



Meeting Minutes - Approved 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, May 8, 2024

6:30 PM

VIRTUAL

1 CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held virtually at 6:30PM on Wednesday, May 8, 2024. President Harrington called the meeting to order at 6:34PM. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

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

Parks Staff Present: Eric Knepp; Lisa Laschinger; CJ Ryan; Joanne Austin; Adam Kaniewski; Dave Vetovec; Tanya Zastrow; Shane Martin; Ann Freiwald; and Samantha Peckham.

City Staff Present: Katie Crawley, Mayor's Office; Jenny Frese and Andy Miller, Real Estate; Jose Novarro and Renee Callaway, Traffic Engineering; Nashaly Gutierrez Vazquez; Aaron Canton, Engineering.

2 [83158](#)

Approval of the April 3, 2024 Board of Park Commissioners meeting.

Motion made by Miller Fienen, seconded by Myadze, to Approve the Minutes of the April 3, 2024 Board of Park Commissioners meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

3 [83157](#)

Public Comment

There were no registrants for Public Comment.

4 DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

REPORTS

5 President of the Park Commission

President Harrington did not provide a report.

6 [83159](#)

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

Assistant Superintendent Lisa Laschinger noted an update to the body of the legislative file that was published with the May 3rd agenda, noting that Brock Woods is the proposed reappointment to the Habitat Stewardship Subcommittee.

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

7 Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Eric Knepp provided comments regarding ongoing capital needs of the Golf Program, which will not be adequately covered by current golf reserves/assets.

8 [83161](#)

May 2024 Superintendent's Report

Golf Director Dave Vetrovec provided the Golf quarterly report. Vetrovec and Assistant Superintendent Lisa Laschinger answered questions.

Motion made by Probst, seconded by Williams, to Accept the Report. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

9 NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Figueroa Cole, seconded by Miller Fienen, to Approve by Consent Agenda No. 10, Legislative File No. 83162; No. 11, Legislative File No. 82844; and No. 12, Legislative File No. 82913. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

10* [83162](#)

Board of Park Commissioners proclaiming May 18, 2024 as Kids to Parks Day in the city of Madison

Motion made by Figueroa Cole, seconded by Miller Fienen, to Approve the Proclamation. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

11* [82844](#)

Authorizing the City's execution of a lease to allow the use of a portion of City-owned property located at 25 Burrows Road, commonly known as Burrows Park, by the Mendota Yacht Club, Inc. (District 12)

Motion made by Figueroa Cole, seconded by Miller Fienen, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

12* [82913](#) Authorizing the Parks Division to submit, and if awarded, accept grant of up to \$500,000 from the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for park improvements and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a contract with State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to accept grant award. (District 18)

Motion made by Figueroa Cole, seconded by Miller Fienen, to RETURN TO LEAD WITH THE RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

13 [82711](#) Authorizing the Parks Division to submit, and if awarded, to accept a grant of \$4,000,000 from the State of Wisconsin Grants for Local Projects Program for the Breese Stevens Field Improvement Project and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a contract with the State of Wisconsin to accept the grant award; and amending the 2024 Adopted Capital Budget of the Economic Development Division and the Parks Division. (District 6)

Assistant Superintendent CJ Ryan provided an overview of the grant.

Registered speaker Alex Salutos spoke in opposition.

Registered speaker Nicholas Davies spoke in opposition.

Registered speaker Conor Caloia of Big Top Events was available to answer questions.

Motion made by Figueroa Cole, seconded by Miller Fienen, to RETURN TO LEAD WITH THE RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

14 [83118](#) Request from Hot Air America for the use of Olbrich Park for Madison Balloon Glow, a ticketed, three-day event with static Hot Air Balloons on display, bouncy houses, and food and retail vendors; open daily from 5 pm - 9 pm on Friday, May 31 through Sunday, June 2, 2024.

The application for the event was withdrawn by the organizers.

Motion made by Figueroa Cole, seconded by Myadze, to place item on file at request of the applicant. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

15 [83175](#)

Reconsideration of Request by Madison Mallards for Approval of 2024 Fireworks Display Schedule at Warner Park Stadium

Ryan provided an overview of the request.

Registered speaker Beth Sluys spoke in opposition.

Registered speaker David Bierman spoke in opposition.

