



# City of Madison

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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?*

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Wednesday, January 11, 2023

6:30 PM

VIRTUAL

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### POSSIBLE QUORUM OF THE FACILITIES, PROGRAMS AND FEES SUBCOMMITTEE, GOLF SUBCOMMITTEE, HABITAT STEWARDSHIP SUBCOMMITTEE, PARKS LONG RANGE PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE, AND WARNER PARK COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE

#### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held virtually at 6:30PM on January 11, 2023. President Harrington called the meeting to order at 6:32PM.

A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

Members Present: Ald. Yanette Figueroa Cole; Emily Gnam; Moira Harrington; Catie McDonald Shannon; Chandra Miller Fienen; and Ben Williams.

Parks Staff Present: Eric Knepp; CJ Ryan; Joanne Austin; Tanya Zastrow; Adam Kaniewski; Terrence Thompson; Zach Watson; Ryan Brinza; and Ann Freiwald.

City Staff Present: Brent Pauba, City Engineering; and Greg Mickells, Krissy Wick, and Tana Elias, Library.

[75378](#)

Approval of the Minutes of the December 14, 2022 Board of Park Commissioners meeting

Motion made by Gnam, seconded by Miller Fienen, to Approve the Minutes of the December 14, 2022 Board of Park Commissioners meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[75377](#)

Public Comment

There were no registrants for Public Comment.

#### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

**REPORTS****President of the Park Commission**

President Moira Harrington referred to the October 2022 Superintendent's Report which discussed the recovery of a 3,000 year old canoe from Lake Mendota. One of our parks was used as a staging area for the recovery. Hopes City staff will work with Dane County and the DNR to protect the area. Assistant Superintendent CJ Ryan stated she would help. Spoke about the Ho-Chunk Nation.

**Superintendent of Parks**

Superintendent Eric Knepp discussed staffing changes since 2018. Budget was great for the Parks Division. Staff is continuing to work for a solution to parking challenges due to popularity of parks.

**75379**

January 2023 Superintendent's Report

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

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

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

**75383**

Report of the December 15, 2022 Golf Subcommittee and November 15, 2022 Olbrich Botanical Society

Motion made by McDonald Shannon, seconded by Williams, to Approve the Minutes. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

**NEW BUSINESS****75272**

Authorizing the City to execute a use agreement with Change Golf Instruction, LLC to make it a preferred golf instruction provider at the City golf courses for 2023-2027 and authorizing City golf staff to conduct private lessons at City golf courses when not on-duty.

Assistant Superintendent CJ Ryan presented the agreement and answered questions.

Golf Supervisor Ryan Brinza explained the First Tee Program.

A motion was made by Miller Fienen, seconded by Gnam, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

[75274](#)

Olin Trust Fund Reporting

**Knepp explained the report and answered questions.**

[75373](#)

Amending the Reindahl Park Master Plan, Including the Location of the Imagination Center

**Registrant Jon Becker was opposed.**

**Planning Development Manager Ann Freiwald and Landscape Architect Adam Kaniewski presented the plan and answered questions.**

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

[75388](#)

Adoption of Far West Park Development Plans, including Acacia Ridge, Sunshine Ridge, and Old Timber Parks

**Freiwald presented the Development Plans.**

**Registered speaker Jason Knutson spoke in support.**

**Motion made by McDonald Shannon, seconded by Gnam, to Adopt the Plans. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

[75275](#)

Determining Board of Park Commissioners Subcommittees Future Structure

**Registered speaker Jim Kopp (Chair of the Golf Subcommittee) spoke in opposition.**

**Gnam left at 8:42 PM**

**Members Present: 5 – Ald. Yanette Figueroa Cole; Moira Harrington; Catie McDonald Shannon; Chandra Miller Fienen; and Ben Williams.**

**Members Excused: 1 - Emily Gnam.**

**Gnam returned at 8:54 PM**

**Members Present: 6 – Ald. Yanette Figueroa Cole; Emily Gnam; Moira Harrington; Catie McDonald Shannon; Chandra Miller Fienen; and Ben Williams.**

**Motion made by McDonald, seconded by Figueroa Cole, to Approve the elimination of the Warner Park Community Recreation Center Advisory Subcommittee and Golf Subcommittee and have their duties consolidated into the other subcommittees. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

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Annual Statement of Interest Due

## ADJOURNMENT

**Motion made by Gnam, seconded by Miller Fienen, to Adjourn at 9:09 PM. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**