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Meeting Minutes - Approved BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, June 11, 2008

6:30 PM 625 Northport Dr. (Warner Park Community Recreation
Center)

I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Bill Barker, Betty Chewning, Ald. Joe Clausius, Betty MacDonald, Ald. Michael Schumacher, David Wallner, Emanuel Scarbrough

Present: 6 -

Joseph R. Clausius; Michael Schumacher; William W. Barker; David L. Wallner; Emanuel Scarbrough and Betty N. MacDonald

Excused: 1 -

Betty Chewning

Parks staff present: Superintendent Kevin Briski, Si Widstrand, Jim Weinstock, Brad Weisinger, LaVonne LaFave

A. Welcome New Superintendent

President Barker called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

Welcome New Superintendent

President Barker introduced the new Superintendent of Parks, Kevin Briski, noting that Kevin is integrating into the community and they met and had a good discussion. Superintendent Briski then thanked everyone for their kind and warm welcome. He is happy to be back in Wisconsin and looking forward to many successes.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Clausius/Schumacher to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of May 14, 2008 of the Park Commission. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

IV. REPORTS

A. Long Range Planning Committee Minutes of June 26, 2007

A motion was made by MacDonald/Scarborough to accept the Minutes of the June 26, 2007 meeting of the Long Range Planning Committee. MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Schumacher reported that at the June 5, 2008 meeting there was a discussion regarding Warner Park and the possible expansion of the Recreation Center. There was also discussion on how to proceed with planning to determine if there should be an expansion as well as the usage and other activities that take place in the park. It appears the park is reaching a tipping point and the Park Commission needs to prepare itself to answer those questions.

B. President Of The Park Commission

President Barker noted that the Long Range Planning Committee also discussed how to encourage philanthropy and volunteerism in parks. The committee agreed it was an important topic for future discussion. They will also be meeting at least quarterly.

Garver Feed Mill Update

The Resolution accepting the selection of Common Wealth Development passed the Board of Estimates and will be presented to the Common Council for approval. Following that approval, the process will begin to shape the proposal. A question was asked whether there was anything the Common Council should be apprised of, prior to voting on this selection. President Barker stated both proposals were very strong and the Alder's choice, based on her constituents support, was Common Wealth, and that tipped it in their favor. It was also noted that the SASY Neighborhood Association is supportive of the Common Wealth proposal. The Neighborhood Association also commended the efforts of President Barker for his leadership of that committee in providing an open process that was used to communicate with the public and there was extensive use of the Internet. President Barker noted recent comments about helping the green group move forward with a sustainability center but that the principal in that proposal couldn't do it.

Widstrand added that the above proposal has been discussed in connection with the Olbrich Park Master Plan review and there will be two public meetings later this summer on the review. He distributed a brief outline of the review process that will be followed, stating Parks Planning is trying not to reinvent the wheel, and will include the input from the Garver process. The Master Plan review will go to a wider group of stakeholders, such as neighborhood groups and the general public. A history of the current Master Plan will be explained together with a focus on the future uses of the park. Olbrich is one of our older parks but the Master Plan needs some revision. The current Master Plan will be used as a starting point for discussion and how the parkland is allocated to the different uses. The community feedback from the first meeting will be used to address the revisions and be brought back to the second meeting for additional discussion. It is anticipated that the revisions for an

Amended Concept Master Plan would be reported back to the Park Commission in September addressing those items brought forward at the public meetings and would also allow the Garver process to move forward. Different uses for the parkland could be increased, decreased, relocated in the park, eliminated or new uses added during these discussions. Following input from the first meeting, staff will develop amendments to the Master Plan together with some alternatives in different areas that will be presented at the second meeting for additional input. Parks Planning staff will facilitate these meetings. Chewning suggested that two meetings doesn't allow much input. She suggested two meetings to gather feedback and then a third and possibly a fourth meeting to review the revisions. Widstrand agreed that the planning process prepared by the SASY neighborhood would be integrated into the process so as not to retrace all of that work.

Chewning asked if Widstrand would attend a SASY neighborhood meeting together with other neighborhood group meetings to explain the process. She suggested it would also be useful to obtain input beyond the meetings already suggested. In response to a timeline question, Widstrand stated the September timeline is in conjunction with the timeline for the Garver proposal and the agreements that need to be done. Ideally we need the signoff on the deed restriction from the Botanical Society sooner rather than later in the process.

Chewning expressed concern that Olbrich Botanical Society is setting conditions to be met before they would even consider signing off. She believes that the process used to be participatory and transparent and inclusive.

