for the challenge grant that provided the impetus for this fundraising to occur. This building is a treasure that will be in existence for another 50 years. He also recognized Landscape Architect Bill Bauer and Preservation Planner Kitty Rankin for their help and support. President Scarbrough then stated that the Park Commission's focus is about preserving things for future generations and for the city as a whole. There are times citizens may not agree and want things done right away but that may not be in the best long-term interests of the city.

#### **IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

##### **A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 13, 2007**

A motion was made by Barker/Clausius to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 13, 2007 regular meeting of the Park Commission with the following corrections: The motion to approve the May 9, 2007 Minutes was made by Chewning/MacDonald not Chewning/Barker. Further, on page 4 the second to the last sentence in the second to the last paragraph, the word "allusion" should be "illusion." MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

President Scarbrough noted that some people did not think it was clear that two Commissioners voted to ban alcohol in Law Park even though the motion failed. The Ordinance was proposed as an emergency measure and was not a blanket endorsement for Law Park. It was done because of a very serious problem confronting the city at that point and as a temporary measure it seemed prudent to let it happen until a better solution could be implemented.

#### **V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **A. Habitat Stewardship Committee Minutes of March 13, 2007**

A motion was made by Barker/MacDonald to accept the Minutes of the March 13, 2007 meeting of the Habitat Stewardship Committee. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Registered Speaker: Pat Woicek, in support

Barker noted that his main concern is to preserve the wetland plant communities. Conservation Supervisor Russ Hefty responded the location mentioned by Ms. Woicek might provide a slightly better viewing site to hold more people but the downside is that the conservation work that has been done on the river at the area has discouraged anglers from fishing there and Sweet Indian Plantain has reestablished at that site. This is one of the highest quality specimen areas at

Hickory Island. Parks tries to balance access and viewing but the resources must come first. The location chosen by Parks is in an area that has been previously disturbed by buildings.

#### 1. Report from May 22, 2007 Meeting of Habitat Stewardship Committee

A motion was made by Clausius/MacDonald to approve the Report from May 22, 2007 Meeting of Habitat Stewardship Committee to accept the motion that the proposed plan as detailed on the attached maps be approved for the removal of the old boardwalk and construction of a boardwalk replacement at Cherokee Marsh. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### Thut Park Master Plan

Parks Development Supervisor Widstrand presented a map showing the Master Plan for Thut Park and surrounding area. This park is located in the Broadway/Lake Pointe neighborhoods and is one of Parks long-term projects to correct park deficiencies in that area. He identified Paunack Conservation Park, a small play lot, Waunona Park is surrounded by residential properties with little street frontage or parking, and Esther Beach has only a swing set and the beach. Since the 1980s, the Parks Division has been attempting to acquire parcels in this area to put a 10- to 20-acre area park to serve at least a square mile. Area parks typically have large open spaces for field sports, a natural area, basketball court, and play ground. The original master plan showed primarily softball fields and that filled the open space, a shelter, volleyball courts, basketball court, and play ground area. Using the map, he pointed out various parcels and the length of time it took to acquire them. The last parcels were acquired in just the last couple of years that enable the Parks Division to move ahead with the development of the park.

Work began with the neighborhood group this past year to update the Master Plan. The current proposal tries to condense all the field sports into one location with a multi-purpose field that could be used for softball, soccer, Ultimate Frisbee, rugby, football or whatever someone wants to play. The proposal also calls for the entire back portion of the park to remain relatively natural with the field area out in front. Parks also acquired two additional parcels, one with a house and one lot that was wooded. The neighborhood group had several concerns, primarily that it cut out a large wooded area that was primarily a second growth woods consisting of black locust, box elder, buckthorn, garlic mustard and some woodland plants. There is a nice oak grove in another portion of the property. The last step in the progress of the master plan was to rework and reconfigure the field to shrink it down to the minimum size to be considered an adult soccer field. It would not be intensely programmed for adult activities but would provide youth activity areas for use by the whole neighborhood as well as the community center or any other organizations in the area that organize youth activities. The fields are large enough for grade and middle school students for baseball, softball and soccer. This concept was presented at a neighborhood meeting last evening. Widstrand pointed out the proposed mow lines and existing trees and woods. He also noted that there would be an opportunity to plant a buffer next to the houses. The back natural area would not be mowed and would be left as a natural meadow. The remaining portions of the plan regarding the shelter, volleyball and basketball courts and the playground would remain the same.

