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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, February 11, 2026

6:30 PM

Virtual

1 Call to Order/Roll Call

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held virtually at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, February 11, 2026. President Miller Fienen called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

Members Present: Ald. Derek Field; Ald. Carmella Glenn; Moira Harrington; Catie McDonald; Chandra Miller Fienen; Michelle Probst; and Ben Williams.

Parks Staff Present: Eric Knepp; Lisa Laschinger; CJ Ryan; Terrence Thompson; Adam Kaniewski; and Joanne Austin.

City Staff Present: Nicholas Heckman, PHMDC and Meri Rose Ekberg, Planning.

2 [91713](#)

Approval of the Minutes of the January 14, 2026 Board of Park Commissioners meeting.

Motion made by McDonald, seconded by Probst, to Approve the Minutes of the January 14, 2026 Board of Park Commissioners meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

3 [91717](#)

Public Comment

There were no registrants for Public Comment.

4 Disclosures and Recusals

None.

Reports

5 President of the Park Commission

President Chandra Miller Fienen discussed changes to the Board of Park Commission as we head into spring elections and losing two Commissioners. Miller Fienen recognized Michelle Probst & Catie McDonald for their contributions to the Park Commission and on their respective subcommittees. Alder Glenn thanked Probst and McDonald. Commissioners Probst and McDonald shared their thoughts and gratitude for their time spent on the Commission.

6 Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Eric Knepp provided the Superintendent Report. Knepp recognized Probst and McDonald for their service and will be providing their official park signs soon. Skating season will be ending soon due to weather and ice conditions. Knepp shared that Golf mission/vision/value will be brought forward in the next few months. Knepp anticipating major land acquisitions over the next year. Thank you to those who attended the Door Creek Park Shelter ribbon cutting, which was well attended. The Parks Division is actively working on Normal Hall/Olin Park Pavilion project, and the Park Commission may anticipate some feedback on the project.

7 [91718](#) Accepting the February 2026 Superintendent's Report

Community Services Manager Terrence Thompson provided the Community Services Report and answered questions.

Motion made by Glenn, seconded by Field, to Accept the Report. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

8 [91725](#) Accepting the Report of the Minutes of the January 12, 2026 Facilities, Programs and Fees Subcommittee meeting and January 21, 2026 Parks Long Range Planning Subcommittee meeting.

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

9 New Business**10 [91695](#) Board of Park Commissioners Proclaiming Commitment to Supporting Pollinator Health (Citywide)**

Motion made by Field, seconded by Williams, to Accept the Proclamation. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

11 [91152](#) Documenting Policies for Food Production on City-Owned Land

Public Health Madison Dane County Food Systems and Food Security Coordinator Nick Heckman, who staffs the Food Policy Council, provided an overview of background around goals of using city-owned land for producing food. The resolution is directing staff to gather materials related to policies and best practices to increase this use. Commissioners expressed overall support for continuing to research this matter and interested in follow-up discussion. Heckman answered questions.

Motion made by Glenn, seconded by Williams, to RETURN TO LEAD WITH THE RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL TO THE MADISON FOOD POLICY COUNCIL. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

- 12 [91846](#) Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a Trail Stewardship Agreement with Capital Off Road Pathfinders, Inc for volunteer management and improvement of recreational biking facilities on City property for an initial term of five years. (Citywide)
- Planning and Development Manager Adam Kaniewski provided an overview and answered questions.
- Motion made by McDonald, seconded by Probst, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. Motion passed by voice vote/other.
- 13 [91812](#) Authorizing the Superintendent to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Madison Parks Foundation for improvements at Warner Park Community Recreation Center. (District 12)
- Madison Parks Foundation Executive Director Stephanie Franklin presented an overview of the project and Madison Parks Foundation's excitement for being able to help with the project. Assistant Superintendent CJ Ryan provided an overview of the item, spoke about the vision for the improved kitchen, and expressed the Parks Division's appreciation for the generous contribution. Ryan and Franklin answered questions.
- Motion made by Williams, seconded by Fields, to Approve the Memorandum of Understanding. Motion passed by voice vote/other.
- 14 [91734](#) Authorizing the City to Execute the First Amendment to Deed of Easement Regarding Edgewood Drive. (District 13)
- Assistant Superintendent Lisa Laschinger provided an overview of the easement and was available to answer questions.
- Motion made by Field, seconded by Glenn, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. Motion passed by voice vote/other.
- 15 [91711](#) Informational Presentation on Art Proposals for the Imagination Center at Reindahl Park (District 12)
- Meri Rose Eckberg of City Planning provided an overview of the proposal and answered questions.
- Commissioners expressed strong support for the Passage of Being piece.
- 16 **Adjournment**
- Motion made by McDonald, seconded by Probst, to Adjourn at 7:47 PM. Motion passed by voice vote/other.