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Meeting Minutes - Approved BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, April 10, 2019

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, April 10, 2019 at Olbrich Botanical Gardens. President Leopold called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

Members Present: Ald. Samba Baldeh; Ald. Maurice Cheeks; Emily Gnam; Moira Harrington; Madelyn Leopold; and Venus Washington.

Members Excused: Nancy Ragland.

Parks Staff Present: Eric Knepp; Kay Rutledge; Lisa Laschinger; Claire Oleksiak; Ann Shea; Joanne Austin; and Mike Sturm.

City Staff Present: Katie Crawley, Mayor's Office and Janet Schmidt, City Engineering.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Baldeh, seconded by Washington, to Approve the Minutes of the March 13, 2019 Board of Park Commissioners meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no registrants for Public Comment.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

REPORTS

President of the Park Commission

President Madelyn Leopold reiterated the mission of the Board of Park Commissioners. She will be evaluating the role of Parks Subcommittee functions in order to best distribute responsibilities and allow the Board of Park Commissioners to focus on policy, rules, and regulations.

Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Eric Knepp reported that April brings many transitions for the Parks Division. New policy makers for the City, including Mayor-elect Satya Rhodes-Conway, will soon be entering City offices and Parks staff will be educating and advising them on the role of the Board of Park Commissioners and our current projects. Golf courses have opened and all other spring operations are on track. The Warner Park Community Recreation Center will continue their work to engage young, middle school aged, and especially at-risk youth. Golf financials will be a pressing issue this year, particularly after the 2018 flooding. The Parks Long Range Planning Subcommittee is reviewing off-leash dog parks and developing a dogs in parks policy. Work is underway on the Vilas Park and Law Park Master Plans. Knepp extended his thanks to Alder Maurice Cheeks and Deputy Mayor Katie Crawley for their outstanding service working with Madison Parks and the Park Commission.

55281

Superintendent's April 2019 Report

Public Information Officer Ann Shea presented the Public Information Office Quarterly Report.

Parks Landscape Architect Mike Sturm presented the Planning and Development Quarterly Report.

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

55280

Report of the March 21 and April 1, 2019 Habitat Stewardship Subcommittee and the February 19, 2019 Olbrich Botanical Society.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Baldeh, seconded by Harrington, to Approve by Consent Agenda No. 10, Legislative File No. 55259; No. 12, Legislative File No. 55261; No. 13, Legislative File No. 55282; and No. 19, Legislative File No. 55262. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

55259

Request from the Wisconsin Arborist Association for the use of Goodman Park on Friday, September 13 through Saturday, September 14, 2019 for the setup, event, and take-down of the Wisconsin Arborist Association Tree Climbing Competition.

Registered speaker Shelly Wollerman of Wisconsin Arborist Association registered in support.

Registered speaker Gary Kohler registered in support.

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

- [55261](#) Request from the American Heart Association for the use of Warner Park on Saturday, October 5, 2019 for the Madison Heart Walk and 5K. The use of Warner Park is only for the run/walk portion of the event. The rest of the event is setup in the Madison Mallards Stadium.
- Motion made by Baldeh, seconded by Harrington, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- [55282](#) Request from City Engineering to Install rain gauge equipment at various Parks locations for data collection used for watershed and flood studies.
- Motion made by Baldeh, seconded by Harrington, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- [55262](#) Request from the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society for the use of Warner Park from Wednesday, October 9 through Friday, October 11, 2019 for the setup, event, and takedown for Light the Night Walk, an evening charity walk event.
- Motion made by Baldeh, seconded by Harrington, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- [55238](#) Request from the Madison Central Business Improvement District to place a temporary Bucky statue at Lisa Link Park from May 1 to September 30, 2019.
- Registered Speaker Tiffany Kenney of Madison's Central BID spoke in support.**
- Motion made by Washington, seconded by Gnam, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- [55283](#) Request from City Engineering to Install Storm Sewer through Hill Creek Park for Flood Mitigation in the Hawks Landing Neighborhood.
- Janet Schmidt of City Engineering presented the request.**
- Motion made by Harrington, seconded by Washington, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

55251

Request from Mighty Seeds Forest School for non-exclusive use of Door Creek Park and the John Wall Family Pavilion in Tenney Park for year-round, outdoor preschool that serves up to 12 preschool age children under terms of a fee modification. John Wall Family Pavilion in Tenney Park would only be used during severe weather for approximately 20 days annually.

