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Meeting Minutes - Approved BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, April 1, 2009

6:30 PM 625 Northport Dr. # (Warner Park Community Recreation
Center)

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 5 -
Joseph R. Clausius; Michael Schumacher; William W. Barker; David L.
Wallner and Janet Parker

Excused: 2 -
Betty Chewning and Emanuel Scarbrough

Parks staff present: Superintendent Kevin Briski, Bill Bauer, Steve Doniger, Brad Weisinger, Jim Weinstock, LaVonne LaFave, Laura Bauer, Craig Klinke, Bob Hughes
City staff present: Ray Harmon

President Barker called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

PARKS EMPLOYEE(S) OF THE MONTH

Superintendent Briski was pleased to announce the Parks Division's April Employee of the Month is Bob Hughes who is the equipment mechanic at East Parks Maintenance. Bob is very well respected by his peers as evidenced by the fact that he was nominated by two different Parks staff. He always has a thoughtful demeanor, knowledgeable questions, and a positive work ethic that encourages employees. Bob has a great passion for parks and takes a great deal of pride in his work. Hughes added that he began working for Parks in 1966 and was with the Forestry Section for almost 30 years. He then became a leadworker in East Parks and now is the Equipment Mechanic, working to keep all the machines in good order. He's made many friends throughout his Parks career and can't imagine doing anything else. His wife, Kathy, was also recognized. Also in attendance was his supervisor, Craig Klinke.

President Barker also conveyed THANKS from the Board for Bob's lifetime of service in Parks.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public who wished to comment on items not on the Agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Schumacher/Wallner/ to approve the Minutes of the March 11, 2009 meeting of the Park Commission. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Olbrich Botanical Society Minutes of February 17, 2009 Meeting

A motion was made by Schumacher/Wallner to accept the Minutes of the February 17, 21009 meeting of the Olbrich Botanical Society. MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE PARK COMMISSION

No Report.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PARKS

Written Report of Supervisors' Activities

A motion was made by Schumacher/Clausius to approve the written report. MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Informational Items

The meeting date for the November Park Commission meeting was changed to Monday, November 2, due to a conflict with budget deliberations.

It was announced that the annual Parks tour will be held on Wednesday, August 12, in place of the regular Board meeting. The focus this year will be the Isthmus area.

Pilot Recycling Program in Parks

Superintendent Briski distributed a white paper outlining the Parks Division pilot recycling program. During the 2009 budget deliberations, alders requested that Parks create a recycling program and funds were set aside to finance this program. Parks developed this pilot that will be presented to the Council for approval, prior to implementation and funding. It was determined that the largest expense for the program would be the purchase of the carts. Fortunately, there is a cooperative relationship with the Streets Division and they made available 60 of their 65 gallon size carts for the Parks pilot recycling program. Parks is also able to use the Streets Division packer for picking up the recyclables. The carts will be placed in selected parks on both the east and west sides that have high use areas such as shelters, athletic fields, and boat launch sites. We will evaluate the contamination rate of the recyclable material found in the carts. Other financial impacts are the salaries of the two fulltime

Public Works Maintenance Workers with CDLs who will drive the Packer during this 15 week program that begins on Memorial Day and ends on Labor Day. Promotional emphasis will also be posted in the kiosks around the Mall Concourse/State Street area. All four golf courses, Goodman Pool in Goodman Park, Warner Park Community Recreation Center and special events held in parks already have a process in place for recycling. If the pilot project is successful, the expectation is to expand it to all parks contingent on funding in future budgets. This issue drove much discussion on the Council floor and there was a great deal of support by Alders. Commissioners endorsed the idea and urged others to recycle.

Testimony before Public Service Commission regarding the proposed American Transmission Company Route along Odana Hills Golf Course

Superintendent Briski reported he provided testimony before the Public Service Commission earlier today following the direction of the Park Commission from their March meeting. ATC has made adjustments to their proposed route so it now would go over the Beltline and wouldn't affect Odana Hills Park. The old access road through the woods on the golf course is now out of their plans. ATC has made a commitment that if the line is an overhead transmission line it would be outside of the current boundary fence line and would not enter the golf course property, They would attempt to handle the construction in the golf off season. Their single arm tower and lines would hang over the Beltline and not over the golf course.