Widstrand continued that typically a specific issue would generate the need for a master plan review. What is happening with our older parks is a need for review based on changing or additional uses. This is the same type of discussion that is occurring regarding Warner Park. A mechanism is needed for reviewing plans of how park uses are, or will be, changing. Park uses are developed over a long period of time and now we need to slow down and determine how to manage multiple uses. Parks Planning hasn't done master plan reviews of large parks like this.

It was suggested that these process issues be discussed in the Long Range Planning Committee to develop a template that could be used in parks across the city that could be modified based on specific circumstances.

Central Park

A proposal was received from MG&E to develop an alternative strategy to plan for the eventuality of not moving the railroad tracks. MG&E is paying for a design consultant, an Alternative Design Subcommittee was formed and met, putting out an RFP and four solid responses were received. Following a review of the responses, a landscape architect will be chosen who will be able to incorporate that alternate strategy into the plans for the park. Public meetings will be held to receive input from the community.

1 James Madison Park Property Planning Committee

Wallner reported he is serving as chair of that committee. There have been

two meetings and determined the structure of their charge. At the June 10, 2008 meeting the committee toured the park and properties. Approximately 20 attendees were present, including members of the Landmarks Commission, the tenant management company, and committee. A public hearing has been set for June 26. He invited Park Commission members to attend the hearing. The committee will meet again in July. Commissioners reported they had voted unanimously three times not to sell any portion of the park. Wallner's understanding of the committee is that they would make a general recommendation on selling the houses and/or land under them as well as under Lincoln School Apartments and then the Council would act. The next step would be to have an RFP issued to sell the property as surplus property. Wallner continued that the committee does not plan to hold meetings throughout the city. It was noted that Commissioners have heard from citizens in different sections of the city who have all stated that parkland shouldn't be sold – not the land under the school or the land under the houses, the houses can be sold, but not the land itself. Schumacher stated he had tracked down additional information and found that not everyone opposed the sales. The Tenney Lapham Neighborhood Association supports selling the houses but not the land, keeping the houses in place and selling the land under Lincoln School, but only if some proceeds go to park improvements. Commissioners again asked the James Madison Park Planning Committee members to not take the question lightly and to remember that the Park Commission thoroughly discussed the sale and their votes not to sell parkland.

A motion was made by Scarbrough/Schumacher to take item VI. New Business, A. Penn Park Police Calls out of order. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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NEW BUSINESS

Penn Park Police Calls

Officer Stephanie Bradley-Wilson spoke about the number of reported incidents that have occurred in the Penn Park area this year. Between January 1 and June 10 there have been 55 calls ranging from small, minor offenses to an increasing level of violence in the park. The incidents have been happening at a faster pace and there have been shots fired in the park at least three times this year with another two incidents where it is believed the shooter was in the park and shot into the street. There have been people entering the park carrying firearms. The park is a gathering place where people hang out, loiter, sell drugs and fire weapons. Some people have been gathering there to fight. Police believe there are more incidents that go unreported. Police and the alder have been meeting regarding the incidents and the decision was made to unlock the gate to allow people to go in and park. The gate was open between October and March with no problems. Following the shootings in April, police decided that the entrance to the parking lot again be locked to prevent loitering. Since the gate has been locked there has been less loitering but there are still people who enter the park to see what's going on.

Police believe that some of the factors that contribute to the incidents in Penn Park are the displacement of people in Allied Drive, people coming from the

South Metro Transfer Point who hang out between buses and people who drive into the area to see what's going on. Police have tried to have an increased presence using officers on foot. Another option is to install cameras and police do understand that the Park Commission may not be in favor of that option but it does provide police with an opportunity to identify what's happening in the park. Cameras are used to gather information, gather intelligence, identify problems and identify people.

Providing positive activities brings good uses into the park, such as the Johnny Winston Basketball and MSCR activities. One question is whether a decision should be made that it is a neighborhood park or a community park. That would impact the numbers of people in the park. Currently neighbors don't use the park in the evening.

Police have also identified a lack of lighting in areas of the park. They would like additional lighting, doors on the bathroom stalls, a means to secure the picnic tables to specific areas, trimming back the trees to see into the park, changing the park hours and increased restrictions to limit or prevent parking on the street. The pavilion could be modified to provide better sight lines. Another possibility is to make the streets one way.

There is an active neighborhood association called Penn Park Partners. There has also been talk about a Friends group for the park. Weisinger also shared that the neighborhood police now have a key to the shelter so they can also lock it.