Registered speakers Stephanie Fitch and Nina Bricko of Mighty Seeds Forest School, Inc. spoke in support.

Community Services Manager Claire Oleksiak presented the fee modification.

Baldehy requested that the applicant be required to report to the Park Commission in December of 2019.

Motion made by Baldehy, seconded by Gnam, to Approve with the requirement that the applicant report to the Park Commission in December of 2019. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

55108

Installation of semi-permanent fence at Quann Dog Park to significantly increase the number of days the dog park can be open during Alliant Energy Center events.

This information will be presented at the Park Commission meeting in May.

55244

Request from Madison Cricket Club for the use of Reindahl Park cricket pitch under terms of a fee modification for 2019-2021.

Registered speakers Mohammed Aradullah and Aslam Rakhangi of Madison Cricket Club spoke in support.

Oleksiak presented the fee modification.

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

55255

A request from Madison Central Park Sessions, Inc. to extend amplification at McPike Park to 11 pm on Saturday, June 22, 2019.

Registered speaker Jacob Snell of Madison Comedy Week spoke in support.

Registered speaker Paul Nichols on behalf of Bob Queen spoke in support.

Leopold recommended that all future requests to allow the event to extend past 10 pm be required to be approved by the Park Commission.

Motion made by Harrington, seconded by Gnam, to Approve the request with the requirement that all future requests to allow the event to extend past 10 pm be required to be approved by the Park Commission. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[55239](#)

Request from Wingra Canoe and Sailing Center, Brittingham Boats, and Marshall Boats for the installation of 4 foot, 2 inch long x 2 foot, 10 inch wide metal signs with wood post frames between May and September at Wingra Park, Brittingham Park, and Marshall Park for the length of the Agreements.

Oleksiak presented the request.

Registered speaker Tyler Leeper of Wingra Boats, Brittingham Boats, and Marshall Boats spoke in support.

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

[53264](#)

Request from Wingra Canoe and Sailing Center for installation of two 36-foot boat storage racks at Wingra Park.

Oleksiak presented the request.

Registered speaker Tyler Leeper of Wingra Boats, Brittingham Boats, and Marshall Boats spoke in support.

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

[55278](#)

Request from Brittingham Boats for installation of two 67-foot long boat storage racks at Brittingham Park.

Oleksiak presented the request.

Registered speaker Tyler Leeper of Wingra Boats, Brittingham Boats, and Marshall Boats spoke in support.

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

[55237](#)

Request from Brittingham Boats to place a camp shed building up to the size of 10 foot x 16 foot in Brittingham Park to support day camps.

Oleksiak presented the request.

Registered speaker Tyler Leeper of Wingra Boats, Brittingham Boats, and Marshall Boats spoke in support.

Motion made by Cheeks, seconded by Harrington, to Approve. Motion passed by the following vote:

Approve - Cheeks, Gnam, Harrington, Leopold, Washington.

Oppose - Baldeh.

55279

Request from Marshall Boats to place a camp shed building the size of 8 foot x 16 foot in Marshall Park to support day camps.

Oleksiak presented the request.

Registered speaker Tyler Leeper of Wingra Boats, Brittingham Boats, and Marshall Boats spoke in support.

Motion made by Cheeks, seconded by Harrington, to Approve. Motion passed by the following vote:

Approve - Cheeks, Gnam, Harrington, Leopold, Washington.

Oppose - Baldeh.

55257

Request from the Vernardos Circus for the use of Elver Park from Wednesday, August 21 through Sunday, September 1, 2019 for the setup, event, and take-down.

Oleksiak presented the request.

Roderick Jeters of Vernardos Circus presented his request and answered questions via phone.

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

55117

Authorizing an Addendum to the Annexation / Attachment Agreement between the City of Madison and Cherokee Park Development, Inc. to close the land bank in the agreement.

Knepp presented the Addendum.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Baldeh, seconded by Washington, to Adjourn at 10:31 PM. Motion passed by voice vote/other.