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Meeting Minutes - Draft BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

6:30 PM

Goodman Maintenance Facility
1402 Wingra Creek Pkwy

I CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Madison Board of Park Commissioners was held at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, July 9, 2014 at the Goodman Maintenance Facility, 1402 Wingra Creek Parkway. President Wallner called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

Members Present: Ald. Joseph Clausius; Ald. Mark Clear; Emily Gnam; Madelyn Leopold; Jeffrey Lewis; Nancy Ragland; and David Wallner.

Parks Staff Present: Eric Knepp; Kay Rutledge; Dawn Grosdidier; Marla Eddy and Joanne Austin.

City Staff Present: Katie Crawley, Mayor's Office and Doran Viste, Attorney's Office

II APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Gnam, seconded by Clausius, to Approve the Minutes of the June 11, 2014 Board of Park Commissioners meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

III PUBLIC COMMENT

Rob Lewis spoke on behalf of the Madison Cyclocross Community.

Doug Ayers, representing Cherokee Garden Condos, spoke regarding the proposed Northland Manor Dog Park.

IV DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

V REPORTS

A President of the Park Commission

President Wallner attended the ice cream social at Olin Park and also the Garver Committee meeting on June 25. Wallner introduced Jeffrey Lewis, a new Board of Park Commission member. Wallner discussed the August 6, 2014 tour, where members will visit the Northeast Madison Parks and conclude with Mallards Night at the Warner Park Stadium.

B Interim Superintendent of Parks

Eric Knepp, Interim Parks Superintendent, stated Charlie Romines will be taking a new position in Austin, TX; he commended Charlie for the great leadership role he has provided while working for Parks. Romines made great connections with user groups and was heavily involved with the Parks Behavior Policy that has proven to be very beneficial. Knepp indicated interviews will begin soon for the Recreation Services Coordinator. The severe weather last month kept the Maintenance and Forestry staff very busy and Knepp commended all for their quick response with debris clean-up. The Goodman Pool and beaches have had great attendance and the construction of the Splash Parks at Elver and Reindahl are underway. The contract for the Skate Park at Central Park will be rebid for construction in 2015. The operating budget will soon be submitted and staff is diligently working on this to make sure park services will be preserved.

1 [34732](#) Written Report of Supervisor's July 2014 Activities

A motion was made by Clausius, Seconded by Clear, to accept the written report of the Supervisor's Activities. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

2 Staff Update on Emerald Ash Borer

Marla Eddy, City Forester, reported on EAB. Eddy indicated 650 ash trees have already been treated and Forestry intends to treat 4,000 ash trees using the injection process that is currently underway. Unfortunately due to the storms, some of the treated ash trees were lost. The website will continue to be updated as progress continues.

VI NEW BUSINESS

A [34606](#) Supporting the application by the Madison Parks Foundation for a Dane County Partner for Recreation and Conservation (PARC) grant for development of two new splash parks, one in Reindahl Park and one in Elver Park; requesting Dane County to finance a portion of the project; and, authorizing Dane County to finance the Project, should the grant be awarded.

Sponsors: Mark Clear and Joseph R. Clausius

A motion was made by Clausius, seconded by Leopold, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

- B** [34617](#) A resolution to petition the State of Wisconsin Commissioner of Railroads to make a determination to modify an existing crossing of the Wisconsin & Southern Railroad Co. track at North Shore Drive, and a determination of the crossing protection required.
- Sponsors:** Michael E. Verveer, Joseph R. Clausius and Mark Clear
- A motion was made by Clausius, seconded by Leopold, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- C** [34621](#) A resolution supporting the Phase 1 development plans for Olbrich Botanical Gardens.
- Sponsors:** Joseph R. Clausius, Mark Clear and Marsha A. Rummel
- A motion was made by Clear, seconded by Clausius, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. The motion passed by the following vote: Ald. Clausius; Ald. Clear; Emily Gnam; Jeffrey Lewis; Madelyn Leopold and David Wallner, with Nancy Ragland Abstaining.**
- D** [34705](#) Request from Valerie Zaric-Gibson for the use of Warner Park on Saturday, October 11, 2014 for the 90's Wicked-Fun Run.
- A motion was made by Clausius, seconded by Leopold, to approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- E** [34711](#) Request from the Madison Professional Police Officers' Association for the use of Door Creek Park on Saturday, October 18, 2014 for a 5k Run called the Donut Dash.
- A motion was may by Clausius, seconded by Leopold, to approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- F** [34712](#) Request from Conditions for Isthmus Publishing Company for the use of Central Park on Friday, September 12, 2014 for the Wurst Oktoberfest.
- A motion was may by Clausius, seconded by Leopold, to approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

G [34671](#) Proudfit Open Space as Potential Site for Relocated Historic Building

Registered Speakers in Support: Paul Schoeneman, E. Edward Linville and Gary Tipler spoke in support of relocating the house at 502 W. Main St. to property on Proudfit.

City Staff: Heather Stouder, City Planning, provided information related to the project at 502 and 504 W Main St. At their June 23, 2014 meeting, the Plan Commission approved the redevelopment proposal on the condition that the applicant make efforts until the end of August to relocate rather than demolish the building. Planning discussed available city-owned properties nearby that might be suitable for this, such as the park property at 129 Proudfit St. Planning presented this information to the Park Commission to gauge their interest in the proposal.

Members of the Park Commission did not express an interest in selling or leasing this parcel. No formal action taken.

H [33814](#) Amending Sections 34.105(14), creating Sec. 34.105(16), renumbering Secs. 34.105(16) and (17) to (17) and (18), amending Sec. 34.5601, repealing and recreating Sec. 34.5608, and amending Secs. 1.08(3) and (4) of the Madison General Ordinances to make a more extensive firework permitting process.

Sponsors: Marsha A. Rummel, Lisa Subeck, Anita Weier and Ledell Zellers

Park Commission members took no action on this item.

ADJOURNMENT

**A motion was made by Clear, seconded by Wallner, to Adjourn at 9:53 PM.
Motion passed by voice vote/other.**