Another concern brought forward by the neighbors was noise screening from the Beltline. Parks plans to replant a portion of the woods and to plant street trees along Nana Lane. A sidewalk would be installed along Nana Lane and there would also be an accessible path through the park to provide access for everyone.

Registered Speakers:

Mary Caulfield, in support  
Doris Lang - also representing Board of Waunona Association, in support  
Phyllis Tschumper, in support  
Karl Lang, in support  
Tom Brock, in opposition  
Kim Bean, in opposition  
Jane Sadusky, in opposition  
Janice Friis - not speaking  
Tom Speranza, in support  
Richard Taylor, in support  
Dan Leary, in opposition  
Ald. Timothy Bruer, in support  
Bryan Keleny - not speaking, in support

There are a large number of children living in the Broadway and Lake Pointe neighborhoods surrounding this park who come from mixed economic levels. The director of the Community Center would like to have more activities for young people. Utilizing the fields in the park would provide opportunities for programming those types of activities. Ald. Bruer noted that the challenged neighborhoods of 20 years ago were those areas that were most park deficient. He reported there were numerous meetings with the Broadway, Lake Point and Waunona neighborhoods. The master plan for this active recreational park is responding to an acute deficiency in these neighborhoods and will meet a cross section of needs utilizing a carefully detailed comprehensive approach. There may be some additional fine tweaking based on the speakers of last evening's neighborhood meeting but the major concept is in place. Ald. Bruer also recognized the level of dedication and commitment of Parks Division staff in making this park a reality.

A motion was made by MacDonald/Clausius to approve the Thut Park Master Plan, as presented and acknowledged that some fine-tuning would continue to occur.

Commissioners noted the acquisition of the parcels needed to build this park mirrors another long-term park project that has recently been in the news, that being James Madison Park. In both cases, Parks staff have, for decades, patiently pursued acquisitions, one parcel at a time to create these parks. In the case of James Madison Park, which is a jewel in our park system, there had been parcels that contained poorly maintained rental buildings. The point is that these plans are carefully made and pursued over long periods of time to ensure there is open space in a dense urban area. Barker supports the Thut Park Master Plan and is amazed by Parks staff and citizens in Madison that care about their community enough that they work for such long periods of time to create these parks. He also realizes there is some tweaking that remains to be done but he is confident in Parks staff that those refinements will occur as the playing fields are

developed through the removal of scrub plants that will be replaced with better landscaping. They acknowledged that the new plantings would take a few years to achieve the growth the neighbors were losing. Following this discussion, the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### Lost Creek Park Master Plan

Widstrand presented a map showing the Marsh Road neighborhood Lost Creek Park Master Plan. There is a large wetland that runs down the middle of the neighborhood. When the neighborhood was first developed wetland protection wasn't as stringent and they were eliminated with the understanding there would be a greenway drainage area there. The result was a large drainage/open space area in the middle with residences surrounding it. Veterans Memorial Park is located southwest of Lost Creek in this neighborhood. Lost Creek was not designated as a park with actual park facilities but as open space for the neighborhood. There is another park in the northwest portion of the neighborhood called Owl Creek Park. This is a wooded area along the continuation of the wetland drainage system. A connecting route between Veterans Memorial Park and the neighborhood was lost because of the wetland area. Originally the plan showed a street connection between the two areas but Engineering could not get a permit from the DNR to fill the wetland for the proposed road. Thus the Lost Creek neighborhood has become isolated from the park that would be logical for them to use.

Ald. Compton and some of the neighbors have been requesting some type of park facilities for the Lost Creek residents. A small play area and tot lot could be installed at Lost Creek. Another idea involved a crossing over the wetland to get to Veterans Memorial Park. Because of the wetlands, the only possibility for a crossing would be a boardwalk approximately 400 feet long. The Mark Maida Memorial was then folded into this discussion. Preliminary indications were that a boardwalk would cost between \$15,000 and \$30,000. One concept was to have the Boy Scouts build the boardwalk with materials purchased by Parks and subsequently found out that the cost would be more than double the original estimate. The other factor involved is the restoration of prairie for the drained wetlands. The area would be scraped and berms constructed to keep the wetlands wet year round. This leads to the recommendation that a boardwalk not be constructed, especially in light of the earlier discussion regarding the expense of maintaining boardwalks. Widstrand recommends that a small playground be installed and the Lost Creek Open Space designation be changed to Lost Creek Park and that playground equipment for small children be installed. The parcel was originally just an access point for the open space but neighbors expected it to be a park of some sort. The area would be cleaned up, graded, seeded, trees planted, and a picnic table and benches installed. There is \$10,000 of available park development fees be used for this project. This is a neighborhood with primarily very young children and would be a walking destination park with no parking lot. Commissioners endorsed this concept.