ATC did not have a final proposal on the vegetation removal they would require. The attorney for ATC indicated there would be a plan for reintroduction of plants and species that would be adaptable under a transmission line. President Barker recalled that at the March meeting, Ald. Skidmore testified there would be a 200 foot deforestation buffer. Superintendent Briski noted he called the PSC's attention to that information several times. The Park Commission's concern relative to an easement across parkland was dropped when ATC said they would go across the Beltline.

It is not known when the PSC would make their decision. It will be hearing additional testimony this week and will then deliberate. ATC has made changes based upon the original written testimony that Parks and others had presented so it is difficult to determine exactly where the line will go and what considerations and commitments ATC is making. Superintendent Briski was not present when testimony was given regarding the impact on the Arboretum. He did convey several times that it was the Park Commission's preference that the lines be buried.

Miscellaneous

Superintendent Briski reported he met with the Friends of the Yahara Parkway and hiked the area with members of that committee. The level of commitment our Friends groups have is extraordinary, their degree of expertise is amazing and the level of pride in what they have accomplished along the river was very evident.

Finally he announced that Garrison Keillor has agreed to do a tribute

performance at the Overture Center on May 6 in memory of his brother who recently died after falling on the ice at Vilas Park as he prepared to go ice skating with his family. Performance details and ticket prices are being finalized with all proceeds going to the fundraising efforts for the new Tenney Shelter in memory of his brother who loved the outdoors.

Annual Report

Laura Whitmore, Parks Community Relations Coordinator gave a Point Point presentation of the 2007-2008 Madison Parks Annual Report. The report will be distributed thru e-mail and on the Parks website. Highlights included generating Support, celebrating Community, strengthening our Legacy, preserving our History, preserving Environment and Surviving the Winter of 07-08. Superintendent Briski added this is Parks story -- Who We Are, What We Do -- and sharing that information to generate additional support. He recognized Laura Whitmore and Steve Doniger for their work in preparing this document. The Annual Report will serve as a launching point for a new marketing and branding campaign for the Parks Division that will be unveiled at a future Park Commission meeting.

Commissioners brought up the issue of parking lots in parks and whether they were being used as unauthorized park-N-ride lots. This issue will be on a future agenda.

CORRESPONDENCE, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES

13891

To declare the week of April 26, 2009 through May 1, 2009, "ARBOR WEEK 2009" and to commemorate the City of Madison's 20th anniversary as a Tree City USA.

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

A motion was made by Schumacher/Clausius to take item VIII. E., Request from Vern Stenman, out of order. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14270

Request from Vern Stenman, General Manager of Madison Mallards Baseball Club dated March 20, 2009 to host a concert at Warner Park Stadium on July 21, 2009.

Registered Speakers, both in support:

Ald. Satya Rhodes-Conway

Vern Stenman – available to answer questions

A motion was made by Schumacher/Clausius to approve the request from Vern Stenman, General Manager of Madison Mallards Baseball Club dated March 20, 2009 to host a concert at Warner Park Stadium on July 21, 2009 subject to

sponsor's compliance with the recommendations set forth by the Parks Division and further to aim the amplification system in a manner that will minimize noise in the neighborhood. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14031

To authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a one (1) year Agreement between the City of Madison and D. L. Anderson Company beginning with the signing of the Lease Agreement and ending on October 31, 2009 for the use of docking facilities to provide lake access at Marshall, Olbrich, Olin and Warner Parks. (Various A.D.)

