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Meeting Minutes BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, October 14, 2015

6:30 PM

Warner Park Community Recreation Center
1625 Northport Dr.

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Madison Board of Park Commissioners was held at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, October 14, 2015 at Warner Community Recreation Center. President Wallner called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

Members Present: Ald. Samba Baldeh; Ald. Mark Clear; Emily Gnam; Madelyn Leopold; Jeffrey Lewis; Nancy Ragland; and David Wallner.

Parks Staff Present: Eric Knepp; Kay Rutledge; Charlie Romines; Joanne Austin; Marla Eddy; Kelli Lamberty; Ann Shea; and Roberta Sladky.

City Staff Present: Katie Crawley and Mark Woulf, Mayor's Office; Linda Horvath, City Planning; and Doran Viste, City Attorney's Office.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Gnam, seconded by Clear, to Approve the Minutes of the September 2, 2015 Board of Park Commissioners meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Registered Speaker Noel Johnson from 1055 E. Washington Ave spoke regarding the lack of parking and restrooms at Central Park.

Registered Speaker Ron Shutvet expressed concerns about mowing too close to trees, causing damage.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

Leopold recused herself from Item #15.

REPORTS**President of the Park Commission**

President Wallner attended the large concert at Breese Stevens and his perception was that everything went very well. He attended the Circle of Friends meeting regarding the indoor swimming pool. He attended a skate park session and indicated this park is used heavily. He attended an East High football game at Breese Stevens and heard lots of positive responses. He attended a meeting at the Messner Property on E. Washington to hear the discussion about the day center for the homeless. Leopold complimented the Parks Division for the handling of the concert at Breese Stevens and noted that announcements were gracious to Breese Stevens Stadium, but did not mention that this stadium is a Madison park location. Superintendent Eric Knepp noted that Parks had ranger staff at an unprecedented level and that Frank Productions and the Madison Mallards held up every condition of the facility rental contract for this event.

Park Commission President Board Member Recommendation to Community Gardens Committee

Motion made by Gnam, seconded by Clear to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO CONFIRM Leopold's appointment to the Community Gardens Committee. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

Superintendent of the Parks

Superintendent's October 2016 Report

Knepp reported that the next Park Commission meeting is November 18th, not November 16th. Knepp strongly encourages everyone to visit Olbrich Gardens for the "Gleam" event. Wallner questioned as to whether we will be going from two to three year EAB treatment cycle. Knepp stated Parks will as this will save on cost of treatment and labor.

Motion made by Ragland, seconded by Gnam, to Accept the Report. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

2016 Capital Budget Update

Registered Speaker Ron Shutvet spoke regarding the Olin Park project.

Assistant Superintendent Kay Rutledge discussed the 2016 Capital Budget submission, and shared the amendments approved by Board of Estimates. City Forester Marla Eddy answered questions regarding tree guards. Knepp stated that expanding the Warner Park Recreation Center has more benefits than a splash pad or pool. Knepp presented highlights from the 2016 Operating Budget submission and stated the biggest changes involve funding for movie nights at neighborhood parks, eliminating splash park attendants, EAB treatments from a 2 to 3 year cycle, and an annualization of the Urban Forest Special Charge.

Madelyn Leopold departed at 7:28 PM.

Members Present: 6 – Ald. Samba Baldeh; Ald. Mark Clear; Emily Gnam; Jeffrey Lewis; Nancy Ragland; and David Wallner.

Members Excused: 1 - Madelyn Leopold.

Report of Subcommittee Minutes of the July 9, 2015 Long Range Planning Subcommittee, May 28, 2015 Warner Park Community Recreation Center Advisory Subcommittee, and July 21, 2015 Olbrich Botanical Society.

Motion made by Clear, seconded by Gnam, to Accept the Minutes of the Long Range Planning and Warner Park Community Recreation Center Advisory Subcommittees, and the Olbrich Botanical Society. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Creating Section 8.24(1)(ee) of the Madison General Ordinances to ban alcohol from Olbrich Park.

Registered Speakers Kathy Soukup, President of Eastmorland Community Association, Patrick Soukup of the Eastmorland Community Association, and Alder David Ahrens spoke in Support.

Motion made by Clear, seconded by Gnam to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER.

Motion passed by the following vote:

Approve- Baldeh, Clear, Gnam, Lewis, Ragland

Oppose- Wallner

Meeting recessed at 8:13 PM.

Members Present: 6 – Ald. Samba Baldeh; Ald. Mark Clear; Emily Gnam; Jeffrey Lewis; Nancy Ragland; and David Wallner.

Members Excused: 1 - Madelyn Leopold.

Meeting resumed at 8:25 PM.

