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Meeting Minutes BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, June 12, 2013

6:30 PM

Olbrich Botanical Gardens
3330 Atwood Ave

I CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held on Wednesday, June 12, 2013 at Olbrich Botanical Gardens. The meeting was called to order at 6:38 PM. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

Members Present: Ald. Joseph Clausius; Ald. Mark Clear; Nancy Ragland; Emanuel Scarbrough (excused at 8:00 PM); and David Wallner. Member Excused: Madelyn Leopold.

Parks staff present: Kevin Briski, Eric Knepp, Kay Rutledge, Charlie Romines, and Joanne Austin.

II APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ragland, seconded by Clausius, to Approve the Minutes of the May 8, 2013 meeting. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

III PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no registrants for public comment on items not on the agenda.

IV DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals made at the meeting.

V REPORTS

A President of the Parks Commission

President Wallner discussed recent visits to Brittingham gardens, Brittingham Boathouse, and Olin-Turville Park. President Wallner announced that he along with Commissioners Ragland and Scarbrough attended the Olbrich Facility Study public meeting. President Wallner discussed options for the August meeting.

B Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Briski indicated that the Mayor had submitted Emily Gnam for confirmation to be a member of the Board of Park Commissioners.

1 Written Report of Supervisor's June 2013 Activities

A motion was made by Clear, seconded by Ragland, to Accept. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

- 2 Report of Subcommittee Minutes of the March 28, 2013 Warner Park Community Recreation Center Advisory Subcommittee; the March 18, 2013 Habitat Stewardship Subcommittee; the May 9, 2013 Long Range Planning Subcommittee; the November 1, 2012 Golf Subcommittee, and the Olbrich Botanical Society meetings of December 18, 2012 and January 15, 2013.

A motion was made by Clausius, seconded by Scarbrough, to Accept the Minutes from the subcommittees. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

- 3 Rhapsody in Bloom at Olbrich Gardens - June 15, 2013

A motion was made by Clear, seconded by Ragland, to express support for Rhapsody in Bloom. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

VI NEW BUSINESS

- A To extend the closing hours at Garner Park to 11:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 13, 2013 (Raindate: July 14) for the 11th annual Opera in the Park event post-concert reception for donors. (AD 11)

A motion was made by Clear, seconded by Scarbrough, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

- B To extend the closing hours at Warner Park to 11:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 3, 2013 for the 21st annual Rhythm & Booms Independence Day fireworks event.

A motion was made by Clear, seconded by Scarbrough, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

- C To authorize the closure of Warner Park lagoon and its connecting waterway to Lake Mendota during 2013 Rhythm and Booms celebration. (18th AD)

A motion was made by Clear, seconded by Scarbrough, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

- D Request from The United States Amateur Tug of War Association to hold the Tug of War International Federation World Championships from August 25, 2014 through September 1, 2014 in Olin Park.

Registrant in Support: Shelby Richardson, USATOWA.

A motion was made by Clear, seconded by Scarbrough, to Approve the Request with conditions. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

- E** Request from the American Cancer Society for the use of Vilas Park on Saturday, October 5, 2013 for a walk (Making Strides Against Breast Cancer of Dane County).
- Registrant in Support: Laura Strickland, American Cancer Society.**
A motion was made by Clear, seconded by Scarbrough, to Approve the Request with conditions. The motion passed by voice vote/other.
- F** Request from On Ice Promotions, LLC to hold the Bucky's Rentals Pond Hockey Classic and Winter Carnival on January 24 through January 26, 2014 at Vilas Park.
- Registrants in Support: Rich Kerns, Ben Cowan, Brad Mastenbrook.**
A motion was made by Clear, seconded by Scarbrough, to Approve the Request with conditions. The motion passed by voice vote/other.
- G** Odana Hills Park Volunteer Project Proposal
- Registered Speakers in Support: Jim Baumann and Si Widstrand.**
A motion was made by Clausius, seconded by Ragland, to Approve the Project Plan. The motion passed by voice vote/other.
- H** Glenway Woods Work Final Proposal
- Registered Speakers in Support: Sandy Stark and Si Widstrand. A motion was made by Ragland, seconded by Clausius, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- I** Glenwood Children's Park Work Proposal
- Registered Speakers in Support: Percy Mather, Peter A. Nause, Briana Frank, and Si Widstrand.**
A motion was made by Clausius, seconded by Scarbrough, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.
- J** Request from Nakoma Park Neighborhood Committee for approval of up to \$25,000 from the Parks Matching Fund Program for Improvements to Nakoma Park.
- Registrant in Support: Annemarie Banas.**
Kay Rutledge, Parks Planning and Development Manager presented the project and plan to the Commission.
A motion was made by Clear, seconded by Clausius, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