Commissioner Scarbrough has spent time in that park. He related that groups pull the picnic tables over by the basketball court so they can sit and watch the game but it is dangerous to leave the tables there. Also groups bring water and other belongings and want a place to store them while they are playing ball. He wasn't certain what could be substituted for the tables. He also noted that a year or so ago he and the previous Superintendent toured the park in the evening and looked at lighting issues. However, people in the adjoining apartments felt there would be problems with basketball after the park closed if more lighting was installed. A number of people who don't live close by are coming into the area. An underlying question is how do you allow for people to congregate while not allowing the bad behaviors to escalate. He also stated there are different cultures and behaviors involved at the park. Families in the nearby apartment buildings sit outside during the summer. However, there are some people that will gravitate toward questionable behaviors in or near the park. South Madison has large minority populations. Police do try to check on the different groups of people who gather in the area.

Commissioner Schumacher's belief was that criminals don't want to be exposed and he is supportive of additional lighting. The lights won't intimidate people who want to be outside to enjoy the parks. He has also give a lot of thought to the issue of cameras and feels the tipping point has been reached in Madison. Parks are there for everyone to use. He also believes that cameras won't bother people who are legally enjoying the parks. He believes the Park Commission will see more of these types of issues emerging and the Commission needs to determine its role and whether it just receives reports or do they act proactively.

Commissioner Chewning suggested creating community gardens in troubled

parks. Community gardeners have indicated to her that they are willing to be eyes in the parks because they are there at all different hours and days of the week in non-threatening ways. Chewing questioned whether cameras work as a prevention tool based on research she has seen. Bradley-Wilson noted camera would be used as surveillance and not on all the time. They would be used for identification for enforcement purposes. She also added that police would like to see wholesome activity that occurs at various hours of the day and look for volunteers who can help stem problematic behaviors in the park. There was a men's Christian group a couple of years ago that planned activities in the park. There is another group now called South Madison Peace Partners that are interested in promoting activities in the park.

Superintendent Briski noted that the above statements were right on point regarding a positive presence in the park to create a sense of belonging and ownership. Parks will work with the partners who have been identified in order to coordinate activities. Parks is working on the lighting issue as well as some landscaping modifications.

Ald. Kerr also provided her perspective on looking at safety issues in parks globally. She hears from her constituents daily. The Penn Park partners are working very hard to get activities in there, such as MSCR and South Madison Peace Partners. The community is willing to step forward and be part of the solution.

Commissioner Wallner noted that he has been past Brittingham Park several times in the last couple of months and has noted good changes there, it is more peaceful. He isn't sure what created the changes but it is working.

President Barker remarked that he is very interested in boosting philanthropy and volunteerism throughout the park system. The Commission can't ask for money for parks if people don't feel safe in them. Safety is an issue the Park Commission and Parks Division need to get a handle on. The Commission has talked about alcohol and related offensive behaviors but they are part of a larger issue. However, Parks by itself is ill equipped to deal with social issues. Parks are changing, the perception is changing and the Commission would like everyone to be able to use their parks. Commissioner MacDonald felt that the Park Commission was not aware of the extent of the problem before it until the concerns were voiced about Vilas Park and they began to investigate the issue.

Commissioner Scarbrough added that Rev. David Smith has a group of kids who want to do community service and are willing to paint the bathroom doors at Penn Park. He and Widstrand spoke with city labor unions regarding this type of community service. These types of activities, including a community garden, will help get youth invested in their parks.

Commissioner Schumacher referred to the above conversation with the need for a Park Commission retreat so that commissioners could talk informally about different situations. If parks are changing the Commission needs to find a way to be an active participant. During commission meetings there is not time to fully discuss these types of issues. Commissioner MacDonald also suggested that any Commissioner could request that a special meeting be held to discuss a single issue, such as safety in parks.

A motion was made by Schumacher/Scarborough to take item V. Communications, G. Resolution 10480 Adopting the Greenbush Neighborhood Plan out of order. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10480

Adopting the Greenbush Neighborhood Plan and recommendations contained therein as a supplement to the City's adopted Comprehensive Plan. 13th Ald. Dist.

Registered Speakers in support

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| Amy Roundtree | | XX |
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| Ald. Julia Kerr | XX | |
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The Greenbush Neighborhood is bounded by Regent Street, Randall Avenue, Lake Wingra and Park Street. The neighborhood wanted to build on its strengths and better understand what was happening in their neighborhood. The park and open space issues will be discussed at this meeting. Parks were identified as one of the top reasons to live in this neighborhood. They include Vilas Park, Bear Mound Park, Edward Klief Park and Brittingham Park. Edward Klief Park is a small but extremely heavily used park and the two remaining houses on the block are in the process of being purchased to enlarge the park. Suggestions for this park included additional basketball courts, limited hours for dogs and a gardening project.

