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Meeting Minutes BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, April 9, 2014

6:30 PM

Olbrich Botanical Gardens
3300 Atwood Ave

I CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Madison Board of Park Commissioners was held at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, March 12, 2014 at the Olbrich Botanical Gardens. President Wallner called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

Members Present: Ald. Joseph Clausius; Ald. Mark Clear; Emily Gnam; Nancy Ragland; Emanuel Scarbrough; and David Wallner.

Members excused: Malelyn Leopold

Parks Staff Present: Eric Knepp, Joanne Austin, Dawn Grosdidier, Kay Rutledge.

City Staff Present: Katie Crawley, Mayor's Office; Sally Swenson, City Engineering

II APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made Scarbrough, seconded by Gnam to refer approval of the minutes of the March 12, 2014 Board of Park Commissioners meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

III PUBLIC COMMENT

Rob Lewis spoke on behalf of Capitol Off-Road Pathfinders, Inc. regarding off-road bicycling.

IV DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None

V REPORTS

A President of the Park Commission

President Wallner and Joe Clausius attended the Annual Parks Volunteer Recognition Dinner. President Wallner also indicated that he had attended the Breese Stevens artificial turf public input meeting. President Wallner announced that this is the last meeting for Commissioner Scarbrough. Commissioner Scarbrough stated that he has enjoyed his service on the Commission and having had a role in keeping the system strong. Assistant Superintendent Knepp thanked Commissioner Scarbrough on behalf of staff for his service to the Parks system.

B Superintendent of Parks

Assistant Superintendent Knepp discussed the Division's preparations for spring, including playground audits, preparation for shelter reservation season, Golf and Pool openings, and athletic field reservations. Assistant Superintendent Knepp indicated that staff is preparing for the budget season.

1 [33620](#) Written Report of Supervisor's April 2014 Activities

A motion was made by Clausius, seconded by Ragland to accept the written report of Supervisor's Activities. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

VI NEW BUSINESS

A [33296](#) Authorizing the execution of a Temporary Limited Easement by the City of Madison in favor of the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation for the reconstruction of a driveway entrance to the Yahara Hills Golf Course, in connection with the reconstruction project for the intersection of USH 12 and Millpond Road.

A motion was made by Scarbrough, seconded by Clear, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

B [33612](#) Proclaiming May 10, 2014 as International Migratory Bird Day in the City of Madison.

A motion was made by Scarbrough, seconded by Clear, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

C [33613](#) Supporting the grant application by the University of Wisconsin Foundation to the Dane County Partners for Recreation and Conservation Program grant for land management improvements on Grady Tract of the University of Wisconsin-Madison Arboretum property.

A motion was made by Scarbrough, seconded by Clear, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

D [33616](#) Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a gift and naming right agreement with the Irwin A. and Robert D. Goodman Foundation for the Skate Park at Central Park. (6th AD)

A motion was made by Scarbrough, seconded by Clear, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the BOARD OF ESTIMATES. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

- E** [33618](#) To authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into Amendment #1 to the Operating Agreement between the City of Madison and Brittingham Boats, Inc. covering boat rental and concession operations utilizing certain lands and buildings at Brittingham Park and Olin Park for an eight year period. (ADs 4 & 13).
- A motion was made by Scarbrough, seconded by Clear, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the BOARD OF ESTIMATES. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- F** [33619](#) Wingra Creek Parkway - Phase 3, City Engineering Project
- Sally Swenson, City Engineering, presented the project plan.**
- A motion was made by Clear, seconded by Clausius to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- G** [33645](#) Request from Nadia Niggli for the use of Vilas Park from May 1, 2014 to October 31, 2014 for a temporary 2014 Blink Art Installation.
- Registered Speaker in Support: Nadia Niggli**
- A motion was made by Scarbrough, seconded by Ragland to Approve with a condition of staff approval for the bridge installation; with additional authorization for location B. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- H** [33646](#) Marlborough Community Garden Mosaic Stepping Stone Project
- Registered Speaker in Support: Mary Mullen, on behalf of Dunn's Marsh Neighborhood Association**
- A motion was made by Clausius seconded by Gnam to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- I** [33647](#) Request from Erika Monroe-Kane and Ellen Carlson for the use of various City parks from May 31, 2014 through June 30, 2014 for the Where Are You Going? temporary art installation.
- A motion was made by Scarbrough, seconded by Clear to Approve the Request with conditions. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- J** [33648](#) Request by Northside Planning Council for the ongoing use of the Warner Beach House for a mural project.
- Registrant Mary Ambrosavage representing the Northside Planning Council was available to answer questions.**
- A motion was made by Ragland, seconded by Scarbrough to Approve the Request with conditions. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

K [33649](#) Request from Jessica Becker and Helen Sarakinos for the use of Yahara River Parkway from May 15, 2014 to June 15, 2014 for Reflections from the Banks of the Yahara River art installation.

Registrants in Support: Jessica Becker; Helen Sarakinos

A motion was made by Ragland, seconded by Gnam to Approve the Request with conditions. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

L [33650](#) Request from Free to Breathe for the use of Vilas Park on November 1, 2014 for the Madison Free to Breathe Run/Walk.

A motion was made by Scarbrough seconded by Clear to Approve the Report with conditions. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

M [33651](#) Request from Chris 4 Life Colon Cancer Foundation for the use of Warner Park on Saturday, August 23, 2014 for the Scope it Out 5K Run/Walk

A motion was made by Scarbrough, seconded by Clear to Approve the Request with conditions. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

N [33652](#) Request from the Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center for the use of Central Park from July 10, 2014 to July 13, 2014, plus four additional days for set-up and clean-up for La Fete de Marquette music festival.

Registered Speakers: Gary Kallas representing Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center; Mike Sloan; Nancy Sloan; and Beatrice Hadidian

The Commission heard input on and discussed the operating hours allowed for the event. Staff confirmed that there had been neighborhood input meetings on the event. Commissioner Scarbrough indicated the need to be very sensitive to the impact on neighbors from Park events. The Commission indicated a desire for the organizers to continue their past focus on promptly shutting the event down at closing time and to be very conscientious of the neighborhood.

A motion was made by Clausius seconded by Ragland to Approve the Request with conditions. Scarbrough Abstained. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

- O [33653](#) Request from Bob Queen for the use of Central Park for July 31, August 7 and August 14, 2014 for Madison's Central Park Sessions

Registered Speaker: Nancy Sloan
Registered Speakers in Support: David Lohrentz, representing Greater Williamson Area Business Association; Bob Queen; William Scanlon

There was a discussion on the fees related to the events at Central Park, specifically the electrical fees. The discussion focused on how to assess the electrical fees and what they entail. Staff discussed that the fees are based on the cost to install the significant electrical system in place at Central for the event stage. The Commission asked if the fees were comparable to other locations and venues in the City. The Commission requested the information on the final fees be brought back to the Commission at a later meeting.

A motion was made by Ragland, seconded by Scarbrough to Approve the Request with conditions. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

- P [33654](#) Request from Clyde Gaines, Peboga Productions for the use of the Warner Baseball Stadium on September 6, 2014 for the Capital Land Music Festival.

Registrant: Clyde Gaines, representing Peboga Productions

The Commission asked questions of organizer Clyde Gaines in regard to the event details. Mr. Gaines provided an overview of the event and the entertainment lineup.

A motion was made by Gnam, seconded by Clausius to Approve the Request with conditions. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

VII ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Clear, seconded by Clausius to Adjourn at 8:51 PM. Motion passed by voice vote/other.