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Meeting Minutes LONG RANGE PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE

Monday, February 4, 2013

04:00 pm

210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. Room 108
Room 104 (City-County Building)

I CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Long Range Planning Subcommittee was held at 4:00 PM on Monday, February 4, 2013 the City-County Building in Room 108. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

Members Present: 4 - Ald. Joseph Clausius, Grant Frautschi, Edward Jepsen and Stephen Webster

Members Absent: 1 - William Barker

Parks Staff Present: Kay Rutledge, Chris Pedretti and Josh Schmitt

II APPROVAL OF MINUTES

III PUBLIC COMMENT

IV DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

V NEW BUSINESS

A Behavior Policy Update

An update on the implementation of the Behavior Policy was provided by the Community Services Manager, Chris Pedretti and the Park Rangers Supervisor, Josh Schmitt. The Policy was implemented in October. The first objective of the rangers is education. Sharepoint is being used to share information with MPD regarding incidents and its use was demonstrated. Bans can be appealed to the Park Superintendent and the Park Commission; no appeals yet. Webster recommended using the data to help guide what we do in our parks. The Committee requested that staff return in October to provide an update.

Motion made by Frautschi, seconded by Jepsen to refer this Communication to the LONG RANGE PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE in October to provide an update. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

VI OLD BUSINESS

A Unenforced Park Rules and Regulations

The Committee members reviewed the list of ordinances that relate to parks in detail. Some ordinances may need to be revised due to the implementation of the Behavior Policy. Areas where ordinances overlapped were identified. Some ordinances were identified that needed updating, or that should be rewritten for clarity. Parking in parks was discussed as well as the policy regarding dogs in parks. Questions were raised regarding how often certain incidents occurred, and whether the ordinances have been updated since the change in conceal carry. Webster characterized the comments into 4 categories: 1) redundant or conflicting ordinances; 2) uneven or difficult enforcement; 3) superseded by another law; and 4) questionable jurisdiction. Comments and questions will be reviewed by staff and discussed with other agencies as appropriate. This item was referred to a future Committee meeting for further discussion and possible recommendations to the Park Commission regarding potential ordinance changes.

Motion made by Frautschi, seconded by Jepsen to Refer this communication to a future Long Range Planning Subcommittee meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

B COMMITTEE UPDATES

Webster relayed that he and Parks staff met with James LaGro, Professor at UW-Madison, regarding the possibility of surveying park users to obtain information on how parks are used to inform the next Park and Open Space Plan update. Webster stated he hoped to have a proposal from Professor LaGro by the next Committee meeting.

VII NEXT MEETING

A Next meeting April 15, 2013

VIII ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Jepsen, seconded by Frautschi to Adjourn at 6:00 PM. Motion passed by voice vote/other.