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Meeting Minutes - Draft 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, September 7, 2022

6:30 PM

Olbrich Botanical Gardens
3330 Atwood Ave

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held virtually at 6:30PM on Wednesday, September 7, 2022. President Gnam called the meeting to order at 6:32PM. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed. Members Present: Ald. Yanette Figueroa Cole; Emily Gnam; Moira Harrington; Chandra Miller Fienen; and Catie McDonald Shannon. Members Excused: Ald. Syed Abbas and Madelyn Leopold. Parks Staff Present: Eric Knepp; Lisa Laschinger; CJ Ryan; Greg Genin; Stephanie Franklin; Joanne Austin; and Ryan Brinza. City Staff Present: Katie Crawley, Mayor's Office.

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Approval of the Minutes of the August 10, 2022 Board of Park Commissioners meeting.

Motion made by Miller Fienen, seconded by Harrington, to Approve the Minutes of the August 10, 2022 Board of Park Commissioners meeting. McDonald Shannon made a motion to Approve the Minutes with the Amendment to reflect that all three public registrants commented regarding Reindahl Park. The new language will be as follows: Public speaker Delores Robillard commented regarding Reindahl Park, Public speaker Chuck Litweiler commented regarding Reindahl Park, Public speaker Jon Becker commented regarding Reindahl Park. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

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Public Comment

Public speaker Shadayra Kilfoy-Flores spoke regarding concerns related to hours Sessions has been approved for amplified sound on weekdays.

Public speaker Jon Becker of FORE commented regarding Reindahl Park.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

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Election of the Board of Park Commissioners President

McDonald Shannon nominated Harrington who accepted the nomination. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[73541](#) Election of the Board of Park Commissioners Vice President

**McDonald Shannon nominated Miller Fienen who accepted the nomination.
Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

REPORTS

President of the Park Commission

President Moira Harrington stated this was the first in-person in meeting in 2 1/2 years. Park Commission did very well with virtual meetings. Thanked Emily Gnam for commitment as president. Both Harrington and Gnam are enthusiastic about the change. Gnam recognized Customer Service Coordinator Joanne Austin for having filled double roles in the Parks Division.

[73381](#) Park Commission President Resident Appointment to the Facilities Programs & Fees and Warner Park Community Recreation Center Advisory Subcommittees of the Board of Park Commissioners.

Motion made by Gnam, seconded by Miller Fienen, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES 2.04, 2.05, 2.24, & 2.25 - MISC. ITEMS. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Eric Knepp recommended seeing the GLEAM and the Crackle, Fire and Froth events at the Olbrich Botanical Gardens. Tickets just went on sale to Crackle, Fire and Froth and they sell out very quickly. Glad back together in person. The Olin Facility will hopefully be ready by Fall. Parks hasn't been as engaged in the Imagination Center as we'd like to be. Assistant Superintendent CJ Ryan and Customer Service Manager Terrence Thompson have been assigned to the project. Thanked Gnam for service as Park Commission president.

[73547](#) September 2022 Superintendent's Report

Operations Manager Greg Genin presented the Operations quarterly report and discussed future focus of Parks Operations.

Motion made by McDonald Shannon, seconded by Gnam, to Accept the report.

[73543](#) Report of the Minutes of the May 17 and August 16, 2022 Habitat Stewardship Subcommittee and June 22, 2022 Parks Long Range Planning Subcommittee.

**Motion made by Gnam, seconded by Miller Fienen, to Accept the Minutes.
Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

NEW BUSINESS

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Authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding between The City of Madison Parks Division and Madison Parks Foundation for the Installation and Maintenance of A Dog Memorial at Quann Dog Park.

Registered speaker Stephanie Franklin of Madison Parks Foundation provided an overview.

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Approving an agreement with the City of Fitchburg to address apportionment of the Town of Madison's assets and liabilities upon final attachment of the Town on October 31, 2022 and to allow the City to acquire title to the Town Hall property, and Amending the Parks Division Capital Budget to include funding for the acquisition.

Knepp provided an overview and was available to answer questions.

Motion made by McDonald Shannon, seconded by Gnam, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Motion passed by the following vote:

Aye (3) - Emily Gnam; Chandra Miller Fienen; and Catie McDonald Shannon. Abstain (1) - Yanette Figueroa Cole.

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Golf Code of Conduct - Behavior Policy

Head Golf Professional Ryan Brinza provided an overview of the policy.

Motion made by Miller Fienen, seconded by Figueroa Cole, to Refer to the next BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

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Discussion on Board of Park Commissioners Subcommittees Future Structure

Laschinger provided an overview of Parks Subcommittees.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Miller Fienen, seconded by McDonald Shannon, to Adjourn at 9:07PM. Motion passed by voice vote/other.