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Meeting Minutes - Approved 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, May 12, 2021

6:30 PM

Via Virtual Meeting

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held virtually at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, May 12, 2021. President Gnam called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

Members Present: Ald. Syed Abbas; Ald. Yanette Figueroa Cole; Emily Gnam; Moira Harrington; Madelyn Leopold; and Chandra Miller Fienen.

Parks Staff Present: Eric Knepp; Lisa Laschinger; Christopher Peguero; Ann Freiwald; Ann Shea; Joanne Austin; Mike Sturm; Josh Schmitt; and Terrence Thompson.

City Staff Present: Katie Crawley, Mayor's Office.

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Approval of the Minutes of the April 10, 2021 Board of Park Commissioners meeting.

Motion made by Miller Fienen, seconded by Leopold, to Approve the Minutes of the April 14, 2021 Board of Park Commissioners meeting with the correction of the spelling of Recommend on page two. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

Ald. Yanette Figueroa Cole arrived at 6:38 PM

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

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Public Comment

Registered Speaker Tim Wagner spoke regarding issues at the Olbrich Park picnic shelter.

Registered Speaker Jennifer Moore spoke regarding issues at the Olbrich Park picnic shelter.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

REPORTS

President of the Park Commission

President Emily Gnam reported that there will be a Parks Long Range

Planning Subcommittee meeting on May 19, 2021. She attended the final neighborhood Glenway Public Information Meeting last week. There are plans to have a Board of Parks Commissioners meeting at Olin Park in the coming months. In person meetings may resume in September.

Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Eric Knepp reported that Parks will have an opportunity to apply for grant funding from the Land and Water Conservation Fund. Operations are ramping up, including plans for an expanded aquatics program. Parks is supporting the Mallards and Forward Madison with reopening plans. There is an upcoming State bill that could affect athletic events. The Olin Facility building renovation is going well and Madison School and Community Recreation will be the partner organization on the lease. Parks continues to assist the Community Development Division in providing services to those experiencing homelessness. The situation at Reindahl is very challenging and continues to develop. Knepp answered questions from the commission about amplification permit policies.

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May 2021 Superintendent's Report

Parks Planning and Development Manager Ann Freiwald presented the Planning and Development quarterly report.

Public Information Officer Ann Shea presented the Public Information Office quarterly report.

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Report of the Minutes of the March 16, 2021 Olbrich Botanical Society.

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

NEW BUSINESS**65342** Lake Monona Waterfront Update

Parks Landscape Architect Mike Sturm presented the update.

65343 2021 Aquatics Program Update

Rangers and Aquatics Supervisor Josh Schmitt presented the 2021 Aquatics Program plan and explained how the program worked in 2020.

65344 Vilas Park Drive - Intermediate Traffic Management Plan

Registered Speaker Jim Lorman spoke in support.

50 Registrants were in support. Please see attachment for details.

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

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Authorizing the City to execute an agreement with Pontoon Porch LLC to use the surrounding Law Park area, and the nearby Monona Terrace property, for picking-up and dropping-off passengers as part of the operation of User's pontoon boat rental business for the years of 2021-2022.

Knepp explained the agreement.

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

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Authorizing the execution of a 15-year lease agreement between the City of Madison and Madison Metropolitan School District ("MMSD") for a portion of the City's the property located at 330 and 342 East Lakeside Street for the operation of the Madison School & Community Recreation ("MSCR") program, including their administrative offices and corresponding public recreational programming.

Knepp explained the lease agreement and its importance.

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

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Authorizing the City to execute an agreement with Madison Mavericks LLC for use of Warner Park Community Recreation Center for the team's home games, practices and programs, and to provide mentoring and physical enrichment opportunities for youth through the Kids Need Opportunities at Warner program.

Warner Park Community Recreation Center Manager Terrence Thompson presented the agreement.

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

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Monthly Report of Events Administratively Approved by Staff

Laschinger presented the report.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Miller Fienen, seconded by Harrington, to Adjourn at 9:31 PM. Motion passed by voice vote/other.