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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, April 13, 2022

6:30 PM

Virtual

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held virtually at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, April 13, 2022. President Gnam called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

Members Present: Ald. Yanette Figueroa Cole; Emily Gnam; Moira Harrington; Madelyn Leopold; and Chandra Miller Fienen.

Members Excused: Ald. Syed Abbas

Alders Present: Ald. Grant Foster

Parks Staff Present: Eric Knepp; Lisa Laschinger; Terrence Thompson; Joanne Austin; Ann Freiwald; Ann Shea; Tanya Zastrow; Tracey Hartley; Theran Steindl; and Mike Sturm.

City Staff Present: Katie Crawley, Mayor's Office; Jenny Frese, Real Estate; Chris Petykowski and Caroline Burger, Engineering; Charlie Romines, Streets; Urvashi Martin and Jeff Greger, Planning; and Rene Callaway, Traffic Engineering.

[70699](#)

Approval of the Minutes of the March 9, 2022 Board of Park Commissioners meeting.

Motion made by Harrington, seconded by Leopold, to Approve the Minutes of the March 9, 2022 Board of Park Commissioners meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[70698](#)

Public Comment

Registered speaker Jon Becker spoke regarding cut down trees in Reindahl Park.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

REPORTS**President of the Park Commission**

President Emily Gnam stated that she had nothing to share this month and invited Commission members on Subcommittees to report on them if they wished. The Commissioners had nothing to report.

70867

Park Commission President Resident Appointment to the Warner Park Community Recreation Center Advisory Subcommittee of the Board of Park Commissioners.

Motion made by Miller Fienen, seconded by Leopold, to Approve the Appointment. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Eric Knepp stated that Golf got off to a late start due to the weather. Parks is continuing to experience staffing issues and has offered hiring bonuses for some positions and held job fairs. Ride the Drive was cut due to significant allocation of time. Glenway Golf Park is tentatively planned to open on July 1st. Most permanent vacancies are in the process of being filled by the end of the summer.

70706

April 2022 Superintendent's Report

Community Services Manager Terrence Thompson provided the Community Services quarterly report.

Olbrich Botanical Gardens Director Tanya Zastrow provided the Olbrich Botanical Gardens quarterly report.

Motion made by Miller Fienen, seconded by Leopold, to Accept the Report. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

70707

Report of the February 21, 2022 Facilities, Programs and Fees Subcommittee; March 24, 2022 Warner Park Community Recreation Center Advisory Subcommittee; and February 8, 2022 Olbrich Botanical Society.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Miller Fienen, seconded by Figueroa Cole, to Approve by Consent Agenda No. 11, Legislative File No. 70315; No. 12, Legislative File No. 70791; and No. 13, Legislative File No. 70310. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

- 11* [70315](#) Request from Eagle Scout Candidate Zane Brolin to Install an Orienteering Course at Elver Park

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

- 12* [70791](#) Board of Park Commissioners Proclaiming May 21, 2022 as Kids to Parks Day

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

- 13* [70310](#) Authorizing the City's acceptance of ownership from the Newbery Heights Neighborhood Association of a "Little Free Library" located in Newbery Park at 7834 Lois Lowry Lane. (1st AD)

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

- [70454](#) Authorizing the City to execute an agreement with ROC Ventures, LLC (d/b/a SC Wave) for Reindahl Park Field use for the 2022-2026 Seasons

Assistant Superintendent Lisa Laschinger presented the agreement and was available to answer questions.

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

- [70868](#) Authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding between City of Madison Parks Division and Madison Metropolitan School District, Madison School & Community Recreation, to pilot a swim lesson and aquatic fitness program at the Goodman Pool for the 2022 season.

Laschinger explained the Memorandum of Understanding.

Recreation Services Coordinator Tracey Hartley spoke and answered questions.

Registered speaker Diana Miller of MSCR spoke in support and was available to answer questions.

Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Miller Fienen, to Approve the Memorandum of Understanding. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

70639

Authorizing the Parks Superintendent to approve of any future assignments of leases for the two homesteads located at 1 & 2 Thorstrand Road in the City's Marshall Park, which are both subject to Ground Lease Agreements. (19th AD)

Ald. Syed Abbas arrived at 7:45 PM

Members Present (6) - Ald. Syed Abbas; Ald. Yannette Figueroa Cole; Emily Gnam; Moira Harrington; Madelyn Leopold; and Chandra Miller Fienen.

Knepp discussed the item.

Jenny Frese of Real Estate was available to answer questions.

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

70825

Accepting final report and proposed solutions of Stricker's/Mendota Watershed Report

Caroline Burger of Engineering presented the report and was available to answer questions.

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

70597

Approving a land sale and agreements with Dane County to sell and develop portions of the Yahara Hills Golf Course as a future landfill, compost site and sustainable business park, and entering into a new solid waste agreement.

Streets Superintendent Charlie Romines gave a presentation and was available to answer questions.

Registered speaker John Welch from Dane County was available to answer questions.

Registered speaker Roxanne Wienkes was available to answer questions.

Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Figueroa Cole, This Resolution was Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the FINANCE COMMITTEE.

70654

Amending the Yahara Hills Neighborhood Development Plan, a supplement to the City of Madison Comprehensive Plan, to provide updated recommendations for the area located on the eastern portion of the Yahara Hills Golf Course.

Urvashi Martin of Planning gave a presentation and was available to answer questions.

Jeff Greger of Planning was available to answer questions.

Motion made by Harrington, seconded by Leopold, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the PLAN COMMISSION. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

70601

2022 Public Works Transportation Projects Approval - Atwood Avenue

Parks Planning and Development Manager Ann Friewald presented the four options and indicated that Parks' preference is Option 3.

Registered speaker Kyle Hanson was no longer in attendance.

Motion made by Abbas, seconded by Leopold to recommend option 3A.

Friendly Amendment by Harrington, seconded by Figueroa Cole, to Approve option 3A and to encourage that the path maximize access to those with wheelchairs, pedestrians, and cyclists.

Motion passed by the following vote:

Approve (4) - Ald. Syed Abbas; Emily Gnam; Moira Harrington; and Madelyn Leopold.

Oppose (1) - Ald. Yannette Figueroa Cole.

Abstain (1) - Chandra Miller Fienen.

70866

Glenway Golf Park Status Update

Laschinger provided an update.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Miller Fienen, seconded by Abbas, to Adjourn at 11:10 PM.

Motion passed by voice vote/other.