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Meeting Minutes - Approved BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, September 4, 2019

6:30 PM

Warner Park Community Recreation Center
1625 Northport Dr.

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, September 4, 2019 at the Warner Park Community Recreation Center. President Leopold called the meeting to order at 6:36 PM. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

Members Present: Emily Gnam; Moira Harrington; Madelyn Leopold; Nancy Ragland; Ald. Paul Skidmore; and Venus Washington.

Members Absent: Ald. Zachary Henak.

Parks Staff Present: Lisa Laschinger; Kay Rutledge; Joanne Austin; Ann Freiwald; Greg Genin; and Marla Eddy.

City Staff Present: Katie Crawley, Mayor's Office; Dan McAuliffe and Bill Fruhling, City Planning; and Lara Mainella, City Attorney's Office.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Gnam, seconded by Washington, to Approve the Minutes of the August 14, 2019 Board of Park Commissioners meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

Ald. Zachary Henak arrived at 6:37 PM.

Members Present: 7 – Emily Gnam; Moira Harrington; Ald. Zachary Henak; Madelyn Leopold; Nancy Ragland; Ald. Paul Skidmore; and Venus Washington.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Registered speaker Nicholas Christianson spoke regarding the Dog Paddle event at Goodman Pool.

Registered speaker Jon Becker spoke about Reindahl trees.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

REPORTS

President of the Park Commission

President Madelyn Leopold spoke about reconstituting the Facilities, Programs, and Fees Subcommittee, which would deal with operational issues, behavior policies, programs, and fees. This subcommittee will guide the Park Commission in these areas. Members will have 3-year terms and include Park Commissioners Venus Washington and Nancy Ragland, as well as residents of Madison.

[57285](#)

Park Commission President Board Member and Resident Appointments to Subcommittee of the Board of Park Commissioners

The Appointments were forwarded to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO CONFIRM UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES 2.04, 2.05, 2.24, & 2.25

Superintendent of Parks

Assistant Superintendent Kay Rutledge presented highlights, including an update on the 2020 Capital Budget process and some of the changes from past budget years.

[57301](#)

September 2019 Superintendent's Report

Operations Manager Greg Genin presented the Operations quarterly report.

Motion made by Skidmore, seconded by Henak, to Accept the Report. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[57169](#)

Report of the Minutes of the May 15 and August 20, 2019 Habitat Stewardship Subcommittee, and July 24, 2019 Parks Long Range Planning Subcommittee.

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

NEW BUSINESS

There were no consent agenda items.

56838

Adopting the Mifflandia Neighborhood Plan as a supplement to the Comprehensive Plan and the Downtown Plan and directing staff to implement the recommendations contained in the plan.

Bill Fruhling of City Planning presented the plan. Rutledge answered questions and presented staff's recommendations.

Motion made by Skidmore, seconded by Harrington, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the PLAN COMMISSION with the following recommendation:

On page 21, 4.b., eliminate the Secondary Park Site option (100 Block of N Bedford St). Instead include language that states "The city will remain open to other potential sites as properties become available."

57270

Request from the Glide Disc Golf for the use of the disc golf courses at Yahara Hills Friday, October 11 - Sunday, October 13, 2019 for the Glide Series Finale. A portion of the Yahara Hills Golf Course will be closed to the public for the duration of the event.

Michael Batka of Glide Disc Golf presented the request and was in support.

Assistant Superintendent Lisa Laschinger answered questions.

Motion made by Harrington, seconded by Skidmore, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

56558

Request from People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals for the use of James Madison Park for Ella Phantzperil, August 1 - August 31, 2019.

Parks Planning and Development Manager Ann Freiwald provided an update.

Assistant City Attorney Lara Mainella provided an overview and answered questions.

Motion made by Henak, seconded by Skidmore, to Place on File. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

55206

SUBSTITUTE - Accepting the final report and recommendations from the Urban Forestry Task Force.

City Forester Marla Eddy presented the Urban Forestry Task Force (UFTF) report and answered questions.

Rutledge reported that Common Council extended the UFTF at their September 3, 2019 meeting to February 2020.

Registrant Jon Becker was in support.

Registered speaker Michael Rewey spoke in support and requested the removal of the cross-functional team paragraph in the resolution.

Registered speaker Si Widstrand spoke in support.

Registered speaker David Ahrens spoke in support.

Motion made by Henak, seconded by Skidmore, to refer this item to the next meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Washington, seconded by Henak, to Adjourn at 9:25 PM.

Motion passed by voice vote/other.