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Meeting Minutes - Draft 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, October 9, 2024

6:30 PM

Parks Division Lakeside Offices
330 E Lakeside St

1 CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Parks Lakeside Offices at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, October 9, 2024. President Harrington called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

Members Present: Common Council President Ald. Yanette Figueroa Cole; Moira Harrington; Catie McDonald; Michelle Probst; and Ben Williams.

Members Absent: Chandra Miller Fienen and Ald. Charles Myadze .

Parks Staff Present: Eric Knepp; Lisa Laschinger; CJ Ryan; Terrence Thompson; and Joanne Austin.

2 [85473](#) Approval of the September 11, 2024 Board of Park Commissioners meeting.

Motion made by Figueroa Cole, seconded by Williams, to Approve the Minutes of the September 11, 2024 Board of Park Commissioners meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

3 [85478](#) Public Comment

There were no registrants for Public Comment.

4 DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

REPORTS

5 President of the Park Commission

Harrington did not have an official report. The Commission expressed gratitude to Ann Freiwald for her work with Madison Parks and wishes her well on her upcoming retirement.

Alder Myadze arrived at 6:33 PM.

Members Present: 6 – Common Council President Ald. Yanette Figueroa Cole; Moira Harrington; Catie McDonald; Ald. Charles Myadze; Michelle Probst; and Ben Williams.

Members Absent: 1 - Chandra Miller Fienen.

6 Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Eric Knepp provided the Superintendent's report and answered questions. Knepp encouraged Commissioners to attend the GLEAM event at Olbrich Gardens, which runs through October. Provided updates on building projects that are underway, including Door Creek, Tenney Beach, and Country Grove shelters. The Warner Park Recreation Center Expansion project will start soon. Madison LakeWay project is moving forward with a public information meeting expected towards the end of the year. Golf had a successful year with both the golf program and ongoing golf park programming. He will provide a memo in the future on the Lakeland Avenue issue. Parks does not see the uses contrary to what is allowed in the leases and the DNR weighed in that they will not be taking action.

Chandra Miller Fienen arrived at 6:35 PM.

Members Present: 7 – Common Council President Ald. Yanette Figueroa Cole; Moira Harrington; Catie McDonald; Ald. Charles Myadze; Chandra Miller Fienen; Michelle Probst; and Ben Williams

7 [85480](#) October 2024 Superintendent's Report

Community Services Manager Terrence Thompson provided the Community Services quarterly report and was available to answer questions.

Motion made by Figueroa Cole, seconded by Miller Fienen, to Approve the Report. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

8 [85481](#) Report of the September 9, 2024 Facilities, Programs and Fees Subcommittee.

Motion made by McDonald, seconded by Figueroa Cole, to Accept the Minutes. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

9 NEW BUSINESS**10 [85592](#) Informational Presentation by Madison Parks Foundation Regarding Parks For All Trust and Development of Corporate Partner Policy**

Park Commissioner and MPF member Ben Williams provided overview and answered questions. Commissioners would like additional details for consideration by the Parks Long Range Planning Subcommittee.

Motion made by Miller Fienen, seconded by Figueroa Cole, to Refer to the next Long Range Planning meeting on October 16, 2024. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

11 [85065](#) 2025 Proposed Athletic Fees

Customer Services Supervisor Joanne Austin presented the proposed fee schedule and answered questions.

Motion made by Figueroa Cole, seconded by McDonald, to Approve the Fees. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

12 [85400](#) Review of Events Administratively Approved by Staff

Thompson was available to answer questions.

13 [85453](#) Informational Presentation regarding the Parks Division 2024 Workplan

Assistant Superintendent CJ Ryan provided presentation of work plan and answered questions.

14 [85491](#) Approving Proposed 2025 Board of Park Commissioners meeting Schedule and Format

Motion made by McDonald, seconded by Figueroa Cole, to have the first meeting of every quarter in person (January, April, July, and October) and hold all other meetings virtually with the exception of August, which will be a tour with location and stops to be determined. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

15 **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Miller Fienen, Figueroa Cole, to Adjourn at 8:46 PM. Motion passed by voice vote/other.