The longer range plan for the neighborhood is to create a system of hiking trails and bike trails to get to all the park spaces around the perimeter of the wetlands, up to Owl Creek Park and onto the private trail system with Indian Mounds and over to the McFarland park to the south.

It was also noted that Veterans Memorial Park is designed with a large multi-use field area, an area reserved for a Veterans plaza, basketball courts, playground area and a connective path system to connect to the rest of the trails in the

neighborhood. There would also be a natural area and a buffer of tree plantings.

Registered Speaker: Alder Compton in support

A motion was made by Barker/MacDonald to approve the Lost Creek Master Plan.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### **B. Long Range Planning Committee Minutes of May 8, 2007 Meeting**

Registered Speakers: All in support  
Roger Allen, appearing as a citizen  
Wade Allen  
Ald. Compton

Commissioners asked Wade Allen to describe the specifics for the memorial to Sgt. Mark Maida in light of the statement from Parks staff that a boardwalk is not a viable project. Mr. Allen still believes in the boardwalk but would be happy with a bench etched with one of Mark's favorite sayings and planting a tree that would attract eagles would be acceptable. Commissioners expressed concern about the appropriateness of the boardwalk and future maintenance at that site since there are ecological problems with a boardwalk installation. They completely support a bench and tree and suggested a possible contribution toward the play equipment that would benefit the youth of tomorrow. They also asked that the record reflect that the Park Commissioners wholeheartedly endorse this Eagle Scout endeavor.

A motion was made by MacDonald/Barker to accept the Minutes of the Long Range Planning Committee meeting of May 8, 2007, and to approve the request to rename Grandview Commons Park to North Star Park, further to approve renaming Lost Creek Open Space as Lost Creek Park and to direct Parks staff to work on the selection of a bench and tree in that park to honor Sgt. Mark Maida as presented by Eagle Scout candidate Wade Allen. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### **C. Olbrich Botanical Society Minutes of May 15, 2007 Meeting**

A motion was made by Barker/MacDonald to accept the Minutes of the Olbrich Botanical Society May 15, 2007 meeting of the Olbrich Botanical Society.  
MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

#### **D. Ad hoc Committee on Alcohol and Related Behaviors in Parks**

A motion was made by MacDonald/Clausius to accept the Minutes of the Ad hoc Committee on Alcohol and Related Behaviors in Parks meeting of November 29, 2007. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

President Scarbrough provided an oral report regarding the meeting of June 25, 2007 that was held in the Madison Municipal Building. There were a number of citizens from the Brittingham Park neighborhood as well as police in attendance. This was a very constructive meeting. Many ideas were presented and one suggestion was to hold a meeting at Brittingham Park to meet with the individuals who have been causing problems. President Scarbrough reported that following the meeting he went to Brittingham Park and spoke with some of the people there. Many of the people were not homeless individuals, they drove to the park and were shooting dice. He spoke to them about proper behavior around children in park settings. He also spoke with people playing soccer who

indicated they had not had conflicts with the group congregating by the shelter. He has also observed people walking from the homeless shelter on the Square to the park.

He also checked Vilas Park and reported there does not appear to be as many people congregating in the parking area and that the composition of people congregating there has changed.

As suggested by the citizens at the June 25, 2007 meeting, the next meeting will be held at Brittingham Park to enable committee members to speak with the people who congregate there. Following that meeting work will begin to develop a policy for allowable behavior in city parks.

MacDonald added that Joel Plant has made considerable contributions regarding alternative methods of dealing with alcohol problems. There may be other strategies that do not include an outright ban. Finally, it was reported that in Janesville no drinking is allowed in any park without a permit.

