



City of Madison

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Meeting Minutes - Approved BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, April 5, 2017

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, April 5, 2017 at Olbrich Botanical Gardens. President Wallner called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

Members Present: Ald. Mark Clear; Madelyn Leopold; Nancy Ragland; Venus Washington; and David Wallner.

Members Excused: Ald. Samba Baldeh and Emily Gnam.

Parks Staff Present: Eric Knepp; Kay Rutledge; Charlie Romines; Janet Schmidt; Sarah Lerner; Stephanie Franklin; and Joanne Austin.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Clear, seconded by Leopold, to Approve the Minutes of the April 5, 2017 Board of Park Commissioners meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Registered Speakers Tim Nelson of Wild Warner, Lynn Pauly, and Jillian Hussey spoke about the beaver trapping at Warner Park.

Registered Speaker Sara Petzold spoke about urban wildlife.

Registered Speaker Sherry Clay spoke about hammocking in parks.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

REPORTS

President of the Park Commission

President David Wallner attended the last Community Visioning Session for the Park and Open Space Plan; Alder Verveer was there as well. Wallner also met with Parks staff regarding various issues.

[46340](#) Park Commission President Citizen Appointments to Subcommittees of the Board of Park Commissioners

Motion made by Clear, seconded by Leopold, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENTS UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES 2.04, 2.05, 2.24, & 2.25 - MISC. ITEMS. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Eric Knepp stated that our golf courses are partially open but behind last year's pace due to the weather. Many capital projects happening this year including a record tree planting project: over 3,000 trees will be planted this year. An invitation was extended to the Park Commissioners to join them and other staff in the field to get a better idea of what is being done. Conservation Supervisor Paul Quinlan has started controlled burns. Wild Warner has done a great job working on the island in Warner Park, which will also have a controlled burn this year. Many big projects happening this year including the Penn Park rehab and new Allied Park, as well as many new playgrounds. The plan is to create three new off-leash dog parks within the next three years; locations have not yet been determined. The beaver traps were removed from the Warner lagoon on Saturday as was originally planned. Best efforts are being done to create a balance in urban wildlife management; Parks is open to suggestions. The Warner lagoon receives stormwater discharge for 1,200 acres and flooding has already occurred.

[46702](#) Superintendent's April 2017 Report

Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Clear, to accept the written report of Supervisor's Activities. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[46583](#) Report of the Minutes of the December 20, 2016 Olbrich Botanical Society.

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

NEW BUSINESS

[46677](#) Request from Madison Parks Foundation for the use of Olbrich Park for Makeshift Festival on Sunday, August 20, 2017, with set-up on Saturday, August 19 and clean up Monday, August 21.

Registered Speaker Bob Hemauer of Madison Parks Foundation spoke in support of the event.

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

[46703](#) 2018-2022 Park and Open Space Plan Update

Landscape Architect Sarah Lerner presented an update on the community outreach process and next steps.

[46651](#)

City Engineering Shoreline Project in Yahara Place Park

Joanna O'Brien of City Engineering presented the project.

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

[46682](#)

Eken Park Gathering Space Project

Parks Planning & Development Manager Janet Schmidt spoke about the plan.

Registered Speaker Nancy Hair spoke in support of the plan.

Motion made by Clear, seconded by Leopold, to take Agenda Item 18 (Leg. File 46679) out of order. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[46679](#)

Request by Central Park Sessions, Inc. to add a concert to the series in Central Park and change the schedule from a series of Thursday night concerts to Wednesday/Thursday night presentations. 2017 concert dates are Aug 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17 and Sept 7.

Registered Speaker Bob Queen spoke in support of the request.

Motion made by Clear, seconded by Washington, to Approve.

Motion made by Clear, seconded by Leopold, to Amend the motion to make the approval contingent on no objections from Alder Rummel or Alder Zellers. If there are objections, the item will be referred back to the next Park Commission meeting. Amendment passed by voice vote/other.

Motion made by Ragland, seconded by Leopold, to Approve as Amended. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[46681](#)

Cardinal Glenn Park Master Plan

Janet Schmidt provided an overview of the plan.

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

[46684](#)

Sauk Creek Park Master Plan

Janet Schmidt provided an overview of the plan.

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

[46680](#)

Sauk Heights Park Master Plan

Janet Schmidt provided an overview of the plan.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Clear, seconded by Leopold, to Adjourn at 8:50 PM. Motion passed by voice vote/other.