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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, July 14, 2021

6:30 PM

Via Virtual Meeting

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held virtually at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, July 14, 2021. President Gnam called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

Members Present: Ald. Syed Abbas; Ald. Yanette Figueroa Cole; Emily Gnam; Moira Harrington; and Madelyn Leopold.

Members Excused: Chandra Miller Fienen.

Parks Staff Present: Eric Knepp; Lisa Laschinger; Christopher Peguero; Joanne Austin; Ann Shea; Jeff Epping; Mike Sturm; Ann Freiwald.

City Staff Present: Katie Crawley, Mayor's Office.

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Approval of the Minutes of the June 9, 2021 Board of Park Commissioners meeting.

Motion made by Abbas, seconded by Figueroa Cole, to Approve the Minutes of the June 9, 2021 Board of Park Commissioners meeting with the change that golf revenue was net income, not revenue. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

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Public Comment

There were no registrants for Public Comment.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

REPORTS

President of the Park Commission

President Emily Gnam met with Steve Webster and Ann Freiwald to discuss the Parks Long Range Planning Subcommittee and potential long-term projects. If anyone has any ideas, please send them to her. Harrington asked for an update on Art in Parks and Bat Houses & Bird Houses-Art in Parks. She would like the Park Commission to provide guidance to staff regarding working within the rules that exist.

Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Eric Knepp stated that Parks is continuing to monitor the pandemic. Parks are being heavily used and permits are being purchased at a higher rate than pre-pandemic. Significant area of focus is on Reindahl Park encampment issues. Parks has not received a good solution from a policy perspective. Bernie's Beach accessible beach mat has been installed and the Madison Parks Foundation has committed to providing them for two more beaches.

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July 2021 Superintendent's Report

Olbrich Botanical Gardens Director of Horticulture Jeff Epping presented the Olbrich Botanical Gardens quarterly report.

Assistant Superintendent Christopher Peguero presented the Community Services quarterly report.

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

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Report of the Minutes of the May 18, 2021 Olbrich Botanical Society.

Motion made by Abbas, seconded by Harrington to Accept the Minutes. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Abbas, to Approve by Consent Agenda No. 10, Legislative File No. 66333; No. 15, Legislative File No. 66243; No. 16, Legislative File No. 66247; and No. 18, Legislative File No. 65936. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

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Elver Park Neighborhood Center Teen Program/Elver Park Art Collaboration request from Wisconsin Youth Company to donate a mural for placement on the north wall of the Elver Park wooden shelter between the playground and tennis courts.

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

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Authorizing the Parks Division to apply for grant funding through the Dane County PARC & Ride Grant Program for the proposed Cannonball Path Shred to School project and for the Mayor and City Clerk to sign a grant agreement if awarded the grant.

Planning and Development Manager Ann Freiwald provided an overview and answered questions. Motion made by Abbas, seconded by Figueroa Cole, to Return to Lead with Recommendation for Approval to the FINANCE COMMITTEE. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

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Authorizing the Parks Division to apply for grant funding through the Dane County PARC & Ride Grant Program for the proposed Aldo Leopold Park Paved Pump Track project and for the Mayor and City Clerk to sign a grant agreement if awarded the grant.

Freiwald provided an overview of the project.

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

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Creating Subdivision 8.24(1)(jj) of the Madison General Ordinances to Ban Alcohol at Reindahl Park.

**Registered speaker Tyson Vitale spoke in opposition.
Registrant Harry Richardson was in opposition.**

Motion made by Abbas, seconded by Harrington, to Refer to the August 11, 2021 Board of Park Commissioners meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

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Future BCC Meeting Status (In Person vs. Virtual)

The commissioners discussed the pros and cons of virtual vs. in-person meetings and decided to revisit this item at the September meeting. Meetings will continue to default to being held virtually.

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Authorizing the City to execute an operating agreement with The Madison Ultimate Frisbee League use of certain athletic fields in City parks as set forth in the Agreement for MUFA's ultimate leagues, and continue contributions to established segregated non-reverting fund and a fee structure that supports the shared goals of supporting the volume use of the City's park space and providing quality maintenance of the City's athletic fields for the years of 2021-2025.

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

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Authorizing B-Cycle LLC to install two new bicycle sharing stations at Breese Stevens Field, located at 917 E Mifflin St.

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

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Monthly Report of Events Administratively Approved by Staff

An update was provided.

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Authorizing amendments to the land contracts entered into between the City of Madison and Hartmeyer LLC and Madison Ice MIA LLC for the purchase of the Hartmeyer and Madison Ice Arenas to modify the repayment schedules

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

ADJOURNMENT

**Motion made by Figueroa Cole, seconded by Abbas, to Adjourn at 8:55 PM.
Motion passed by voice vote/other.**