## VI. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE PARK COMMISSION

No report.

## VII. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PARKS

### A. Written Report of Supervisor's Activities

A motion was made by Barker/Clausius to approve the written report. MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

### B. Informational Items

#### Fireworks Recap

Rhythm and Booms held in Warner Park the end of June went over exceptionally well. It was a perfect night for fireworks. There were some issues with people who spent too much time in the beer tents. There were no complaints from the public following the fireworks and police did a good job of funneling traffic through the neighborhoods quickly. The fireworks at Elver hosted the largest crowd he has seen in his seven years in Madison. Midwest Family Broadcasting took over this event with about three weeks planning time. There were huge family groups and groups of teens who were just having a good time with no alcohol. It was a very pleasant evening and a great start for Midwest Broadcasting. Both cleanups went well and we will work on a recycling plan for future years.

#### Beach Numbers for June

For the first time in seven years the numbers for beach attendance are up from the previous year.

#### August Tour Plans

Also on the table this evening is the invitation to the annual Parks Tour. Instead of a formal August meeting, Parks staff coordinate a tour for Park Commissions, Parks Foundation members, Alders and Mayoral staff. Parks staff provide background information on various park projects that have come before or will be coming before the Park Commission. The invitation is designed to entice you to

attend. This year a great deal of time will be spent in Cherokee Marsh, the Mallards stadium request will be discussed, there will e a stop at the Burrows restrooms and then a picnic at Tenney Park. During the time at Tenney Park, a presentation will be made by the Friends group proposing to replace the shelter and there will be a walk along the Yahara River Parkway to view the new bike path under East Washington. Parks staff prepare all the food for this event. The evening will wrap up with a tour of the new maintenance facility at Goodman Park.

## VIII. CORRESPONDENCE, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES

### A. Request by James and Charlotte Burns to place small upright foot stone to mark grave

Superintendent Morgan noted that the Park Commission is the successor to the Cemetery Board and as such is charged with setting policy for the cemetery. Whenever a request is made that deviates from the established policy the Park Commission must review that request. This request from the family does not match the current rules of the cemetery. Their plot is in an older section of the cemetery and the memorials in those family plots follow the old rules. Honoring this request will not impede staff from getting to adjoining sites and the request would have been allowed under the previous rules. He recommends a 12x12 marker over plot 4 as well as the two remaining sites on that plot that would have a slope at the top to match the surrounding memorials. There are two additional vacant sites in this plot.

A motion was made by Barker/Clausius to approve the request from James and Charlotte Burns to place a small upright foot stone to mark the grave in lot 4 and to allow the same style of stone for the remaining two sites in that plot. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### B. Request by Don Heilman in accordance with MGO 8.24 (1)(x) for exemption to obtain a permit for the use of alcohol in Law Park during the Mad-City Ski Team scheduled events on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday Sunday nights from Memorial Day to Labor Day, 2007

Superintendent Morgan noted this is the first request to waive the alcohol prohibition at Law Park since the ordinance was passed by the Common Council two weeks ago. There is a difference between a request for a one-time special event and a request to allow alcohol four nights a week for a majority of the summer. The long duration of the request makes it more difficult for enforcement throughout the remainder of the park. There are no issues with the ski team and its consumption of alcohol and there have been no incidents regarding alcohol in the past during ski team events.

This request addresses the initial reason why some members of the Park Commission were opposed to the initial request to ban alcohol in Law Park. They believe the request to allow alcohol four nights a week is extreme and might be willing to grant permission for Sunday nights only. Criteria for permission could include that it be allowed during the actual ski show within a certain number of feet of the performance area and to permit the use of alcohol by spectators and members of the team following their performance. Some members were opposed to granting the request because the ordinance says no alcohol in Law Park and



while a special exception could be granted, this request goes way beyond a modest request. Others were in favor of granting permission for Sunday night performances and to allow alcohol for the ski team members on the other nights on a trial basis. Clausius suggested police could monitor the ski team's use or that Parks rangers could be designated to go down and monitor the situation.