Members Present: 6 – Ald. Samba Baldeh; Ald. Mark Clear; Emily Gnam; Jeffrey Lewis; Nancy Ragland; and David Wallner.

Members Excused: 1 - Madelyn Leopold.

NEW BUSINESS

Accepting and adopting the City Forester's report determining the existence of public nuisances under MGO Sec. 23.40(1), and directing Forestry staff to cause notice to be issued to the owners identified in the report pursuant to MGO Sec. 23.30(4)(b). And further recommending that at the next meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners, that a public hearing be held for the purpose of ordering the removal or destruction of the trees identified in the report.

City Forester Marla Eddy presented information. Motion made by Gnam, seconded by Clear, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

Authorizing the execution of an Underground Fiber Optic Cable Easement to the County of Dane across a portion of Henry Vilas Zoo, located at 702 South Randall Avenue.

Motion made by Ragland, seconded by Clear, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. Motion made by voice vote/other.

Determination of Necessity of Taking for Downtown Park at W. Mifflin Street and N. Bassett St. and Authorizing the Condemnation of the Properties in the Schedule of Acquisitions

Registered Speakers Lindsay Fedler and Jeff Vercauteren of Ambassador Mifflin, LLC, and Ron Shutvet spoke in Opposition.

Motion made by Clear, seconded by Lewis, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO PLACE ON FILE WITHOUT PREJUDICE - REPORT OF OFFICER. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

Sugar Maple Park Master Plan

Rutledge presented information on the proposed master plan for Sugar Maple Park and the potential development agreement with Veridian Homes to build the park and maintain it for 3 years. Motion made by Ragland, seconded by Gnam, to Approve the plan. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

Accepting the Pollinator Protection Task Force Report as the guiding document for the City of Madison to address the issue of pollinator decline and directing the Madison Food Policy Council, with assistance of city staff, to implement the recommendations contained within the report.

Registered Speakers Nan Fey of Madison Food Policy Council, Marian Celesnik, and Roberta Herschleb spoke in Support.

Motion made by Clear, seconded by Gnam, to Return to Lead to Accept the Report with the Following Recommendations to the Food Policy Council:

Page 1, Change "Sladsky" to "Sladky"; and under Recommended Actions on page 25, replace "1. Adopt a City ordinance banning the use of neonicotinoids on all City-owned land and property. Timeframe: Short." with "1. Consider additional neonicotinoid regulations and/or management practices, e.g. banning neonicotinoids on city land, and/or regulations on time of application. Timeframe: Medium."

Motion passed by voice vote/other.

Request from Lake Monona Sailing Club for the use of Olin Park from June 9 to June 12, 2016 for the 2016 C Scow National Championship Regatta.

Registered Speakers Tom Eckert and John Schuette of Lake Monona Sailing Club spoke in Support of the event.

Motion made by Clear, seconded by Gnam, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

Request from Race Day Events, LLC for the use of Olin Park on June 18 and 19, 2016 for the Wisconsin Milkman Triathlon.

Registered Speakers Ryan Griessmeyer and Ryan Richards spoke in Support of the event.

Registered Speakers Alder David Ahrens and Ron Shutvet spoke in Opposition of the event.

Motion made by Clear, seconded by Ragland, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

Request from the Tick Tock Timing & Sport Services, LLC for the use of Vilas Park on Saturday and Sunday, June 25 and 26, 2016 for the Madtown Triathlon.

Registered Speaker Paul Eicher of Tick Tock Timing & Sport Services, LLC spoke in Support of the event.

Registered Speaker Ron Shutvet spoke in Opposition of the event.

Motion made by Clear, seconded by Ragland, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

Adopting the Emerson East-Eken Park-Yahara Neighborhood Plan (EEEEPY) as a Supplement to the City of Madison Comprehensive Plan.

Linda Horvation of City Planning presented the Plan.

Registered Speaker Anne Gassere of Emerson East- Eken Park- Yahara Neighborhood Plan Steering Committee was available to answer questions.

Motion made by Clear, seconded by Gnam, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the Plan Commission. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

Proposed 2016 Parks Division Fees

Knepp noted that Warner Park Recreation Center recommended no changes in their fees. Administrative Supervisor Joanne Austin presented the athletic fees and stated that a more consistent policy is being developed.

Motion made by Baldeh, seconded by Clear, to Approve with condition that sun shelter fees are changed to \$30 per day, seven (7) days per week. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

Proposed 2016 Madison Parks Special Event Fees and Policy Updates

Registered Speaker Ron Shutvet spoke in Opposition of the fees.

Community Events Coordinator Kelli Lamberty presented the special event fees.

Motion made by Clear, seconded by Gnam, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Clear, seconded by Gnam, to Adjourn at 11:44 PM. Motion passed by voice vote/other.