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Meeting Minutes - Approved BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, February 10, 2016

6:30 PM

Olbrich Botanical Gardens
3330 Atwood Ave.

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Madison Board of Park Commissioners was held at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, February 10, 2016 at Olbrich Botanical Gardens. President Wallner called the meeting to order at 6:43 PM. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

Members Present: Ald. Samba Baldeh; Ald. Mark Clear; Madelyn Leopold; and David Wallner.

Members Excused: Emily Gnam; Jeffrey Lewis; and Nancy Ragland.

Parks Staff Present: Eric Knepp; Kay Rutledge; Charlie Romines; Claire Oleksiak; Janet Schmidt; Kate Kane; and Joanne Austin.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Clear, seconded by Leopold, to Approve the Minutes of the January 13, 2016 Board of Park Commissioners meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Registered Speaker Cindy Statz of Sheboygan Community Gardens spoke regarding a proposed garden at Rennebohm Park.

Registered Speaker Pat Soderholm of Sheboygan Community Gardens was available to answer questions.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

REPORTS

President of the Park Commission

President Wallner will attend the Volunteers Celebration at Olbrich next week. The possibility of a retreat for Park Commissioners was also discussed.

[41664](#)

Citizen Appointment to Subcommittee of the Board of Park Commissioners

A motion was made by Clear, seconded by Leopold, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO CONFIRM under Suspension of Rules 2.04, 2.05, 2.24, & 2.25- Misc. Items. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Knepp mentioned that the written report includes the new 2016 projects and we're already talking about the 2017 capital budget process as the schedule has been moved up by a month. Staff has been doing a great job maintaining the ice rinks and our ski trails given the erratic nature of the weather (we had a record-breaking day at Tenney Park). Staff is preparing for the Elver Park Celebration with Alder McKinney and we're working with the Eastside Farmers Market and their return to Central Park. We received the Connecting Children to Nature planning grant and will be working with Public Health on this effort.

41703

Superintendent's February 2016 Report

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

41670

Report of the Minutes of the November 19, 2015 Long Range Planning Subcommittee and November 17, 2015 Olbrich Botanical Society meetings.

Motion made by Clear, seconded by Baldeh, to Accept the Reports. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Clear, seconded by Leopold, to Approve by Consent Agenda No. 11, Legislative File No. 41599; No. 12, Legislative File No. 41595; and No. 13, Legislative File No. 41604. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

41599

Request from Briarpatch Youth Services for the use of Vilas Park for the Flower Power 5K on Sunday, May 22, 2016.

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

41595

Request from All Community Events for the use of Olin Park for the Mother's Day 5K on Sunday, May 8, 2016.

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

41604

Request from All Community Events for the use of Vilas Park for the Madison Turkey Trot 5K on Thursday, November 24, 2016.

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

41655

Madison Mallards informational reports regarding the 2016 Fan Access Plan, Neighborhood Impact Plan and Responsible Alcohol Consumption Action Plan.

Registered Speaker Vern Stenman of the Madison Mallards provided an overview.

Registered Speaker Blair Panhorst was available to answer questions.

Motion made by Clear, seconded by Baldeh, to Accept the Reports. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

41700

Request by Vern Stenman, Madison Mallards, for fireworks and other promotions for the 2016 Mallards Baseball Season.

Registered Speaker Tim Nelson, Wild Warner, raised concerns about the fireworks.

Registered Speaker Marie Jacobson spoke in Opposition to the fireworks.

Registered Speaker Vern Stenman, Madison Mallards, provided an overview of the 2016 events and the fireworks planned.

Registered Speaker Blair Panhorst was available to answer questions.

Motion made by Clear, seconded by Baldeh, to Approve the request. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

41650

Big Top Events Informational Reports Regarding the 2016 Breese Stevens Field Fan Access Plan, Annual Neighborhood Impact Plan, and Responsible Alcohol Consumption Action Plan.

Registered Speaker Vern Stenman of Big Top Events provided an overview. He will be presenting these plans at the TLNA meeting.

Motion made by Clear, seconded by Leopold, to Accept the Reports with inclusion of the change regarding smoking and vaping. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

41660

Waldorf Park Master Plan

Kate Kane, Landscape Architect, provided an overview of the master planning effort and the master plan for Waldorf Park.

Motion made by Clear, seconded by Leopold, to Approve the plan. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[33469](#)**Parks Master Plan**

Janet Schmidt, Planning and Development Manager, and Kate Kane, Landscape Architect, provided an overview of the Park Master Plan Policy and the discussion with the Long Range Planning Subcommittee. Long Range Planning approved the policy and recommended it to the Park Commission for their approval.

Motion made by Clear, seconded by Leopold, to APPROVE the Park Master Plan Policy. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[41676](#)**Park Projects Website**

Janet Schmidt demonstrated the new projects website that Planning and Development staff developed. The website will go live in early March.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Clear, to Adjourn at 8:41 PM. Motion passed by voice vote/other.