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Meeting Minutes - Approved BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, February 14, 2018

6:30 PM

Olbrich Botanical Gardens
3300 Atwood Ave.

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at Olbrich Botanical Gardens. President Wallner called the meeting to order at 6:42 PM. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

Members Present: Ald. Samba Baldeh; Ald. Maurice Cheeks; Emily Gnam; Madelyn Leopold; Nancy Ragland; David Wallner; and Venus Washington.
Parks Staff Present: Eric Knepp; Kay Rutledge; Roberta Sladky; and Joanne Austin.

City Staff Present: Katie Crawley, Mayor's Office; Charlie Romines, Streets; Karin Wolf, City Planning.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Gnam, seconded by Baldeh, to Approve the Minutes of the January 10, 2018 and January 30, 2018 Board of Park Commissioners meetings.
Motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Registered Speakers Steve Holtzman and Don Sanford spoke about parking availability at Wingra Park.

Registered Speaker Carl Landsness spoke to express his gratitude for the Parks Division.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

President of the Park Commission

President Wallner attended the meeting at Central Library regarding the James Madison Park master plan update. He also attended three meetings regarding the potential contract changes at Breese Stevens. He went to the Daddy/Daughter Dance at the Warner Park Community Recreation Center and congratulated Tracey Hartley on a successful event. Wallner noted that there was a joint meeting regarding the Confederate monuments at Forest Hill Cemetery and inquired as to when it would be brought to the Park Commission. Superintendent Eric Knepp stated that the plan is in March. Wallner inquired as to when the golf plan would be brought to the Park Commission. Knepp stated that the hope is March or April.

[50498](#)

Park Commission President Board Member Appointment to Subcommittee of the Board of Park Commissioners.

A motion was made by Leopold, seconded by Baldeh, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO CONFIRM. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Eric Knepp stated that Parks former employee Tom Maglio has come out of retirement as a Senior Landscape Architect to aid in the transition until former Parks Planning and Development Manager Janet Schmidt's position can be filled. The Olbrich Gardens expansion project is moving toward construction starting this fall. More information about the project will be brought to the Park Commission in April or May. Ice skating this winter has been fairly good, but lack of snow resulted in a poor cross country skiing season. The Groove and Glide events have been quite successful. The Madison Parks Foundation gave out free sleds to anyone who wanted one. Parks Community Services Manager Claire Oleksiak will be creating a recreation/programming plan. Wallner inquired about the timeframe of the potential new Breese Stevens contract. Knepp stated that the hope was by this spring. He described the plans to not only refurbish restrooms in Breese Stevens, but to also add a concession stand and more restrooms at field level. Wallner inquired about the item about snag policy in Conservation Supervisor Paul Quinlan's section of the report. Snags are large dead trees that are still standing. The Habitat Stewardship Subcommittee is working to create a policy on this.

[50511](#)

Superintendent's February 2018 Report

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

[50468](#)

Report of the Minutes of the May 23, 2017 and June 1, 2017 Habitat Stewardship and the November 28, 2017 Golf Subcommittee.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Baldeh, to Approve by Consent Agenda No. 11, Legislative File No. 50002. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[50002](#)

Authorizing the execution of an Underground Electric Easement to Madison Gas and Electric Company across a portion of Cherokee Park, located at 6098 North Sherman Avenue.

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

50352

Proposed Modification to Olbrich Botanical Gardens Hours of Operation

Olbrich Botanical Gardens Executive Director Roberta Sladky presented the proposal.

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

50453

Request from the Badger Track Club and Madison Area Sports Commission to host the 2019 UAATF National Olympic Cross Country Championships at Yahara Hills Golf Course. Final application, contract/agreement and conditions to be finalized in 2019.

Registered Speaker Scott Brinen of Badger Track Club presented the request.

50363

Approving the initial concept design and authorizing the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute an agreement for design, fabrication and installation between the City of Madison and Raymond Chi to create a site specific public art feature for Pennsylvania Park.

Karin Wolf, Arts Coordinator, City Planning presented the project.

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

50362

Authorizing the City to execute an agreement with Madison Home Brewers and Tasters Guild, Ltd. to close and use the Olin Park Boat Launch to facilitate the Great Taste of the Midwest event for the years of 2018-2022.

Mark Alfred and Jason Walters of Madison Homebrewers and Tasters Guild presented.

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

50452

Due to the shore restoration project at Lake Wingra, Midwest Log Rolling is requesting the use of a portion of Vilas Park (Beach), for the Midwest Log Rolling Championship on Saturday, June 9, 2018.

Registered Speaker Shana Verstegen spoke in support.

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

50447

Request from Central Park Sessions, LLC to change one concert date in the 2018 Central Park Sessions concert series from Friday, September 7, 5pm-10pm to Sunday, June 3, 2018, 11am-9pm to create the Pursuit of Happiness session.

Registered Speaker Renee Lauber spoke in opposition.

Registrant Diana Gonzalez, representing Bob Queen, was in support.

Registered Speaker Oscar Mireles spoke in support.

Registrant Dave Flanagan was in support and provided an email.

Registrant Leslie Peterson was in support.

Registered Speaker Justice Castaneda spoke in support.

Motion made by Baldeh, seconded by Gnam, to Amend the end time for the PA2 permit on Sunday, June 3, 2018 to 8 PM instead of 9 PM. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

Motion made by Baldeh, seconded by Gnam, to Approve the request as Amended. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

50465

Breese Stevens Field informational reports regarding the 2018 Fan Access Plan and Neighborhood Impact Plan.

Registered Speaker Marsha Cannon spoke in opposition.

Registered Speaker Vern Stenman of Madison Mallards spoke in support.

Registered Speaker Carl Landsness spoke.

Motion made by Gnam, seconded by Leopold, to Approve the Reports. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

50471

Madison Mallards informational reports regarding the 2018 Fan Access Plan, Neighborhood Impact Plan, and Responsible Alcohol Consumption Action Plan.

Registered Speaker Vern Stenman of Madison Mallards spoke in support.

Motion made by Ragland, seconded by Leopold, to Accept the Reports. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

50469

Request by Vern Stenman, Madison Mallards, for fireworks, other promotions and capital improvements for the 2018 Mallards Baseball Season.

Registered Speaker Vern Stenman of Madison Mallards spoke in support.

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

The Commission chose to take Item 23, Legislative File No. 50531 next.

[50531](#) Request from Big Top Events for One Additional Concert in 2018 at Breese Stevens Field in Partnership with the Madison Parks Foundation.

Registered Speaker Vern Stenman of Big Top Events spoke in support.

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

[50464](#) Madison Boats Annual Presentation

Tyler Leeper of Madison Boats presented.

[49380](#) Authorizing the Parks Superintendent to Approve Fee Modifications for Use of Parks Space

City Streets Superintendent Charlie Romines presented.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Cheeks, seconded by Ragland, to Adjourn at 9:02 PM. Motion passed by voice vote/other.