



# City of Madison

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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?*

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Wednesday, August 11, 2021

6:30 PM

Via Virtual Meeting

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held virtually at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, August 11, 2021. President Gnam called the meeting to order at 6:32 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 Absent:** Chandra Miller Fienen.

**Parks Staff Present:** Lisa Laschinger; Christopher Peguero; Greg Genin; Ann Freiwald; Terrence Thompson; and Joanne Austin.

**City Staff Present:** Katie Crawley, Mayor's Office; Rebecca Cnare, Planning; Urvashi Martin, Planning; Ben Zellers, Planning; and Alder Gary Halverson.

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Approval of the Minutes of the July 14, 2021 Board of Park Commissioners meeting.

**Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Harrington, to Approve the Minutes of the July 14, 2021 Board of Park Commissioners. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

**Recess at 6:39 PM.**

**Members Present:** 5 – Ald. Syed Abbas; Ald. Yanette Figueroa Cole; Emily Gnam; Moira Harrington; and Madelyn Leopold.

**Members Absent:** 1 – Chandra Miller Fienen.

**Reconvene at 7:34 PM.**

**Members Present:** 4 – Ald. Yanette Figueroa Cole; Emily Gnam; Moira Harrington; and Madelyn Leopold.

**Members Absent:** 2 – Ald. Syed Abbas and Chandra Miller Fienen.

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Public Comment

There were no registrants for Public Comment.

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

## REPORTS

### President of the Park Commission

President Gnam reported on plans for an upcoming in person information meeting at the Glenway Golf Course.

### Superintendent of Parks

Ald. Syed Abbas arrive at 7:40pm.

Members Present: 5 – Ald. Syed Abbas; Ald. Yanette Figueroa Cole; Emily Gnam; Moira Harrington; and Madelyn Leopold.

Members Absent: 1 – Chandra Miller Fienen.

Assistant Superintendent Lisa Laschinger reported that there continues to be heavy usage of parks. Staff are monitoring the impact of COVID-19 and the city has implemented a mask mandate for employees. The Goodman Pool hosted an all-city swim event and will continue to do so in 2022 and 2023. The Olbrich Home and Gardens Tour was very successful, with almost twice the normal attendance. The hiring process for the Olbrich Gardens Director will be completed this month. The Carts in Parks program has been a successful collaboration with the Economic Development Division and may be expanded in the future. The major construction at Glenway Golf Course is nearing completion; the programming team will be bringing a plan before the Board of Park Commissioners. The encampment at Reindahl Park continues to grow. The city team is working on an infrastructure plan for two alternate locations and Parks staff continues to mitigate issues.

#### [66830](#)

August 2021 Superintendent's Report

Public Information Officer Ann Shea presented the quarterly report.

Assistant Superintendent Lisa Laschinger presented the Planning and Development quarterly report.

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

#### [66832](#)

Report of the Minutes of the June 15, 2021 Olbrich Botanical Society.

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

## NEW BUSINESS

#### [66870](#)

Parks Equity Change Team Update

Warner Park Facility Manager Terrence Thompson provided an update of the Parks Equity Action Plan.

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Greater East Towne Area Plan

**Rebecca Cnare of City Planning presented an overview of the plan and answered questions.**

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Adopting the Odana Area Plan as a supplement to the Comprehensive Plan and directing staff to implement the recommendations contained in the plan.

**Urvashi Martin of City Planning provided an overview of the plan and was available to answer questions.**

**Registrant Janet Hirsch was in opposition.**

**Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Figueroa Cole, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the PLAN COMMISSION. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

[65740](#)

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

**Assistant Superintendent Lisa Laschinger introduced the item.**

**Motion made by Ald. Abbas to request the Parks Superintendent evaluate implementing a temporary ban at Reindahl, no second made, motion failed.**

**The commission discussed placing this on file. Given no vote was taken, it will appear on the September agenda.**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Abbas, seconded by Leopold, to Adjourn at 9:51 PM. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**