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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, October 13, 2021

6:30 PM

Via Virtual Meeting

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held virtually at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, October 13, 2021. President Gnam called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

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

Members Excused: Moira Harrington.

Parks Staff Present: Eric Knepp; Lisa Laschinger; Christopher Peguero; Ann Freiwald; Joanne Austin; Ann Shea; and Marty Petillo.

City Staff Present: Katie Crawley, Mayor's Office; Chris Petykowski, Engineering; Rene Callaway, Traffic Engineering; Ald. Brian Benford; and Ald. Grant Foster.

[67692](#)

Approval of the Minutes of the September 22, 2021 Board of Park Commissioners meeting.

Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Miller Fienen, to Approve the Minutes of the September 22, 2021 Board of Park Commissioners meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

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Public Comment

There were no registrants for Public Comment.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

REPORTS

President of the Park Commission

President Gnam reported that she is looking forward to the upcoming member tour of Glenway Golf Course.

Superintendent of Parks

Parks Superintendent Eric Knepp reported that the native plantings at the Glenway Golf Course are growing well. 2021 was a phenomenal year for the golf program. Parks is starting to prep for the winter season. Commissioners will be briefed on budgetary matters in November. The budget will likely include a new conservation position as well as reductions in seasonal staffing and general operations.

[67696](#)

October 2021 Superintendent's Report

Olbrich Botanical Gardens Volunteer Services Manager Marty Petillo presented the Olbrich Botanical Gardens quarterly report.

Assistant Superintendent Christopher Peguero presented the Community Services quarterly report.

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

[67697](#)

Report of the Minutes of the July 21, 2021 Parks Long Range Planning Subcommittee.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Abbas, seconded by Figueroa Cole, to Approve by Consent Agenda No. 11, Legislative File No. 67705; No. 12, Legislative File No. 65662; and No. 14, Legislative File No. 67407. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[67705](#)

Request by the Olbrich Botanical Society to close Olbrich Botanical Gardens from January 25 through January 28, March 1, and March 2, 2022 for Orchid Escape prep and take down and March 7 through March 18, 2022 for annual maintenance.

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

[65662](#)

Amending Sec. 33.05(5)(b) of the Madison General Ordinances to Update the Membership of the Warner Park Community Recreation Center Subcommittee.

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

[67407](#)

Authorizing the City of Madison to accept ownership of certain improvements from the Junction Ridge Neighborhood Association, which will create a neighborhood oasis in Junction Ridge Park, located at 8502 Elderberry Road. (9th A.D.)

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

[67067](#)

Paved Path through Olbrich Park from Lakeland Ave to Atwood Ave

Parks Planning and Development Manager Ann Freiwald presented an overview of the project and the proposed options.

Principal Engineer Chris Petykowski and Pedestrian Bicycle Administrator Renee Callaway answered questions.

Registered Speaker Michelle Livanos spoke in support of including bike lanes instead of a multi-use path.

Registered Speaker Chuck Strawser spoke in support of a path through Olbrich Park.

Registered Speaker Betty Chewing spoke in opposition and advocated for more public input opportunities.

Motion made by Abbas, seconded by Leopold, to recommend option #3. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[67596](#)

Authorizing the City of Madison to accept ownership of art sculptures from the Friends of Sid Boyum, to be placed on City-owned property, in exchange for ongoing maintenance of the sculptures by an established Neighborhood Association, after City staff review and approval of the sculptures and their locations at the time of each request. (6th AD)

Freiwald presented the agreement and answered questions.

Motion made by Abbas, seconded by Leopold, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[67718](#)

SUBSTITUTE - Amending the 2021 Adopted Parks Division Capital Budget and Authorizing the execution of a Purchase and Sale Agreement between the City of Madison and Cherokee Park, Inc. for the City's purchase of approximately 22 acres located at the southeast corner of N. Sherman Avenue and Wheeler Road for the expansion of Whitetail Ridge Park and the preservation of urban forest canopy.

Parks Superintendent Eric Knepp presented the item and answered questions.

A motion was made by Leopold, seconded by Figueroa Cole, to RETURN TO LEAD WITH RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

[67782](#)

Bike Recreation Project Funding - Private Support

Knepp provided an overview. Maureen Lokrantz and Stephanie Franklin of the Madison Parks Foundation spoke.

Motion made by Abbas, seconded by Miller Fienen to Refer to the PARKS LONG RANGE PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[67706](#)

Request by Vern Stenman, Madison Mallards, for capital improvements for the 2022 Mallards Baseball Season

Knepp introduced the item.

Vern Stenman of the Madison Mallards provided an overview.

Motion made by Miller Fienen, seconded by Abbas, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Miller Fienen, seconded by Abbas, to Adjourn at 10:01 PM. Motion passed by voice vote/other.