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Meeting Minutes - Approved BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, September 5, 2018

6:30 PM

Warner Park Community Recreation Center
1625 Northport Dr.

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, September 5, 2018 at the Warner Park Community Recreation Center. President Leopold called the meeting to order at 6:39 PM. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

Members Present: Ald. Samba Baldeh; Ald. Maurice Cheeks; Emily Gnam; Moira Harrington; Madelyn Leopold; Nancy Ragland; and Venus Washington.
Parks Staff Present: Eric Knepp; Lisa Laschinger; Joanne Austin; Sarah Lerner; Ann Freiwald; and Roberta Sladky.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Cheeks, seconded by Gnam, to Approve the Minutes of the July 11, 2018 Board of Park Commissioners meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Registered speaker Paul Noeldner reported on Madison Friends of Urban Nature programming and provided handouts.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

REPORTS

President of the Park Commission

President Madelyn Leopold commended Parks staff on their response to the flooding. She continues to meet with managers to discuss the format of the Superintendent reports. The Park Commission will consider what future policies the Parks Long Range Planning Subcommittee should make.

Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Eric Knepp reported on the impact of the flooding. The park system has been resilient, due in great part to staff effort. The beaches and Goodman Pool have both had very successful seasons and we will now move into the fall planning cycle. Lisa Lashinger has been hired as the new Assistant Superintendent. Knepp provided an update on a vandalism incident at Forest Hill Cemetery, as well as the Confederate Rest monument removal.

[53048](#) Superintendent's September 2018 Report

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

[53009](#) Report of Subcommittee Minutes of the May 31, 2018 Warner Park Community Recreation Center Subcommittee.

Motion made by Ragland, seconded by Baldeh, to Refer to the next Park Commission meeting for inclusion on the October Agenda. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Harrington, seconded by Washington, to Approve by Consent Agenda No. 10, Legislative File No. 52957; No. 12, Legislative File No. 52994; No. 13, Legislative File No. 52954; No. 14, Legislative File No. 52953; No. 16, Legislative File No. 53044; and No. 19, Legislative File No. 53020. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[52957](#) Amending Resolution Enactment No. RES-18-00349 which authorizes the execution of a Purchase and Sale Agreement between the City of Madison and the owner of the property located at 6444 Nesbitt Road for the expansion of Apple Ridge Park.

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

[52994](#) Request from Garver Feed Mill, LLC for temporary use of the Garver Feed Mill Lot 2 for construction staging and storage.

Motion made by Harrington, seconded by Washington, to Approve the request. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[52954](#) Request from Madison Metro Transit for Easement at Wingra Park & Boat Livery

Motion made by Harrington, seconded by Washington, to Approve the request. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[52953](#) Accepting and adopting the City Forester's report determining the existence of public nuisances under MGO Sec. 23.40(1), and directing Forestry staff to cause notice to be issued to the identified in the report pursuant to MGO Sec. 23.30(4)(b). And further recommending that at the next meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners, that a public hearing be held for the purpose of ordering the removal or destruction of the trees identified in the report.

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

53044

Request from the Madison Nordic Ski Team for the use of Elver Park on Saturday, December 22 through Sunday, December 23, 2018 for CXC Cup Holiday Sprints.

Registered speaker Yuriy Gusev of Madison Nordic Ski Team was in support and was available to answer questions.

Motion made by Harrington, seconded by Washington, to Approve the request. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

53020

Request from the Olbrich Botanical Society to hold a temporary art exhibit in the Bolz Conservatory from February 19-March 24, 2019. The exhibit would replace the annual Spring Flower Show as use of the Atrium is not possible during construction.

Motion made by Harrington, seconded by Washington, to Approve the request. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

53015

Request from Alliant Energy/Wisconsin Power and Light for temporary land use agreement to begin work on an underground utility relocation in Elver Park. A permanent easement will be presented at the October Board of Park Commissioners meeting.

Registered speaker Brand Smith of Alliant Energy/Wisconsin Power and Light answered questions and provided a map.

Knepp and Parks Planning and Development Manager Ann Freiwald presented additional information and answered questions.

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

53021

Request from Cyclocross organizers Rob Lewis, Travis Gruchow and the L5 Racing Team to hold one day Cyclocross practices on Wednesdays in the Fall of 2018 at Olin, Olbrich, Marshall, Garner, Aldo Leopold and Heistand Parks in order to pilot increasing recreational biking opportunities in Madison Parks.

Registered speaker Rob Lewis of Capitol Off-Road Cycling was in support and answered questions.

Registrant Steph Shelton was in support.

Registered speaker Travis Gruchow was in support and available to answer questions.

Knepp spoke about Parks staff perspective on the proposal.

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

53012

Request from Makeshift to install a semi-permanent art sculpture call "Momental" at Elver Park.

Registered speaker Robert Hemauer was in support and available to answer questions.

Registered speaker Bethany Jurewicz was in support and answered questions.

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

52532

Amending the 2018 Adopted Parks Division Capital Budget and Authorizing the execution of a Purchase and Sale Agreement between Charles P. Dykman and Bonnie Dykman, and the City of Madison for the acquisition of 40 acres of vacant land located in the Town of Verona, Dane County, to extend the Ice Age Trail and create a park.

Knepp discussed the Ice Age Trail and the acquisition.

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

53052

Request by the Madison Parks Foundation to designate the shoreline at Burrows Park the Grant J. Frautschi Shoreline.

Knepp introduced the effort and expressed his support of the designation.

Registered speaker Stephanie Franklin of Madison Parks Foundation spoke in support.

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

43127

2018-2023 Park and Open Space Plan

Registered speaker Steve Webster spoke in support.

Parks Landscape Architect Sarah Lerner presented an overview of the plan.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Gnam, seconded by Washington, to Adjourn at 8:47 PM. Motion passed by voice vote/other.