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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 12, 2025

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 12, 2025. Vice President McDonald called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

Members Present: Common Council President Ald. Yanette Figueroa Cole; Ald. Jael Currie; Moira Harrington; Catie McDonald; and Ben Williams.

Members Excused: Chandra Miller Fienen and Michelle Probst.

Parks Staff Present: Eric Knepp; Lisa Laschinger; CJ Ryan; Mike Sturm; Joanne Austin; Terrence Thompson; Chad Hughes; and Steve Dray.

City Staff Present: Dan Rolfs, Real Estate; and Aaron Canton, Engineering.

2 [87009](#) Approval of the January 8, 2025 Board of Park Commissioners meeting.

Motion made by Williams, seconded by Figueroa Cole, to Approve the Minutes of the January 8, 2025 Board of Park Commissioners meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other with Currie recusing themselves because they weren't at the last meeting.

3 [86966](#) Public Comment

There were no registrants for Public Comment.

4 DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

REPORTS

5 President of the Park Commission

No formal report was given, as President Miller Fienen was not present. Vice President McDonald acknowledged staff for flexibility in adjusting to changing weather patterns.

6 Superintendent of Parks

Parks Superintendent Eric Knepp provided the report. Discussed current weather pattern and preparations for upcoming season.

- 7 [87010](#) February 2025 Superintendent's Report

Community Services Manager Terrence Thompson presented the Community Services report, took input from the Commissioners, and answered questions.

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

- 8 [87011](#) Report of the January 13, 2025 Facilities, Programs, and Fees Subcommittee; and December 8, 2024 and January 23, 2025 Parks Long Range Planning Subcommittee.

Motion made by Harrington, seconded by Williams, to Accept the Minutes.
Motion passed by voice vote/other.

- 9 **NEW BUSINESS**

Motion made by Figueroa Cole, seconded by Harrington, to Approve by Consent Agenda No. 10, Legislative File No. 87106; No. 11, Legislative File No. 87102; No. 12, Legislative File No. 86713; and No. 13, Legislative File No. 86983.
Motion passed by voice vote/other.

- 10* [87016](#) Accepting Report from staff regarding 2024 Fee Modifications

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

- 11* [87102](#) Review of Events Administratively Approved by Staff

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

- 12* [86713](#) Approving Revised 2025 Lakeside Offices Boardroom Fees

Motion made by Figueroa Cole, seconded by Harrington, to Approve the Fees.
Motion passed by voice vote/other.

- 13* [86983](#) Authorizing the termination of the existing Ground Lease and executing a new Ground Lease for the residential structure located at 704 East Gorham Street, within James Madison Park. (District 6)

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

- 14 [86985](#) Approving request from Dane County to install food scrap kiosks at Vilas and Warner Parks (District 12, District 13)
- Operations Manager Chad Hughes introduced the pilot program and presenters.**
- Nadia Niggli of Madison Children's Museum and Delaney Gobster of Dane County presented the food scrap program pilot and answered questions.**
- Motion made by Harrington, seconded by Currie, to Approve the Request. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- 15 [86944](#) Request from City Engineering to construct sidewalk and path improvements in Brittingham, Olin and Law Parks as part of the North Shore Drive Path and John Nolen Drive Engineering Projects. (District 4, District 13)
- Registrant Nicholas Davies was in support.**
- Aaron Canton of City Engineering provided an overview of the project and the request.**
- Parks Landscape Architect Mike Sturm provided a brief update.**
- Motion made by Williams, seconded by Currie, to Approve the SUBSTITUTE. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- 16 [86984](#) Informational Report on Policies Regarding Alcohol in Madison Parks (Citywide)
- Interim Park Ranger Supervisor Steve Dray provided presentation regarding alcohol in parks and was available to answer questions. Assistant Superintendent CJ Ryan and Knepp answered questions.**
- 17 [86965](#) Accepting Report from Staff regarding Projects and Programs Supported by the Madison Parks Foundation (Citywide)
- Ryan introduced the report and was available to answer questions.**
- Ben Williams provided an update regarding Picnic in the Park at Westmorland Park in May.**
- Motion made by Currie, seconded by Williams, to Accept the Report. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

18* [87040](#) Authorizing the Mayor and the City Clerk to enter into a contract with Spaulding Restaurant Enterprises Inc d/b/a Kavanaugh’s Esquire Club for exclusive alcohol beverage services at the Warner Park Community Recreation Center (WPCRC) from January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2026, with the possibility of two successive two-year renewal terms. (District 12)

Assistant Superintendent Lisa Laschinger introduced the request.

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

19 **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Figueroa Cole, seconded by Williams, to Adjourn at 8:14 PM. Motion passed by voice vote/other.