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Meeting Minutes - Approved 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, April 9, 2025

6:30 PM

330 E. Lakeside St.

1 CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at 6:30 PM at the Parks Division's Lakeside Offices on Wednesday, April 9, 2025. President Miller Fienen called the meeting to order at 6:38 PM. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

Members Present: Common Council President Ald. Yanette Figueroa Cole; Moira Harrington; Chandra Miller Fienen; and Ben Williams.

Members Excused: Ald. Jael Currie; Catie McDonald; and Michelle Probst.

Parks Staff Present: Eric Knepp; Lisa Laschinger; CJ Ryan; Joanne Austin; John Weichelt; Dave Vetrovec; and Kelly Post.

City Staff Present: Katie Crawley, Mayor's Office and JoJo O'Brien, Engineering.

- 2 [87753](#) Approval of the Minutes of the March 12, 2025 Board of Park Commissioners meeting.

Motion made by Williams, seconded by Harrington, to Approve the Minutes of the March 12, 2025 Board of Park Commissioners meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

- 3 [87758](#) Public Comment

There were no registrants for Public Comment.

4 DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

REPORTS

5 President of the Park Commission

President Chandra Miller Fienen shared there are several openings on Parks Subcommittees for members of the public who are involved or interested in Parks. At the May meeting, Commission members will either be assigned to switch or remain on the subcommittees they currently serve on. If anyone is interested in staying or joining a specific subcommittee, please contact her.

6 Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Eric Knepp indicated that Facilities/Operations is getting ready for a busy spring/summer season. Conservation and the Ecology Team performed numerous prescribed burns this spring. He will be temporarily parting from Parks in May, as he has been appointed by the Mayor to serve as Acting Metro Manager. Assistant Superintendent Lisa Laschinger will be the Interim Parks Superintendent, while Assistant Superintendent CJ Ryan and the strong management team will keep things moving along. There will soon be ribbon cuttings for three new shelters, Door Creek, Country Grove, and Tenney Beach.

7 [87762](#) April 2025 Superintendent's Report

Golf Director Dave Vetovec provided the Golf report and was available to answer questions.

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

8 [87767](#) Report of the March 19, 2025 Parks Long Range Planning Subcommittee minutes.

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

9 NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Figueroa Cole, seconded by Williams, to Approve by Consent Agenda No. 11, Legislative File No. 87614; No. 12, Legislative File No. 87747; No. 13, Legislative File No. 87746; and No. 14, Legislative File No. 87788. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

10 [87578](#) Authorizing the Parks Division to submit, and, if awarded, accept a grant of up to \$25,000 from The FairWays Foundation for golf course improvements and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a contract with The FairWays Foundation to accept grant award. (District 16).

Motion made by Figueroa Cole, seconded by Harrington, to RETURN TO LEAD WITH THE RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

11* [87614](#) Authorizing the City to Execute a Golf Courses Use Agreement between the City of Madison and Champions4Kids, Inc. (f/n/a Madison Metro Youth Golf Initiative, Inc.), during the 2025-2029 golf seasons (District 11, District 13, District 15, and District 16).

Motion made by Figueroa Cole, seconded by Williams, to RETURN TO LEAD WITH RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

- 12* [87747](#) Request by Madison Opera to extend Madison Park hours for Opera in the Park event activities, including amplification, to 11:00 PM, Saturday, July 19, 2025 at Garner Park. (District 11)
- Motion made by Figueroa Cole, seconded by Williams, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- 13* [87746](#) Request by Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center, Inc. to extend Madison Park hours for Fete de Marquette, to 11 PM, on Friday, July 11 & Saturday, July 12, 2025 at McPike Park, with amplification and beer sales ending at 10:45 PM. (District 6)
- Motion made by Figueroa Cole, seconded by Williams, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- 14* [87788](#) Adopting the Board of Park Commissioners Policy for Friends of Madison Parks Group Guidelines
- Motion made by Figueroa Cole, seconded by Williams, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- 15 [87778](#) Informational Presentation from City Engineering Regarding Potential Impact of a Door Creek Watershed Study Conceptual Solution on Park Owned Land
- Jojo O'Brien of City Engineering provided an overview of the study and was available to answer questions.**
- 16 [87789](#) Informational Presentation regarding the Parks Division 2025 Workplan
- Ryan presented the 2025 Parks Division Workplan and answered questions.**
- 17 **ADJOURNMENT**
- Motion made by Harrington, seconded by Figueroa Cole, to Adjourn at 8:21 PM. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**