A motion was made by Barker/MacDonald to deny the request of Don Heilman for an exemption to obtain a permit for the use of alcohol in Law Park during the Mad-City Ski Team scheduled events on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday nights from Memorial Day to Labor Day, 2007. MOTION CARRIED with Clausius dissenting. Barker stated that he believes the ski team is an asset to the park and they are caught in this controversy of banning alcohol in Law Park. Superintendent Morgan stated he would contact the police and Ald. Verveer regarding feedback from the police on how much drinking continues to occur in that park. Finally, MacDonald commended Monona Terrace for its decision not to request an exception to serve alcohol on their lower outside premises along the bike path during their ten-year anniversary celebration.

**C. Request by Don Heilman to address Commission regarding fees and designated area issues at Warner Park during the Clean Lakes Festival.**

Community Services Manager Riley reported that Mr. Heilman was not in attendance. The first Clean Lakes Festival was held at Warner Park earlier this year and overall it went well. The organizer was surprised that the fees totaled \$2,500 for the staging, set up and permits for beer sales. The organizer wanted to request that the fees be discounted or waived. Barker noted that the Park Commission's standard policy is not to waive fees for any event. A motion was made by Barker/Clausius to deny the request to discount or waive the fees for the Clean Lakes Festival. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**D. Correspondence from various citizens in response to the Planning Document for the Southwest side of Madison.**

Parks Development Manager Widstrand presented a map showing the area under consideration and its relationship to the surrounding neighborhoods. The area under consideration is a portion of the Greentree Landfill property. The northern portion is a detention pond. City Engineer Larry Nelson explained that it was originally an excavated quarry/sand pit approximately 20 feet deep.

Registered Speakers: In opposition  
Sandy Jensen - not speaking  
Russ Jensen - speaking

The suggestion to create a dog park is contained in the proposed neighborhood plan drafted by City Planning staff. They work with neighbors and gather a list of items to be considered when creating the neighborhood plan. One of the items identified in this southwest neighborhood was a desire to have better control of dogs in all of the parks in the area. One of the solutions was to establish one or more actual legitimate dog exercise areas that would require permits and tags and could be controlled with fencing similar to our other dog exercise areas. This was an area that was suggested. However, previously there had been commitments made to develop a prairie restoration in that location and it has been installed. In the city's other dog parks, the grounds are not mowed until after the nesting season for ground nesting birds have fledged. It appears that

we have a recommendation that is already in a plan but it is not a final implementation recommendation and there is another group of residents who have a long history with this restoration site who are concerned and want to stop any change.

He noted that he has been working with two alders regarding both this site and at the Mineral Point Landfill. This discussion probably shouldn't occur in the midst of the neighborhood plan adoption. It should be separated out for separate discussion so that people who only want to discuss this one issue don't all show up for the discussion on the adoption of the neighborhood plan. The Greentree site is fairly large, approximately 17 acres, with neighbors along the side. Parks has found from other sites that fenced dog areas don't have to be huge. Perhaps a dog exercise area could be put on a portion of the property but that discussion could occur without overburdening the neighborhood plan process.

City Engineer Larry Nelson reported he had reviewed parts of the draft and did not realize that the proposed dog exercise area was an issue. He noted that back in the 1960's the city was short of landfill space and acquired the property that had been used as the Shorewood Hills dump site. It was used for milled refuse for the short term. then be closed and a park created on that site. It was closed and operated as a closed landfill. However, in 1983 escaping landfill gas caused an explosion to a building adjacent to the site and two people were seriously injured causing grave concern to people residing on Saalsaa Road. When the city was originally closing landfills it was believed that they could be converted to parks but determined that doesn't work well due to the amount of settlement that occurs together with the levels of gas produced. Engineering doesn't encourage people to go in the area because of potential damage to the equipment monitoring gas levels. The gas levels are monitored two to three times a week.

Many years ago an agreement was reached that the area would be treated as open space and when the last major remediation was done it would be planted in prairie grass, however it was not written down. Engineering mows the area after ground-nesting birds have fledged and there is an area used for walking. The prairie grasses tend to deter kids from going through the area so there haven't been many problems. While it is not believed that it would be dangerous for dogs or their owners, the increased use of the area could create problems. The neighborhood plans are written pretty open ended and the site is actually under the purview of Engineering, not the Parks Division.

Widstrand added that the neighborhood plan is not on the agenda for this meeting but will probably be placed on the Agenda for the September Park Commission meeting. In the interim the alder for the district may work out a solution or better way to deal with the dog park issue before the neighborhood plan comes to the Park Commission. No action is necessary tonight.

