



City of Madison

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Meeting Minutes - Approved BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, January 10, 2018

6:30 PM

Olbrich Botanical Gardens
3300 Atwood Ave.

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Madison Board of Park Commissioners was held at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at Olbrich Botanical Gardens. President Wallner called the meeting to order at 6:37 PM. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

Members Present: Emily Gnam; Madelyn Leopold; Nancy Ragland; and David Wallner.

Members Excused: Ald. Samba Baldeh; Ald. Maurice Cheeks; and Venus Washington.

Parks Staff Present: Eric Knepp; Kay Rutledge; Charlie Romines; Claire Oleksiak; Joanne Austin; Ryan Brinza; Theran Steindl; Shannon Barstow; Todd Drake; Jeff Jushka; and Trygve Ekern.

City Staff Present: Katie Crawley, Mayor's Office.

Alder David Ahrens was also present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Ragland, to Approve the Minutes of the December 13, 2017 Board of Park Commissioners meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no registrants for Public Comment.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

REPORTS

President of the Park Commission

President David Wallner toured the Garver property with Alder David Ahrens and Landscape Architect Mike Sturm who gave a report of the ongoing work. The Golf Subcommittee met on January 4th. A joint meeting with the Board of Parks Commissioners, Landmarks Commission, and Equal Opportunities Commission will take place on January 30th at the Warner Park Community Recreation Center at 6 PM. A ceremony to rename Central Park to Milton McPike Park is being planned.

Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Eric Knepp reported that the cold weather has facilitated the maintenance of the ice skating rinks. The Parks Division and Madison Nordic Ski Club continue to work together to create man-made snow at Elver Park. Staff will soon begin work on the Capital Budget for 2019.

50008

Superintendent's January 2018 Report

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

49985

Report of the Minutes of the August 3, 2017 Long Range Planning Subcommittee and November 21, 2017 Olbrich Botanical Society.

Motion made by Gnam, seconded by Leopold, to Accept the Minutes. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

NEW BUSINESS

49975

Amending the 2018 Adopted Parks Division Capital Budget and Authorizing the execution of a Purchase and Sale Agreement between the City of Madison and the owner of the property located at 1904 Wheeler Road for the expansion of the Cherokee Marsh Conservation Park.

Ald. Samba Baldeh arrived at 6:42 PM.

Members Present: Ald. Samba Baldeh; Emily Gnam; Madelyn Leopold; Nancy Ragland; and David Wallner.

Members Excused: Ald. Maurice Cheeks and Venus Washington.

Assistant Superintendent Kay Rutledge presented the agreement.

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

50015

Temporary Land Use Agreement - Request from Good Oak Ecological services for temporary use of Hoyt Park for access to an adjacent property to perform invasive removals.

Kay Rutledge presented the Temporary Land Use request.

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

[49986](#)

Request from Central Cross Country Ski Association for the use of Elver Park for Madison Winter Festival on Friday, February 2nd through Sunday, February 4th, 2018.

Community Services Manager Claire Oleksiak presented the request.

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

[49984](#)

Edgehill Golf Market Report Discussion

Assistant Superintendent Charlie Romines presented an overview.

Stuart Lindsey of Edgehill Golf Advisors presented the report.

President Wallner stated that registrants for agenda items 13 and 14 would be heard together.

Registrants Mark Vent, Michael W Coenen, George Schiro, Milton Loose, David Michaeli, Gary Spaeni, and Jessica Blasca registered.

Registrants Elain Gundlach, Mitch Cohen, George Stulgaitis, Ed Woolsey, Jean Bindl, Lara Kenny, Sylvia Schultz, Sue Christoffersen, Matt Ida, Thomas Ida, Jackson Ida, Shirley Tokheim, Mike Tokheim, Jeff Stafford, Brent Sletten, Tim Eagen of Glendale Neighborhood Association, Steve Beier, Bob Donahoe, Todd M Temby, Lorne Hillier, and Christopher Bundy registered in opposition.

Registrant Susan McQuade registered in support.

Registered Speakers Owen Hoyt, Peggy Gierhart of Edgewood High School, Joe Loehnis of The First Tee, Dan Smith, Robert Dye, Jenn Jackson, Karen Matteoni, Andy Sullivan, and Mark M Smith spoke.

Registered Speakers Beth Zeier, Mary Boyd, Pat McDuffee, Angela Jenkins of Lake Edge Neighborhood Association, Tom Stoebig, Joni Dye of The First Tee, and Juan Romero spoke in opposition.

Registered Speakers Steve Brown and Brenda Haskins spoke in support.

Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Gnam to Recess at 8:27 PM. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

Members Present: Ald. Samba Baldeh; Emily Gnam; Madelyn Leopold; Nancy Ragland; and David Wallner.

Members Excused: Ald. Maurice Cheeks and Venus Washington.

Meeting Reconvened at 8:38 PM.

Members Present: Ald. Samba Baldeh; Emily Gnam; Madelyn Leopold; Nancy Ragland; and David Wallner.

Members Excused: Ald. Maurice Cheeks and Venus Washington.

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

[50030](#) Staff Report on the Golf Enterprise - Financial and Operational Analysis of Course Closure and Hole Reduction

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

[50072](#) Hiestand Ridge Path in Hiestand Park - Project Update

Knepp stated this item will be brought back next month.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Gnam, seconded by Baldeh, to Adjourn at 9:35 PM. Motion passed by voice vote/other.