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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, March 8, 2023

6:30 PM

Olin Facility
330 E Lakeside St

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held virtually at 6:30PM on Wednesday, March 8, 2023. President Harrington called the meeting to order at 6:36PM. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.
Members Present: Ald. Yanette Figueroa Cole; Emily Gnam; Moira Harrington; Catie McDonald; Chandra Miller Fienen; and Ben Williams.
Parks Staff Present: Eric Knepp; Lisa Laschinger; CJ Ryan; Mike Sturm; Joanne Austin; Greg Genin; Ann Freiwald; and Kevin Goke.
City Staff Present: Dan Rolfs, City Engineering and Dan McAuliffe, City Planning.

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Approval of the Minutes of the February 8, 2023 Board of Park Commissioners meeting.

Motion made by McDonald, seconded by Gnam, to Approve the Minutes of the February 8, 2023 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 Moira Harrington provided a brief report, stating that Stephen Webster, Grant Frautschi, and Bob Hemauer were up for reappointment to the Parks Long Range Planning Subcommittee.

[76036](#)

Park Commission President's Resident Appointments to Subcommittee of the Board of Park Commissioners

Motion made by Williams, seconded by Miller Fienen, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO CONFIRM UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES 2.055. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Eric Knepp stated that an open-house would be held at the Olin Facility on Saturday, March 10th for Alders. Over 850 surveys have been received from the Lake Monona Waterfront presentations.

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March 2023 Superintendent's Report

Operations Manager Greg Genin presented the quarterly report.

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

[76414](#)

Report of the Minutes of the January 17, 2023 Olbrich Botanical Society.

Motion made by Gnam, seconded by McDonald, to Accept the Minutes. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Gnam, seconded by Figueroa Cole, to Approve by Consent Agenda No. 11, Legislative File No. 76031; No. 12, Legislative File No. 76252; No. 14, Legislative File No. 76413; and No. 15, Legislative File No. 76460. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

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Board of Park Commissioners World Migratory Bird Day 2023 Proclamation

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

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Board of Park Commissioners Earth Day 2023 Proclamation

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

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[76413](#)

Authorizing the City to execute an agreement with Mad City Ski Team, Inc. to use portions of Law Park and the adjacent Lake Monona lake bed for water ski shows, practices, lessons and other special events for the years of 2023-2025.

Registrant Brendon Perry of Mad City Ski Team was in support and available to answer questions.

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

15 [76460](#) Authorizing the City to execute an agreement with Pontoon Porch LLC to use the Law Park area, the nearby Monona Terrace property, and Olin Park boat launch for picking-up and dropping-off passengers as part of the operation of User's pontoon boat rental business for the years of 2023-2026.

Motion made by Gnam, seconded by Figueroa Cole, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the FINANCE COMMITTEE. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[76635](#) Annual Informational Presentation and Update by Madison Boats

Tyler Leeper of Madison Boats presented the Annual Update.

Miller Fienen stated that she is related to Leeper and will need to recuse herself from future votes.

[76276](#) Informational Presentation Regarding the Properties Known as Thorstrand Estate Located within Marshall Park

Registrant Tyler Leeper of Madison Boats was in support. Registered speaker Robert Procter spoke in support and provided informational presentation.

Figueroa Cole left at 7:29PM.

Members Present: 5 – Emily Gnam; Moira Harrington; Catie McDonald; Chandra Miller Fienen; and Ben Williams.

Members Excused: 1 - Ald. Yanette Figueroa Cole.

Figueroa Cole returned 7:35PM.

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

[76566](#) Request from Big Top Events for capital improvements at Breese Stevens Field

Registrant Vern Stenman of Big Top Events was in support and provided an overview of the request.

Registered speaker Tristan Straub of Big Top Events spoke in support and answered questions.

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

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Request from Big Top Events for additional concerts at Breese Stevens Field

Registered speaker Vern Stenman of Big Top Events spoke in support and answered questions.

Registered speaker Tristan Straub of Big Top Events spoke in support and answered questions.

Registered speaker Jeff Reinke spoke in opposition.

Registered speaker Karen Banaszak spoke in opposition.

Request was made for a report from Big Top Events to the April Park Commission meeting with the results of the March 9, 2023 Tenney Lapham Neighborhood Association meeting.

Motion made by McDonald to Approve for 2023.

Motion made by Gnam, seconded by Figueroa Cole, to Amend the motion to Approve the additional 3 concerts for 2023 with the contingency that they do not occur on a school night. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

Recess - 8:46PM

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

Reconvene - 8:59PM

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

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Amending the 2023 Economic Development Division TID 39 Capital Budget by \$2,400,000, authorizing the use of \$2,286,000 of existing 2023 Economic Development Division TID 51 Capital Budget, and authorizing the execution of a Purchase and Sale Agreement (the "PSA") for the purchase of 1800, 1802 and 1804 South Park Street, Madison, WI (the "Properties") from All Metals Real Estate LLC and BAVVLE LLC (the "Seller").

Dan Rolfs of City Engineering presented the item and answered questions.

Motion made by Gnam, seconded by McDonald, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the FINANCE COMMITTEE. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[76399](#)

Adopting the Hawthorne-Truax Neighborhood Plan as a supplement to the City of Madison Comprehensive Plan

Dan McAuliffe of City Planning presented the Plan and was available to answer questions.

Motion made by Figueroa Cole, seconded by Williams, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the PLAN COMMISSION. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[75372](#)

Overview of the Park Development Plan Process

Parks Planning and Development Manager Ann Freiwald presented an overview of the proposed process and was available to answer questions.

[76479](#)

Approving Administrative Parcel Reclassification of the Senior Center Courtyard from Urban Plaza to Park and Authorizing the Parks Division to Improve, Program and Maintain as a Public Park (4th A.D)

Assistant Superintendent Lisa Laschinger provided an overview of the proposed resolution.

The primary recording device lost power and a secondary recording device was started.

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

[76582](#)

Adopting Proposed Senior Center Courtyard Site Plan

Landscape Architect Mike Sturm provided an overview of the site plan.

Motion made by Williams, seconded by Gnam, to Approve the Plan. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

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Informational Staff Presentation Regarding Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Impact on Park Land

Knepp provided an update regarding the BRT project.

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Amending Subsection 33.05(5) of the Madison General Ordinances to Eliminate the Golf Subcommittee and the Warner Park Community Recreation Center Advisory Subcommittees of the Board of Parks Commissioners.

Laschinger gave a brief overview on working with the City Attorney's Office to revise the Ordinance language to remove the Golf and WPCRC Subcommittees and better define the resulting duties.

Motion made by Gnam, seconded by Miller Fienen, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[76473](#)

Approving an Update to the Board of Park Commissioners Rules of Procedure and Basic Policies

Motion made by McDonald, seconded by Gnam, to Approve the update. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Gnam, seconded by Miller Fienen, to Adjourn at 10:27PM. Motion passed by voice vote/other.