Registered speaker Joan Bell-Kaul of "Environmental, Nature and Wildlife Issues" group on Nextdoor, Madison was in opposition and available to answer questions.

Registered speaker Samantha Rubin of Madison Mallards was in support and available to answer questions.

Registered speaker Emily Heitman was in opposition and available to answer questions.

Registrant Rebecca Leidner was in opposition.

Registrant Layla Merrifield was in opposition.

Registrant Mary Daniels was in opposition.

Registrant Jen Drabsch was in opposition.

Registrant Patty Lennon was in opposition.

Registrant Kay Hagerty was in opposition.

Registrant Kristen Peterson was in opposition.

Registrant Alexandria Miller was in opposition.

Registrant Kristin Kiphardt was in opposition.

Registrant Jill Innes was in opposition.

Registrant Sandra Montello was in opposition.

Registrant Debbie Griffin was in opposition.

Registrant Nancy Ruggeri was in opposition.

Registrant Jeri Casper was in opposition.

Registrant Lorrie Simmons was in opposition.

Registrant Susan Ballard was in opposition.

Registrant DA Kester was in opposition.

Motion made by McDonald, seconded by Miller Fienen, to Approve following volunteer observation and confirmation from Park Rangers that the eaglets have fully fledged prior to June 28. Whether or not the eaglets have fully fledged will determine if the fireworks display can take place on June 28 or needs to be moved to a date in August. Once it is determined the alder will be notified. The annual issue of eaglets in Warner Park will be referred to the Parks Long Range Planning Subcommittee for future discussion and consideration. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

- 16 [83145](#) Adoption of the Olbrich Park - North Parcel Park Development Plan
- Landscape Architect Adam Kaniewski provided an overview of the plan. Kaniewski and Planning and Development Manager Ann Freiwald were available to answer questions.
- Registered speaker Nick Davies spoke neither in opposition nor support. Registered speaker Tim Wagner spoke in opposition. Registered speaker Bethany Jurewicz of Garver Events spoke in support. Registered speaker Josh Olson spoke neither in opposition nor support. Registered speaker Daniel Smith of Garver Feed Mille spoke in support and was available to answer questions. Registrant Nan Fey was in support. Registrant Blake Wasung was in opposition.
- Motion made by McDonald, seconded by Probst, to Approve the Plan. Motion passed by voice vote/other.
- 17 [83138](#) Approving the Goodman Pool Behavior Policy and Suspension Notice
- Ryan provided an overview of the policy and Aquatics and Parks Program Coordinator Shane Martin was available to answer questions.
- Motion made by Probst, seconded by Myadze, to Approve the Policy. Motion passed by voice vote/other.
- 18 [83230](#) Request from Traffic Engineering to Widen Sidewalk along East Washington Ave into Burr Jones Park
- Renee Callaway of Traffic Engineering provided an overview of the proposed project.
- Motion made by Miller Fienen, seconded by Myadze, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.
- 19 [83232](#) Request from Engineering for the construction of a bikepath on the Northeast Park to connect Tancho Drive to the Underpass 151
- Nashally Gutierrez Vasquez of Engineering provided an overview of the proposed project and was available to answer questions. Aaron Canton of Engineering and Renee Callaway of Traffic Engineering were also available to answer questions.
- Motion made by Figueroa Cole, seconded by Probst, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

20 [83231](#) Request from Traffic Engineering to Widen Sidewalk along Mineral Point Road into Nautilus Point Park

Registrant Nicholas Davies was in support.

Callaway provided an overview of the proposed project. Callaway and Jose Navarro of Traffic Engineering were available to answer questions.

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

21 [83182](#) Authorizing the City's execution of a Purchase and Sale Agreement between Starkweather, LLC, and the City of Madison for the disposal of City-owned vacant land located at 3614 Milwaukee Street. (District 15)

Laschinger provided an overview of the proposed surplus. Laschinger and Andy Miller of Real Estate were available to answer questions.

Richard Arneson and Jillian Hayes of Stone House Development answered questions.

Jillian Hayes was available to answer questions on behalf of Stone House Development

Motion made by Miller Fienen, seconded by Figueroa Cole, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

22 **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Figueroa Cole, seconded by Myadze, to Adjourn at 8:58 PM. Motion passed by voice vote/other.