



# City of Madison

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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?*

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Wednesday, June 12, 2024

6:30 PM

VIRTUAL

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### 1 CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held virtually at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, June 12, 2024. President Harrington called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed. Members Present: Moira Harrington; Catie McDonald; Chandra Miller Fienen; Ald. Charles Myadze; Michelle Probst; and Ben Williams. Members Absent: Ald. Yanette Figueroa Cole. Parks Staff Present: CJ Ryan; Ann Freiwald; Joanne Austin; and Adam Kaniewski.

### 2 [83642](#)

Approval of the Minutes of the May 8, 2024 Board of Park Commissioners meeting.

Motion made by McDonald, seconded by Myadze, to Approve the Minutes of the May 8, 2024 Board of Park Commissioners meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

### 3 [83641](#)

Public Comment

There were no registrants for Public Comment.

Ald. Yannette Figueroa Cole arrived at 6:42 PM.

Members Present: 7 – Ald. Yanette Figueroa Cole; Moira Harrington; Catie McDonald; Ald. Charles Myadze; Chandra Miller Fienen; Michelle Probst; and Ben Williams.

### 4 DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

**REPORTS**

## 5 President of the Park Commission

**Park Commission President Moira Harrington spoke of trees in parks. Trees are more than a feature of our landscapes. Parks must make difficult decisions regarding trees at times. Thanks to Operations for work done following May 21st storm. At this time 750 hours have been dedicated to removing dangerous limbs and trees, with 177 trees lost. When all clean-up is complete, it will consist of more than an entire year's worth of tree loss. In the future, Parks will need to consider what tree species can resist current and future climate concerns. Parks has contracted with Davey Tree Company and tree inventory will be done.**

6 [83749](#)

**Approving Park Commission Present Member and Resident Appointments to the Subcommittees of the Board of Park Commissioners**

**Motion made by Miller Fienen, seconded by Myadze, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO CONFIRM UNDER SUSPENSION OF MGO 2.055. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

## 7 Superintendent's Report

**Assistant Superintendent CJ Ryan shared that summer has begun and parks are busy. Ride the Drive will take place on Sunday, August 11 from 10AM-2PM. More volunteers along the route are still needed. The 2025 operating budget is being developed and the cost to continue is expected to be a \$22 million deficit for the city as a whole. Whether or not a referendum will take place, Parks must prepare for an impact on city services. The deadline to submit our budget to Finance is July 19.**

8 [83636](#)

**June 2024 Superintendent's Report**

**Planning and Development Manager Ann Freiwald presented the quarterly report.**

**Motion made by Figueroa Cole, seconded by Myadze, to Accept the Report. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

9 [83724](#)

**Report of the Minutes of the May 20, 2024 Facilities, Programs and Fees Subcommittee; May, 14, 2024 Habitat Stewardship Subcommittee Minutes; and May 15, 2024 Parks Long Range Planning Subcommittee.**

**Motion made by McDonald, seconded by Probst, to Accept the Minutes. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

**10 NEW BUSINESS**

**Motion made by Figueroa Cole, seconded by Myadze, to Approve by Consent Agenda No. 11, Legislative File No. 83461; No. 12, Legislative File No. 83631; and No. 13, Legislative File No. 83750. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

- 11\* [83461](#) Board of Park Commissioners Celebrating July as National Park and Recreation Month

**Motion made by Figueroa Cole, seconded by Myadze, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

- 12\* [83631](#) Board of Park Commissioners Honoring and Celebrating the 130th Anniversary of the Madison Parks System

**Motion made by Figueroa Cole, seconded by Myadze, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

- 13\* [83750](#) Approving Report of Events Administratively Approved by Staff

**Motion made by Figueroa Cole, seconded by Myadze, to Approve the Report. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

- 14 [83633](#) Informational presentation of the Warner Park Southeast Recreation Area Development Plan

**Landscape Architect Adam Kaniewski presented the plan.**

**Registered speaker Pete Schramm of Madison Ultimate Frisbee Association spoke in support.**

**Registered speaker Beth Sluys spoke in support.**

- 15 [83635](#) Informational presentation of the Park and Open Space Plan (POSP)

**Freiwald presented the Park and Open Space Plan.**

- 16 [83804](#) Authorizing Staff to Approve Temporary Land Use Permit to Community Development Authority for purposes of conducting geothermal test boring in Brittingham Park

**Ryan introduced the item indicating Parks is seeking approval to conduct geothermal test boring in Brittingham Park.**

**Registrant Ann Morrison with New Year Investments was in support and available to answer questions.**

**Motion made by McDonald, seconded by Williams, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

- 17     [83630](#)     Informational Briefing and Discussion Regarding City of Madison Parks Division Policy on Donations via the Madison Parks Foundation
- Ryan discussed the importance of having a policy.**
- Registered speaker Charles Karch of Friends of Olbrich Park was in support, but was not available to speak.**
- 18     **ADJOURNMENT**
- Motion made by Figueroa Cole, seconded by Williams, to Adjourn at 8:02 PM.**
- Motion made by voice vote/other.**