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Meeting Minutes - Approved BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, September 14, 2016

6:30 PM

Warner Park Community Recreation Center
1625 Northport Dr.

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Madison Board of Park Commissioners was held at 6:30 PM on September 14, 2016 at Warner Park Community Recreation Center.

President Wallner called the meeting to order at 6:38 PM. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

Members Present: Ald. Samba Baldeh; Ald. Mark Clear; Madelyn Leopold; Nancy Ragland; and David Wallner.

Members Excused: Emily Gnam and Jeffrey Lewis

Parks Staff Present: Eric Knepp; Kay Rutledge; Janet Schmidt; Joanne Austin; Ann Shea; Marla Eddy; Roberta Sladky; and Mike Sturm.

City Staff Present: Katie Crawley, Mayor's Office; Dan Rolfs, City Real Estate; Doran Viste, Attorney's Office; and Randy Wiesner, City Engineering.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Ragland, to Approve the Minutes of the August 21, 2016 Board of Park Commissioners meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Registered Speaker Betty Chewing requested that a permit process be established for Pokemon-Go in the parks. Wallner asked that staff provide feedback on this request in 60 days.

Registered Speaker Alex Singer spoke regarding the behavioral ban policy.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

REPORTS

President of the Park Commission

President Wallner discussed the beergarden tour in Milwaukee, staff indicated it will need to be noticed due to probable quorum of the Park Commission. He appreciated the retreat opportunity and thanked staff for their efforts. He reminded Park Commission members of the opportunity to help with park observations for the POSP. He toured Cherokee Marsh to observe Operation Fresh Start and would like to meet Paul Quinlan, the new Conservation Supervisor. He attended a concert at Breese Stevens and mentioned that concerns were raised about noise levels at concerts. The Ironman event was very loud again, Park Superintendent Eric Knepp indicated Park Rangers can monitor noise levels, but it will take them away from other duties.

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2017 Board of Park Commissioners Meeting Schedule

Alder Clear requested that at least one of the meetings be held on the west side. Ragland preferred not holding meetings on the third Wednesday of the month. Wallner asked staff to take another look at the schedule. Item was Referred to the next Board of Park Commissioners meeting.

Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Knepp indicated staff has been busy with capital budget, park impact fees, and ramping up the Park and Open Space Plan public input process. Pool now closed, was a good season at the beaches. Pickleball facility ribbon cutting at Garner Park tomorrow night, cost-effective way to provide a new facility by retrofitting existing tennis courts. Close to completing treatment for EAB (third year), question raised as to whether we will have enough trees to replant. City Forester Marla Eddy stated that during the recession, a lot of the nurseries closed due to lack of work. It takes 3 years minimum to grow the trees to a level where they can be planted to get the species diversity we're looking for.

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Superintendent's August/September 2016 Report

Wallner asked about Warner Park lagoon planning grant, Planning and Development Manager Janet Schmidt responded that Sally Swenson in City Engineering will be putting out a Request for Proposal to hire a consultant to help with the planning process. Motion made by Clear, seconded by Leopold, to Accept the Report. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[44354](#) Report of the Subcommittee Minutes of the June 28, 2016 Parks Long Range Planning Subcommittee; May 3, 2016 Habitat Stewardship Subcommittee; March 31, 2016 Warner Park Community Recreation Center Advisory Board; and the May 17 and July 19, 2016 Olbrich Botanical Society.

Ragland reported on Habitat Stewardship and the MG&E presentation. Wallner reported on Long Range Planning which is discussing dogs in parks and Park and Open Space Plan data collection efforts. Alder Clear reported that the Room Tax Commission agreed to direct a portion of the room taxes to support Olbrich Botanical Complex. Motion made by Clear, seconded by Leopold to Accept the Reports. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Clear, seconded by Leopold, to Approve by Consent Agenda No. 11, Legislative File No. 44345; No. 12, Legislative File No. 43699; No. 13, Legislative File No. 43940; No. 14, Legislative File No. 44114; No. 15, Legislative File No. 44356; and No. 18, Legislative File No. 44361. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[44345](#) Request by City Engineering for Access through E. Johnson Street Open Space for Demolition of the House at 217 N First St.

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

[43699](#) Authorizing the execution of an Underground Electric Line Easement to the County of Dane across a portion of City greenway, located at 38 Rustic Parkway.

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

[43940](#) Accepting and adopting the City Forester's report determining the existence of public nuisances under MGO Sec. 23.40(1), and directing Forestry staff to cause notice to be issued to the owners identified in the report pursuant to MGO Sec. 23.30(4)(b). And further recommending that at the next meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners, that a public hearing be held for the purpose of ordering the removal or destruction of the trees identified in the report.

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

[44114](#) Request to amend the closings of Olbrich Botanical Gardens for GLEAM, Art in a New Light, that were approved at the April 13, 2016 Board of Park Commissioners meeting.

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

- [44356](#) Request from Randall Elementary School to Paint a Mural on the Retaining Wall at Olive Jones Park
- Motion made by Clear, seconded by Leopold, to RECOMMEND APPROVAL CONTINGENT ON APPROVAL OF URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION AND LANDMARKS COMMISSION. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- [44361](#) Request from Jessica Becker for the use of Yahara River Parkway from July 1, 2017 through August 30, 2017 for a temporary Art Installation
- Motion made by Clear, seconded by Leopold to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- [44346](#) Request from Kasey Reese to perform a Ground Penetrating Radar Scan on the Confederate Plat at Forest Hill Cemetery.
- Kasey Reese, student at Roanoke College, presented information on his project via telephone. Wallner requested that all of his research be provided to the Board of Park Commissioners. Leopold requested that paint not be used for marking, will use chalk instead. Motion made by Clear, seconded by Ragland, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- [43500](#) Amending Sections 16.23(5)(h)1., 16.23(8)(f), 20.04, 20.09(3), and 20.16(5), repealing Sections 20.08(2) and (6), and recreating Section 20.08(2) of the Madison General Ordinances to recreate a combined park impact fee and update the park and open space land dedication requirements for the City of Madison.
- Registered Speaker Pam Porter spoke regarding Accessory Dwelling Units.**
- Landscape Architect Mike Sturm provided an overview of the ordinance changes and Assistant City Attorney Doran Viste also provided information.**
- Registered Speaker Matt Brink representing Smart Growth spoke to request additional time to consider the changes.**
- Registered Speaker Sally Young opposes, did not speak.**
- Registered Speaker Lou-Host Jablonski spoke regarding Accessory Dwelling Units, asked that time be provided to look at this further.**
- Motion made by Ragland, seconded by Clear, to refer this item to the next Park Commission meeting.**
- Motion passed by the following vote:
Approve - Baldeh; Ragland; and Wallner.
Oppose - Clear and Leopold**

CLOSED SESSION

**Motion made by Clear, seconded by Leopold to Convene into Closed Session.
Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

**Members Present: 5 – Ald. Samba Baldeh; Ald. Mark Clear; Madelyn Leopold;
Nancy Ragland; and David Wallner.**

Members Excused: 2 – Emily Gnam and Jeffrey Lewis.

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**SUBSTITUTE - Reaffirmation of Resolution Enactment No. RES-15-00334,
File I.D. #37723 - Garver Selection Resolution.**

**Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Clear, to Recommend to Council to
Adopt - REPORT OF OFFICER. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

**Motion made by Clear, seconded by Leopold to Reconvene. Motion passed by
voice vote/other.**

ADJOURNMENT

**Motion made by Clear, seconded by Ragland to Adjourn at 9:35 pm. Motion
passed by voice vote/other.**