A portion of Vilas Park that is separated from the balance of the park is located above the bear cages of the Zoo and contains the Annie Stewart Memorial Fountain. A group of people believe it needs its own identity. There is an underlying question of what would happen if that portion of the park had its name changed because the Vilas family gave that land to the city. Perhaps a friends group could develop an identity for that portion of the park. The Fountain is in very bad shape but the statute on top is in fairly good shape. There are also concerns involving pedestrians who currently share the road with cars or use a dirt path. Also on the hill above the back parking lot it might be possible to put in a community garden. A recommendation was also made on some type of Canada Goose control throughout the park.

A recommendation by the neighborhood was also made regarding signage and wayfinding for people to find Vilas Park that would include directions to the back parking lot.

A motion was made by Schumacher/Clausius to approve Resolution #10480 Adopting the Greenbush Neighborhood Plan and recommendations contained therein as a supplement to the City's adopted Comprehensive Plan. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. Superintendent of Parks

1. Written Report of Supervisor's Activities

Written Report of Supervisors' Activities

Superintendent Briski noted there are lots of things happening in parks as noted in the report. A motion was made by Wallner/Chewning to approve the written report. MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

2. Informational Items

Pool and Beaches Opening 2008

There was a soft opening for the Goodman Pool last weekend and both the pool and the beaches officially open this coming weekend.

Operational and Strategic Planning/Retreat

In conjunction with Commissioner Schumacher's proposal for a retreat, Superintendent Briski noted he welcomed the idea as an opportunity to meet and talk about identifying expectations. He would also like to redefine the mission and values for the Parks Division and Park Commission as well as learn about past practices and the history of the Board. He would also like to discuss community roles and how to strategically move forward when issues appear. This would also be an opportunity to start a dialogue and promote team building. He added that he has done facilitation in the past would be willing to act in that capacity. Members suggested setting aside a Saturday in early fall of approximately 3 to 4 hours. Commissioner Schumacher noted that he wanted to make certain that the Park Commission had at least an hour to meet among themselves and then to meet with Parks staff. Superintendent Briski noted that Parks staff would begin work on coordinating possible dates and that it would be an opportunity for the Park Commission to hear what processes the Parks Management Team is going through as well.

Brittingham Park Observations

Superintendent Briski also noted the changes that have been viewed at Brittingham as a result of the actions of the Parks Division in stationing a Parks Ranger at that location. Also there have been positive activities scheduled in the park that have resulted in a rejuvenation of the park. Parks staff will continue to enhance those positive behaviors. It was evident in the Minutes of prior meetings that he reviewed prior to starting that the Park Commission has spent lots of time on this issue.

Finally, he noted that as part of the Parks standard operating procedure, the Health Department tests the water at beaches and opens or closes them based on bacteria counts. The sewerage that was dumped into the lakes following the storms has required that the beaches be closed due to elevated bacteria counts. When beaches are closed, signs are posted.

V. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Request of Deb McCue, Vice President Madison Fireworks Fund, Inc. to extend closing of Rhythm & Booms to 11:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 28, 2008 (rain date June 29) to allow two music stages and beer gardens/food vendors to operate following the fireworks.**

A motion was made by MacDonald/Chewning to approve the request of Deb McCue, Vice President Madison Fireworks Fund, Inc. to extend closing of Rhythm & Booms to 11:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 28, 2008 (rain date June 29) to allow two music stages and beer gardens/food vendors to operate following the fireworks. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

10747

To extend the closing hours at Warner Park to 11:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 28, 2008 for the 16th annual Rhythm & Booms Independence Day fireworks event.

A motion was made by MacDonald, seconded by Chewning, to **RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES 2.04, 2.05, 2.24, & 2.25 - REPORT OF OFFICER.** The motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 -

Joseph R. Clausius; Michael Schumacher; David L. Wallner; Betty Chewning; Emanuel Scarbrough; Betty N. MacDonald and William W. Barker

10758

Authorizing the closure of Warner Park lagoon and its connecting waterway to Lake Mendota during the 2008 Rhythm and Booms celebration.