This Resolution was Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval

A motion was made by Schumacher/Parker to approve Resolution ID#14031 to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a one (1) year Agreement between the City of Madison and D. L. Anderson Company beginning with the signing of the Lease Agreement and ending on October 31, 2009 for the use of docking facilities to provide lake access at Marshall, Olbrich, Olin and Warner Parks. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

14066

Proclaiming April 18 and 25, 2009 Earth Day Clean-up Days and endorsing and encouraging citizen participation in the clean-up events at City of Madison Parks. (All AD's)

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

14269

Request from ASANA (Amateur Sports Alliance North America) to host the Softball World Series at Elver and Olbrich Parks on September 2-5, 2009.

**Registered Speaker in support:
Dawn Seibert**

A motion was made by Clausius/Schumacher to approve the request from ASANA (Amateur Sports Alliance North America) to host the Softball World Series at Elver and Olbrich Parks on September 2-5, 2009 based upon sponsor's compliance with the recommendations set forth by the Parks Division. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

14271

Request from Nick Schweitzer to install temporary Art and Science exhibit starting in Law Park.

Superintendent Briski reported that Mr. Schweitzer was unable to attend the meeting due to a scheduling conflict and presented a letter detailing the art and science exhibit. President Barker added that the UW Space Place is also involved in this project.

A motion was made by Schumacher/Clausius to approve the request from Nick Schweitzer to install a temporary Art and Science exhibit starting in Law Park. MOTION CARRIED with President Barker recusing himself.

14272

Request from Hanah Jon Taylor director of the Madison Center for Creative and Cultural Arts to host a series of summer community outreach initiatives in various parks as follows: June 7 at Marshall Park, June 14 at Garner Park, July 19 at Demetral Park, July 26 at James Madison Park, August 9 at Brittingham Park, and August 23 at Warner Park.

Registered Speake in support
Hanah Jon Taylor

Sponsor asked to have his proposal modified so that the cultural coach would be placed in the James Madison parking lot of the "abandoned" Collins House. He suggested that having an acoustic event in the parking lot would draw attention to maintaining that historic property.

Commissioners inquired whether the parking lot could be used or if additional city ordinances would control that approval process. Superintendent Briski suggested referral to the next meeting to allow time to research that question.

Parker added that this event is wonderful and questioned whether the only reason he is asking for the modification is because of fees to use the parks. She was informed by fellow Park Commissioners that the Park Commission has always had a policy of not discounting or waiving fees for any group (profit or non-profit) that uses park space.

A motion was made to refer the request from Hanah Jon Taylor director of the Madison Center for Creative and Cultural Arts to host a series of summer community outreach initiatives in various parks as follows: June 7 at Marshall Park, June 14 at Garner Park, July 19 at Demetral Park, July 26 at James Madison Park, August 9 at Brittingham Park, and August 23 at Warner Park to the May Park Commission meeting due to a request to change locations. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

14273

Request by David Carlson of Capital Volleyball Academy to host a volleyball tournament at Demetral Park on June 6, 2009.

It was noted there was no representative available to answer questions although they had been informed they should attend. Doniger reported he spoke with the group and their schedule didn't allow them to be present. Parks staff have reviewed the request and feel confident that it would be a good event. Commissioners expressed concern because they are requesting a beer garden and asked staff to remind all groups they should have a representative attend the meeting to be available to answer questions.

A motion was made by Schumacher/Waller to approve the request by David Carlson of Capital Volleyball Academy to host a volleyball tournament at Demetral Park on June 6, 2009 subject to sponsor's compliance with the recommendations set forth by the Parks Division and further that Parks staff meet face to face with the organizers to explain all of the requirements for a

beer garden and that they will need to appear before the ALRC for the beer garden license. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

NEW BUSINESS

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Adopting Phase 1 of the Shady Wood Neighborhood Development Plan as a supplement to the City of Madison Comprehensive Plan, and authorizing the City's application to amend the Central Urban Service Area to include the Phase 1 development staging area identified in the plan.

A motion was made by Schumacher/Clausius to refer the Shady Wood Neighborhood Plan to the May Park Commission meeting. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Schumacher/Wallner the meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.