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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, January 12, 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, January 12, 2022. President Gnam called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

Members Present: Emily Gnam; Moira Harrington; Madelyn Leopold; and Chandra Miller Fienen.

Members Excused: Ald. Syed Abbas and Ald. Yanette Figueroa Cole.

Parks Staff Present: Eric Knepp; Lisa Laschinger; Christopher Peguero; Joanne Austin; Ann Shea; Mike Sturm; Kelly Post; and Tanya Zastrow.

City Staff Present: Katie Crawley, Mayor's Office; Meghan Blake-Horst, Economic Development; Rebecca Cnare, Planning; Janet Schmidt and Caroline Burger, Engineering.

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Approval of the Minutes of the December 8, 2021 Board of Park Commissioners meeting.

Motion made by Miller Fienen, seconded by Leopold, to Approve the Minutes of the December 8, 2021 Board of Park Commissioners. 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 Emily Gnam stated she received a summary report from Madison Park Foundation, which they are required to submit annually. Gnam asked Commissioners to look at it to get an understanding of what is happening at MPF. Gnam asked for other comments and updates from other committee work.

Ald Syed Abbas arrived at 6:48 PM

Members Present: 5 – Ald. Syed Abbas; Emily Gnam; Moira Harrington; Madelyn Leopold; and Chandra Miller Fienen.

Members Excused: 1 - Ald. Yanette Figueroa-Cole.

Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Eric Knepp stated that the last two years have been challenging. Many efforts have been made to clean up after the Reindahl encampment closed. Some trees will need to be removed due to damage. Knepp expressed appreciation of staff work. More clean up and restoration of the turf will occur in the spring. Winter recreation had a slow start due to weather, but has now started. The Wheeler Road and Sherman Avenue acquisition closed on January 11th and other acquisitions are in the works. A GIS program, which will provide long-term solutions for planning and asset management is in preparation.

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January 2022 Superintendent Report

Assistant Superintendent Christopher Peguero presented the Community Services quarterly report.

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

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

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Report of the Minutes of the December 20, 2021 Facilities, Programs and Fees Subcommittee; November 17, 2021 Parks Long Range Planning Subcommittee; and November 16, 2021 Olbrich Botanical Society.

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

NEW BUSINESS

[68802](#)

Adopting the Greater East Towne Plan as a supplement to the Comprehensive Plan and directing staff to implement the recommendations contained in the plan.

Rebecca Cnare of City Planning presented updates made to the plan since it was shared with the Park Commission last month.

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.

Ald. Yanette Figueroa Cole arrived at 7:32 PM.

Members Present: 6 – Ald. Syed Abbas; Ald. Yanette Figueroa-Cole; Emily Gnam; Moira Harrington; and Madelyn Leopold.

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Lessons Learned During COVID19 Pandemic Regarding Community Events

Interim Community Events Coordinator Kelly Post presented an overview.

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Proposed park event approval process and request to extend Day Camp/Care and Class permits for one year and make Open Space Permits permanent.

Post provided an overview of the request. A quarterly or montly report of event approvals will be built into the process.

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

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Review of 2021 Carts in Parks Pilot Program

Post and Megan Blake-Horst of Economic Development provided an overview.

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Request from Staff to extend 2021 Carts in Parks to April 2022 and grant Facilities Programs and Fees the authority to work with staff to approve and permit Carts in Parks 2.0 for 2022 vending season.

Post and Blake-Horst provided an overview of the request.

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

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2022 Proposed Aquatics Fees

Assistant Superintendent Lisa Laschinger provided an overview.

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

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2022 Amended Warner Park Community Recreation Center Fees

Lachinger presented the Amended Fees. Peguero answered questions.

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

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Request from University of Wisconsin to allow the Urban Canid Project to continue for an eighth year and the installation of a wildlife camera along the bikepath in Reindahl Park for a seventh year.

Registered speaker David Drake of the University of Wisconsin provided an overview of the project and answered questions.

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

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Olin Trust Fund Reporting

Knepp provided an overview of the report.

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

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Flood Mitigation Watershed Study Program Overview

Caroline Burger of City Engineering presented an overview of the program. Janet Schmidt of City Engineering also spoke about the program.

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Amending the 2022 Capital Budget, accepting the Lake Monona Waterfront - Design Challenge process and establishing a Lake Monona Waterfront Ad-hoc Committee.

Parks Planner Mike Sturm presented an overview of the project and answered questions.

Motion made by Miller Fienen, seconded by Harrington, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for approval to the FINANCE COMMITTEE with amendment to the language on page 6 of 13 of the Lake Monona Waterfront Draft RFQ to read as follows:

Design for Philanthropy

The Lake Monona Waterfront should be designed to ~~maximize~~ incorporate private philanthropic funding opportunities.

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Annual Statement of Interest Due

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Harrington, seconded by Figueroa Cole, to Adjourn at 10:04 PM. Motion passed by voice vote/other.