- E. Request by John Thorstad of Zor Shriners requesting the use of Warner Park's parking Lot from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on August 18th for the Shrine Parade, parade unit disposal, reloading parade trailers and post parade oasis.**

Registered Speakers: in support  
John Thorstad  
Dick Jones - available for questions

Community Services Manager Riley stated the Parks Division wants to support

the Zor Shriners and their parade. This was brought to the Park Commission because there is another event scheduled in Warner Park for more than 300 people. Up until last month Parks was not aware of the impact the Shriners event would have on the park. The challenge is with the general manage of the Mallards and his need to communicate with the Parks Division when he is negotiating extra events at the park outside of the Mallards contract. It is anticipated that the two events can be accommodated but it will require careful staging to not displace the group at the shelter. Superintendent Morgan noted there have been several issues this year that are both police and park issues and Alder Schumacher has requested that the Mallards appear at the September meeting to address those concerns.

A motion was made by Barker/MacDonald to approve the request by John Thorstad of Zor Shriners to use the Warner Park parking lot from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on August 18, 2907 for the Shrine Parade, parade unit disposal and reloading parade trailers and post parade oasis. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F. [06761](#)

Adopting the *Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Plan* as a supplement to the City of Madison Comprehensive Plan.

A motion was made by MacDonald, seconded by Barker, The Park Commission approved Resolution #06761 Adopting the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Plan as a supplement to the City of Madison Comprehensive Plan with the following amendment:

On page 50 of the Neighborhood Plan, the Park Commission unanimously went on record approving the transfer/sale of the two historic dwellings at 640 and 646 East Gorman Street but opposed the sale of any parkland under those or any other building located within the park. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The motion passed by acclamation.

**Present:** Joseph R. Clausius, Michael Schumacher, William Barker, Stephen A. Webster, Betty Chewning, Emanuel Scarbrough and Betty N. MacDonald

**Registered Speakers: in support**  
Linda Horvath, Planning & Development  
Jim Sturm, Neighborhood Representative

The speaker discussed parks and open space goals, action steps and projects. He mentioned the maintenance and restoration of the historic bridges in Tenney Park, the shelter at Tenney Park, the historic bathhouse at the corner of Marston/Sherman Avenues, removal of the concrete stacks on the James Madison bathhouse and maintaining the vegetation on top of the bathhouse. Following the speakers, Barker noted that the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Plan presupposes that the land in James Madison Park is going to be sold and the proceeds will be used to fund various park improvements. The Park Commission is adamantly opposed to selling this land. He is concerned about statements that maintain and restore historic bridges that will require large sums of money and questions where else those funds would be found. He does not support the sale of land in James Madison Park.

Widstrand interjected that the resolutions that are written to adopt neighborhood plans, adopt them as recommendations and requests that the affected departments consider the recommendations in their respective budgets. The list of items in the Resolution are more important than the comments in the plan

regarding James Madison Park. Commissioners again reiterated concern about the statement to transfer the two historic properties at 640 and 646 East Gorham from Parks to another city entity or to a private entity. They want it made clear that the Park Commission does not endorse selling the land in James Madison Park for any reason. The dwellings may be sold but not the land. They will continue their opposition to sell the real estate.

**G. Request from Kenneth C. Ring of Tri-Unity Wellife Enterprises to host a Community Celtic, Irish Music Event at Elver Park on August 5, 2007.**

Registered Speakers: in support  
Kenneth Ring  
Charles Johnson

Riley indicated that the Parks Division prefers that the event organizer feel comfortable in terms of meeting the terms and conditions and based on his statements that it would be difficult to meet them in three weeks, the Parks Division would be willing to work with the sponsor to determine an alternate date. A motion was made by MacDonald/Clausius to approve the request of Kenneth C. Ring of Tri-Unity Wellife Enterprises to host a Community Celtic, Irish Music Event at Elver Park on a date to be determined by the sponsor and the Parks Division based upon sponsor's compliance with any and all staff recommendations. MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

**X. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Final Capital Budget for 2008**

Widstrand indicated that the final capital budget for 2008 was included in the meeting packets.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

Prior to Adjournment, the Commissioners requested that the September meeting be changed to September 5, 2007.

On motion of MacDonald/Barker the meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.