



City of Madison

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Meeting Minutes - Approved BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, January 14, 2015

6:30 PM

Olbrich Botanical Gardens
3300 Atwood Ave

1 CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Madison Board of Park Commissioners was held at 6:30 P.M. on Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at Olbrich Gardens. President Wallner called the meeting to order at 6:39 PM. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

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

Parks Staff Present: Eric Knepp; Kay Rutledge; Roberta Sladky; Joanne Austin; Jacob Tisue; Diane Dabbert; and Charlie Romines.

City Staff Present: David Trowbridge, City Planning.

2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Clausius, seconded by Gnam to Approve the Minutes of the December 10, 2014 Board of Park Commissioners meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no registrants for Public Comment.

4 DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

REPORTS

5 President of the Park Commission

The Garver Feed Mill Criteria and Selection Committee met for the first time on January 7, 2015. There are four proposals that will be presented at the next meeting on Thursday, January 22, 2015 at 215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd, Room 300 (Madison Municipal Building). Wallner attended the most recent Family Fun Night at the Warner Park Community Recreation Center, it was impressive. Superintendent Knepp and Acting Assistant Superintendent Rutledge attended a meeting with Alder Weier and one of her constituents regarding the Northland Manor dog park. The Olbrich Gardens volunteer recognition luncheon will be held on Friday, February 13, 2015.

6 Superintendent of Parks

The date hasn't been set yet for the Madison Parks volunteer recognition luncheon as options are being looked into to better showcase our volunteers and their projects. The ice rinks are open and the Badger women's hockey team will be coming again to Vilas Park for "Skate with the Badgers". The ski trails remain closed. Knepp explained that Parks will be working with the Madison Parks Foundation and most recently with the Tenney/Lapham neighborhood regarding Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). The new PIO will be helpful in getting the word out to the community about treating and adopting ash trees. The City has allotted full funding to replace trees, but Parks will continue to look for other sources.

7 [36777](#) Superintendent's January 2015 Report

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

8 NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Clear, seconded by Leopold, to approve by consent Agenda No. 14, Legislative File No. 36731 and Agenda No. 15, Legislative File No. 36599. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

9 [36775](#) Commending, honoring, and expressing appreciation to Diane Dabbert upon her retirement from the City of Madison after 23 years of exemplary service to the City.

A motion was made by Wallner, seconded by Leopold, to Adopt. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

10 [36837](#) Request by Paul Noeldner to Name the Drainage Way in Warner Park as Castle Creek

A motion was made by Ragland, seconded by Lewis, to Adopt. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

11 [36760](#) Brittingham Community Garden Placemaking Project

Registered Speakers in Support: Mary Berryman Agard, representing the Monona Bay Neighborhood Association; and Mike Burns.

A motion was made by Leopold, seconded by Ragland, to Approve the Project. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

- 12 [36768](#) Request from Whole Trees to Partner with Madison Parks in Repurposing Ash Trees from Tenney Park.
- Registered Speaker: Roald Gundersen, Whole Trees Architecture and Structures, spoke in Support.**
- A motion was made by Clausius, seconded by Leopold, to Approve the removal of up to twenty ash trees from Tenney Park for the Whole Trees project. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- 13 [35852](#) Accepting the South Capitol Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) District Planning Study Final Report, Executive Summary (Report of the South Capitol District Planning Committee) and the recommendations contained within.
- A motion was made by Leopold, seconded by Clausius, to RETURN TO LEAD with the RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL to the PEDESTRIAN/ BICYCLE/ MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- 14 [36731](#) Designating Six Lots Recently Acquired by the City as an Addition to Owl’s Creek Park.
- A motion was made by Clear, seconded by Leopold, to RETURN TO LEAD with the RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL to the BOARD OF ESTIMATES. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- 15 [36599](#) Authorizing the acceptance of a Quit Claim Deed from Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District dedicating a portion of property at 402 Walter Street for public purposes.
- A motion was made by Clear, seconded by Leopold to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- 16 [36769](#) Discussion of Breese Stevens Field Operations in 2015
- Registrant: Vern Stenman, representing the Madison Mallards.**
- Ragland stated she would be voting against the Request for Qualifications option due to concerns about privatization.**
- A motion was made by Clear, seconded by Leopold, to Approve staff issuing a Request for Qualifications. The motion passed by the following vote:**

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Clear, seconded by Leopold to Adjourn at 8:57 P.M. Motion passed by voice vote/other.