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Meeting Minutes - Approved BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, March 14, 2018

6:30 PM

Olbrich Botanical Gardens
3300 Atwood Ave.

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at Olbrich Botanical 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. Maurice Cheeks; Emily Gnam; Madelyn Leopold; Nancy Ragland; David Wallner; and Venus Washington.

Members Excused: Ald. Samba Baldeh.

Parks Staff Present: Eric Knepp; Kay Rutledge; Lisa Laschinger; Joanne Austin; Mike Sturm; Laura Bauer; and Ann Shea.

City Staff Present: Katie Crawley and George Reistad, Mayor's Office; Chris Dawson, City Engineering; and Alex Berkovitz, Madison Police Department.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Gnam, to Approve the Minutes of the February 14, 2018 Board of Park Commissioners meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Registered Speaker Mark Warnick of Madison Futsal spoke regarding developing futsal courts in parks.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

REPORTS

President of the Park Commission

President Wallner stated that the Parks and Open Space Plan was discussed at the March 5th Long Range Planning Subcommittee. The dedication of McPike Park will take place on April 4th.

50767

Park Commission President Board Members and Citizen Appointments to Subcommittees of the Board of Park Commissioners.

Motion made by Cheeks, seconded by Leopold, to RECOMMEND 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 stated that the hiring process has begun for the Parks Planning and Development Manager. Winter operations have finished and the golf season will open in the near future. Work continues on the Capital Budget, which is due May 9th. Priorities include playgrounds, field amenities, and dog exercise areas. Four off-leash dog parks are closed for maintenance. Knepp is working on a report and plan for the golf courses.

[50858](#)

Superintendent's March 2018 Report

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

[50820](#)

Report of Subcommittee Minutes of the November 7, 2017 Habitat Stewardship Subcommittee; November 6, 2017 Long Range Planning Subcommittee; and December 19, 2017 Olbrich Botanical Society.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Gnam, to Approve by Consent Agenda No. 11, Legislative File No. 49995; No. 12, Legislative File No. 50652; and No. 13, Legislative File No. 50327. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[49995](#)

Proclaiming Sunday, April 15, 2018 as International Migratory Bird Day in the City of Madison.

Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Gnam to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[50652](#)

Proclaiming the week of April 29 through May 5, 2018 as Arbor Week in the City of Madison.

Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Gnam to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[50327](#)

To commemorate the 48th anniversary of Earth Day on April 21, 2018, to proclaim April 21, 2018 as Earth Day Challenge Day, and to endorse and encourage citizen participation in the clean-up events at City of Madison Parks. (All ADs)

Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Gnam to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[50829](#)

Installation of Ontario Park Path as part of the City of Madison's Bike Paths 2018 Project

Chris Dawson of City Engineering presented the project.

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

[50856](#)

Rennebohm Park Master Plan revision to expand the community garden area

George Reistad, Food Policy Coordinator, presented along with Superintendent Knepp and Assistant Superintendent Kay Rutledge, and answered questions.

Registered Speakers Cindy Statz and Patricia Soderholm of Sheboygan Avenue Community Garden spoke in support.

Registered Speaker Nan Fey spoke in support.

Registered Speaker Alder Arvina Martin spoke in support.

Motion made by Cheeks, seconded by Ragland, to APPROVE THE MASTER PLAN REVISION and add a note to the Master Plan that states "Limit any further garden expansions within the park boundary as the boundary currently exists on 3/14/18 due to high levels of programming and increasing population density within the Hill Farms neighborhood." Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[50854](#)

Breese Stevens Facility Plan and Concession and Restroom Upgrade

Parks Landscape Architect Mike Sturm presented the plan.

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

[50855](#)

Request by Vern Stenman, Madison Mallards, for capital improvements for the 2018 Mallards Baseball Season at Warner Park

Park Landscape Architect Mike Sturm presented the plan.

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

[50451](#)

Authorizing the City to execute an agreement with Pontoon Porch LLC to use the surrounding Law Park area, and the nearby Monona Terrace property, for picking-up and dropping-off passengers as part of the operation of User's pontoon boat rental business for the years of 2018-2020.

Registered Speaker Joe Shulla spoke in support of the agreement.

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

50836

Request from Eastside Farmers' Market Inc. for the use of McPike (Central) Park for the Eastside Farmers' Market running on Tuesdays, April 24-October 30, 2018.

Registered Speakers Kyle Thom, Tim Zander, and Mary White of Eastside Farmers Market spoke in support.

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

50866

Request from Race Day Events for the use of Central Park and Yahara River Pier as stations on the Humdinger 5K route on Saturday, October 13, 2018.

Registered Speakers Lucas Malloy and Ryan Richards of Race Day Events spoke.

Motion made by Cheeks, seconded by Gnam, to Refer to the next BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

48643

Establishing a Plan for the Confederate Monuments in Forest Hill Cemetery.

Registered Speakers Carl Landsness and Gerhard Pechmann spoke.

Park Operations Manager Lisa Laschinger answered questions.

After some discussion on the topic, motion made by Ragland, seconded by Gnam, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER with the following recommendations: Support the removal of the smaller marker, leave the standing (larger) monument as is, and add contextualizing signage in the former location of the smaller marker. Also, that the smaller marker be offered to the Wisconsin State Historical Society and not be offered to any private resident. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Gnam, to Adjourn at 9:12 PM. Motion passed by voice vote/other.