A motion was made by MacDonald/Chewning to approve Resolution 10758 Authorizing the closure of Warner Park lagoon and its connecting waterway to Lake Mendota during 2008 Rhythm and Booms celebration. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Chewning, to **RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES 2.04, 2.05, 2.24, & 2.25 - REPORT OF OFFICER.** The motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 -

Michael Schumacher; David L. Wallner; Betty Chewning; Emanuel Scarbrough; Betty N. MacDonald; Joseph R. Clausius and William W. Barker

- B. Request of Kimberley Coonts to host a legal venue for graffiti artists in James Madison Park on July 19, 2008 (alternate date July 26, 2008).**

Registered Speaker:
Kimberley Coonts in support

Ms. Coonts asked that the location be changed to Brittingham Park because of the construcion occurring on Gorham Street provided approval is received by

Alder Kerr.

A motion was made by Schumacher/Chewning to approve the request of Kimberley Coonts to host a legal venue for graffiti artists in James Madison Park or another suitable location on July 19, 2008 (alternate date July 26, 2008) pending approval of the alder and neighborhood association and subject to sponsor's compliance with staff recommendations. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

C. [10012](#)

Amending Section 23.40(8) of the Madison General Ordinances to change the period when oak trees may not be removed, trimmed or pruned.

A motion was made by Clausius/Wallner to approve Resolution #10012 amending Section 23.40(8) of the Madison General Ordinances to change the period when oak trees may not be removed, trimmed or pruned. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Ayes: 7 -

Joseph R. Clausius; Michael Schumacher; David L. Wallner; Betty Chewning; Emanuel Scarbrough; Betty N. MacDonald and William W. Barker

D. [10121](#)

Authorizing a Declaration of Change in Use from City park land to public street right-of-way for Willow Lane in the Highlands plat.

A motion was made by Clausius/Wallner to approve Resolution #10121 authorizing a Declaration of Change in Use from City park land to public street right-of-way for Willow Lane in the Highlands plat. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Ayes: 7 -

Michael Schumacher; David L. Wallner; Betty Chewning; Emanuel Scarbrough; Betty N. MacDonald; Joseph R. Clausius and William W. Barker

E. [10213](#)

To authorize the Mayor, City Clerk and Parks Superintendent to accept a \$150,000 grant from the Madison Community Foundation for snowmaking and trail grooming equipment for the Elver Park Sledding Hill, and to amend the 2008 Capital Budget for the project.

Widstrand reported that there is minimal cost for maintaining the equipment and the snowmaking operational costs will be about \$23,000 per season. A large portion of the capital expense is for the grooming machine. The equipment will make snow for the sledding hill and allow continuous programs to run through the winter season. It also opens up an opportunity for the Wisconsin Youth Company to run a drop-in center and provide a business education program by running a skiing and skating operation out of the shelter. A substantial portion of the money is coming from grants and a donation by the Nordic Ski Club to enhance winter sports at Elver. The Ski Club will also conduct a skiing program. There has been correspondence with

the three alders in the vicinity via the Mayor's office. Their only concern was that there wouldn't be a fee charged for anyone to use the sledding hill as a result of this endeavor.

There will not be a tow rope used in conjunction with this operation nor would skiers be allowed on the sledding hill. Parks would try to groom a cross country ski trail around the perimeter of the hill toward the shelter area. The equipment will also allow youth ski lessons to be conducted in a bad snow year.

Finally, it was noted this would not be going out for bid because there is only one company in the United States that makes this equipment so it would be purchased under a sole source contract.

A motion was made by Chewning/MacDonald to approve Resolution #10213 To authorize the Mayor, City Clerk and Parks Superintendent to accept a \$150,000 grant from the Madison Community Foundation for snowmaking and trail grooming equipment for the Elver Park Sledding Hill, and to amend the 2008 Capital Budget for the project. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Ayes: 7 -

David L. Wallner; Betty Chewning; Emanuel Scarbrough; Betty N. MacDonald; Joseph R. Clausius; Michael Schumacher and William W. Barker

F. [10218](#)

To reduce the contingency in Contract No. 6044 - Breese Stevens Field Restoration by \$250,000 and return the funds to Capital Fund 810565; authorize the Parks Superintendent and Mayor to apply for and accept grants for additional repairs and improvements at Breese Stevens Field; amend the 2008 Capital budget to add \$150,000 of other funding to 810565 for potential grants; and amend the contract for purchase of services with Isthmus Architects for Breese Stevens Restoration.

