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Meeting Minutes - Draft BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, May 10, 2017

6:30 PM

Goodman Maintenance Facility
1402 Wingra Creek Pkwy

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Madison Board of Park Commissioners was held at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at the Goodman Maintenance Facility, 1402 Wingra Creek Parkway. 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. Maurice Cheeks; Emily Gnam; Nancy Ragland; and David Wallner.

Members Excused: Madelyn Leopold.

Members Absent: Venus Washington.

Parks Staff Present: Eric Knepp; Kay Rutledge; Charlie Romines; Lisa Laschinger; Janet Schmidt; Joanne Austin; Roberta Sladky; Laura Bauer; and Darin Hall.

City Staff Present: Katie Crawley, Mayor's Office; and Kirstie Laatsch, City Planning.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Registered Speaker Jenn Jackson spoke regarding pesticide use at the Olbrich Park.

Registered Speaker Kira Visser spoke regarding hammocks.

Venus Washington arrived at 6:50 PM.

Members Present: 6 – Ald. Baldeh; Alder Cheeks; Emily Gnam; Nancy Ragland; David Wallner; and Venus Washington.

Members Excused: 1 - Madelyn Leopold.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

REPORTS

President of the Park Commission

President David Wallner attended an Arbor Day event. He reminded Park commission members that a representative from the Park Commission was needed for the Warner Park Community Recreation Center Advisory Board. Dates for facility tours for Park Commissioners are being set up. The Allied Park groundbreaking is tomorrow. A Commissioners retreat was done last August and he would like to do something in August again.

[46524](#)

Park Commission President's Citizen Appointments to Subcommittees of the Board of Park Commissioners.

Motion made by Ragland, seconded by Gnam, to RECOMMEND APPOINTMENT TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT 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 said thank you to Alder Cheeks and Venus Washington for joining the Commission. The Capital Budget has been submitted. 175-180 projects are in the Budget, with three major projects: the Olbrich Gardens expansion; EAB mitigation; and playground/accessibility programs. Parks will be constructing five barrier-free playgrounds in the next five years to provide more opportunities for all-inclusive play. Engagement with the community, Neighborhood Resource Teams, and youth will continue to be a focus. Marshall Park will have a boat rental/ food facility similar to Brittingham Boats and Wingra Boats. Turville Point Conservation Park will be a priority in the next couple years. The Breese Stevens Facility Plan is expected in June. The Duck Blind project will be finished by the beginning of the Madison Mallard's season.

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Superintendent's May 2017 Report

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

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Report of Subcommittee Minutes of the November 15 Golf Subcommittee; September 22, 2016 WPCRC Advisory Subcommittee; February 28 Long Range Planning Subcommittee; February 22 Habitat Stewardship Subcommittee; and February 21, 2017 Olbrich Botanical Society.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Ragland, seconded by Baldeh, to Approve by Consent Agenda No. 12, Legislative File No. 47018; No. 13, Legislative File No. 47020; No. 14, Legislative File No. 47021; No. 15, Legislative File No. 47156; No. 16, Legislative File No. 47149; No. 18, Legislative File No. 47017; and No. 19, Legislative File No. 47155; and to Refer No. 17, Legislative File No. 47185 to the next Park Commission meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[47018](#) Request to close Olbrich Botanical Gardens to the public at 6 pm on August 26, Thursdays through Saturdays from August 31 through September 30, September 19 and 26, 2017 and at 5 pm Thursdays through Saturdays from October 5 through October 28, and October 3 and 10, 2017 for GLEAM, Art in a New Light.

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

[47020](#) Request to close Olbrich Botanical Gardens during public hours of operation for Rhapsody in Bloom on Saturday, June 17, 2017.

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

[47021](#) Request to close Olbrich Botanical Gardens on September 29, 2017 from 7 pm - 10 pm and to install ten (10) bonfires on the Great Lawn for CRACKLE, Fire & Froth.

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

[47156](#) Temporary Land Use Agreement- Request from Madison Gas & Electric Company for temporary access within Breese Stevens Field for utility installation to serve the facility.

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

[47149](#) Temporary Land Use Permit- Request from Greater Sandburg Neighborhood Association for temporary access within Reindahl Park for the installation of a Little Free Library.

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

[47017](#) Amending the 2017 Adopted Capital Budget to transfer \$200,000 of existing GO borrowing budget authority from Brittingham Park Improvements to Forest Hill Cemetery Improvements.

Motion made by Ragland, seconded by Baldeh to return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the FINANCE COMMITTEE. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[47155](#) Temporary Land Use Agreement- Request from Madison Gas & Electric Company for temporary access within Olbrich Park for utility installation to serve the beach house.

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

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Temporary Land Use Permit- Request from Junction Ridge Neighborhood Association for the installation of a Little Free Library located at Junction Ridge Park.

Motion made by Ragland, seconded by Baldeh, to Re-refer to the BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS next meeting on 6/14/2017. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

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Planning Division staff update on Comprehensive Plan - Imagine Madison

Kirstie Laatsch of City Planning provided an update on the Comprehensive Plan update process.

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Request from Adrenaline Sports Management for the use of Olin Park for Halloween Hustle Madison 5K on Saturday, October 28, 2017.

Motion made by Baldeh, seconded by Cheeks, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

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Forest Hill Cemetery Rules and Regulations

Parks Operations Manager Lisa Laschinger presented an overview of the policy.

Motion made by Gnam, seconded by Baldeh, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[47183](#)

Request from Cross Fit Games for use of Olin Park and the temporary closure of the Boat Launch from Thursday, August 3 to Sunday, August 6, 2017 for the Cross Fit Games.

Registered Speaker Jamie Patrick of Madison Area Sports Commission spoke in support.

Registered Speaker Ron Shutvet spoke in opposition.

Motion made by Gnam, seconded by Cheeks, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Baldeh, seconded by Cheeks, to Adjourn at 8:35 PM. Motion passed by voice vote/other.