- K** Amending Sections 8.24(1)(ee) and (ff) of the Madison General Ordinances to permanently ban alcohol from Olbrich Park and Reindahl Park.
- Superintendent Briski introduced the issue and indicated that both Parks staff and MPD are supportive of the continued ban. Alder Clausius indicated he is supportive of this ordinance and feels it is needed. Commissioner Scarbrough discussed the long term issues related to alcohol and its use in parks. A motion was made by Clausius, seconded by Scarbrough, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- L** Amending Section 33.05(5) and Section 10.101 of the Madison General Ordinances to update the Board of Parks Commissioners Subcommittees, their responsibilities, membership and meeting schedule.
- Assistant Superintendent Eric Knepp discussed the need for this ordinance to bring Madison General Ordinances in line with existing practices. A motion was made by Scarbrough, seconded by Ragland, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- M** CHARTER ORDINANCE Creating Section 8.44 of the Madison General Ordinances to establish rules for the treatment of lost or abandoned property found on public property.
- Alder John Strasser spoke in support of this ordinance revision. Parks Superintendent Briski indicated that Parks staff is working within current state statute, and is supportive of this ordinance as it removes some areas of potential confusion for staff. Commissioner Scarbrough discussed the need to balance the correct amount for the replacement value. A motion was made by Clausius, seconded by Scarbrough, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the PUBLIC SAFETY REVIEW COMMITTEE. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- N** Ice Age Junction Path (Flagstone Park) Bike Path Project
- Tony Fernandez, City Engineering, introduced the project to the Commission. He provided project details of what would be constructed and how it would impact the park. Fernandez indicated that this is an important portion of a long-term bikepath connection project on the far west side. Kay Rutledge, Planning and Development Manager, indicated Parks staff supports the project and appreciates Engineering working on the project plan with Parks. A motion was made by Clear, seconded by Clausius, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- O** Adopting the *Hoyt Park Area Joint Neighborhood Plan* and the goals, recommendations, and implementation steps contained therein as a supplement to the City's *Comprehensive Plan*.
- Registered Speaker in Support: Jean Maccubbin. Jule Stroick, Planning Division, presented the Hoyt Neighborhood Plan. Stroick indicated that the plan was neighborhood driven and focused on guiding the neighborhood development and use into the future. She indicated that there are five parks included in the plan area. Stroick discussed issues**

and recommendations included in the plan. Kay Rutledge discussed the Parks staff recommendations to the Board of Park Commissioners. Rutledge specifically addressed the issue of the Owen Parkway Alternatives and the need to include language that leaves all options on the table as a part of the plan to allow for flexibility in the future when the Parkway is reconstructed. The Commission discussed numerous potential alternatives, including potentially limiting access for vehicles to specified times and/or making the parkway a one way street.

A motion was made by Clear, seconded by Scarbrough, to Return to Lead with the Following Recommendation(s) to the PLAN COMMISSION. The Board of Park Commissioners recommends that the Plan be revised to incorporate comments included in the Parks staff memo. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

P 2014 Parks Division Anticipated Capital budget Request

Registered Speaker in Support: Si Widstrand.
Kay Rutledge presented the 2014 Capital Budget Request to the Commission. Rutledge discussed the direction provided by the Mayor to agencies in budget formulation. Rutledge discussed the increase in the Playground and Accessibility Improvements project. Rutledge also discussed the increase in Conservation Parks improvements project as well as general land management funding. Commissioner Scarbrough asked about the Yahara Golf Course project. Rutledge indicated that the project would be focused on expanding activities at Yahara, both through increased winter activities and improved banquet space.

Q Request to Apply Olin Trust Fund Distributions towards Specific 2013 and 2014 Projects

A motion was made by Clear, seconded by Scarbrough, to Discuss and Finalize. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

R Update of Madison Parks Land Management Plan

Registered Speaker in Support: Si Widstrand.
Charlie Romines, Parks Operations Manager presented the Parks Land Management Plan. Romines discussed the overall strategy for land management planning in Park Operations. He indicated that the process was underway and work was being completed to significant degrees. Significant labor hours and supplies have been directed towards improved land management. Romines provided the basics of the plan, which include breaking down the general park areas into specific categories for management. These categories will be simplified to start to ensure wide spread understanding of the goals for each area.

S Pontoon Porch Request for Olin Park pier usage

Registrants in Support: Alder John Strasser; Cassandra Marzette; Jennifer Shulla; Tyler Wilkinson.

Attorney Tyler Wilkinson representing Pontoon Porch, presented the business plan to the Commission.

The Commission asked specific questions of Mr. Wilkinson including whether or not a private pier would be available, whether any vending would occur in the park, and capacity of the boat. Superintendent Briski presented the issue for the Parks Division. Briski discussed the process that was employed by the City to review the request from Pontoon Porch. The Commission discussed alternatives, including non-boat launch locations and how that could reduce conflicts at boat launch areas.

A motion was made by Clear, seconded by Clausius to direct staff to negotiate an agreement for a non boat launch dock/pier from City parkland and include the agreement on the July Park Commission meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

VII ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Wallner, seconded by Clausius, to Adjourn at 9:43 PM. The motion passed by voice vote/other.