A motion was made by Clausius/Wallner to approve Resolution #10218 to reduce the contingency in Contract No. 6044 - Breese Stevens Field Restoration by \$250,000 and return the funds to Capital Fund 810565; authorize the Parks Superintendent and Mayor to apply for and accept grants for additional repairs and improvements at Breese Stevens Field; amend the 2008 Capital budget to add \$150,000 of other funding to 810565 for potential grants; and amend the contract for purchase of services with Isthmus Architects for Breese Stevens Restoration. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Resolution #10508 authorizing the execution of a Second Amendment to Easement pertaining to a Public Utility Easement from the City of Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin, within Nakoma Park located at 3800 Nakoma Road.

A motion was made by Clausius/Wallner to approve Resolution #10508 authorizing the execution of a Second Amendment to Easement pertaining to a Public Utility Easement from the City of Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin, within Nakoma Park located at 3800 Nakoma Road. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Ayes: 7 -

Betty Chewning; Emanuel Scarbrough; Betty N. MacDonald; Joseph R. Clausius; Michael Schumacher; David L. Wallner and William W. Barker

H. [10508](#)

Authorizing the execution of a Second Amendment to Easement pertaining to a Public Utility Easement from the City to Wisconsin Bell, Inc., d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin, within Nakoma Park located at 3800 Nakoma Road.

A motion was made by Clausius/Wallner to approve Resolution #10508 authorizing the execution of a Second Amendment to Easement pertaining to a Public Utility Easement from the City of Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin, within Nakoma Park located at 3800 Nakoma Road. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Ayes: 7 -

Betty N. MacDonald; Joseph R. Clausius; Michael Schumacher; David L. Wallner; Betty Chewning; Emanuel Scarbrough and William W. Barker

I. [10675](#)

Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a Use Agreement between the City and Mid-West Management, Inc. (Mid-West) for the July 4th Celebration at Elver Park; amending the 2008 City of Madison Parks Division Budget; and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an Agreement between the City and Bartolotta Fireworks Company, Inc. for the fireworks display at Elver Park.

Resolution #10675 Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a Use Agreement between the City and Mid-West Management, Inc. (Mid-West) for the July 4th Celebration at Elver Park; amending the 2008 City of Madison Parks Division Budget; and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an Agreement between the City and Bartolotta Fireworks Company, Inc. for the fireworks display at Elver Park.

A motion was made by Clausius/Wallner to approve Resolution #10675 Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a Use Agreement between the City and Mid-West Management, Inc. (Mid-West) for the July 4th Celebration at Elver Park; amending the 2008 City of Madison Parks Division Budget; and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an Agreement between the City and Bartolotta Fireworks Company, Inc. for the fireworks display at Elver Park. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Letter from Water Utility regarding Well Siting Issues

In the absence of Larry Nelson, Interim Water Utility Manager, Commission Schumacher noted he had worked on this issue with regard to siting wells in the city. The Water Utility Board has a public participation process to include neighborhood involvement in siting wells. It is being brought before the Park Commission because sometimes wells are proposed to be located on park

property.

Nelson was also looking for some guidance from the Park Commission as to how the well siting process should treat parkland. Previously park sites were suggested as sites but he was looking for guidance from the Park Commission as to whether the Utility should even look at park sites before they go thru the process of testing the site. Parks believes that the Water Utility should exhaust all other alternatives before asking for parkland. Parks would want to know more about the structure size and amount of space needed.

A motion was made by Clausius/Chewning to refer this issue to the July meeting.

B. 2009 Capital Budget

Widstrand provided an update from the last meeting that staff has been working on and whittling it down to meet the anticipated target. Items totaling \$640,000 have been marked supplemental and are being forwarded to the Mayor with a request that they be added to the budget. The EAB is listed as a supplemental and the Mayor will need to determine whether it is funded. Commissioners noted that it isn't a question of if EAB will strike but when.

The amount for neighborhood parks improvements is less than last year but projects are being funded under park development fees and in special projects.

Questions were raised regarding the Warner Park Stadium project and why the total of \$4,000,000 is shown for 2008 and zero for 2009. It was noted the funds would be carried forward. The city money is \$2 million, \$800,000 for the bleacher replacement and \$1.2 million for the loan. The full amount of the project is listed including the sources of funding. The city portion will stay the same and the Mallards portion will increase as the project is carried forward. The Mallards need to pay the difference between the city portion and the total amount of the project up front. The budget lists the total amount so that it can also authorize the expenditures.

A motion was made by Schumacher/Clausius to approve the 2009 Capital Budget as presented at this meeting. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of MacDonald/Wallner the meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.