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Meeting Minutes - Approved BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

6:30 PM

Olbrich Botanical Gardens
3330 Atwood Ave.

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at Olbrich Botanical Gardens. President Leopold called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

Members Present: Emily Gnam; Moira Harrington; Ald. Zachary Henak; Madelyn Leopold; and Al Martin.

Members Excused: Ald. Paul Skidmore and Venus Washington.

Parks Staff Present: Eric Knepp; Kay Rutledge; Joanne Austin; Ann Shea; Ann Freiwald; Sarah Close; Mike Sturm; and Paul Quinlan.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Martin, seconded by Gnam, to Approve the Minutes of the December 11, 2019 Board of Park Commissioners meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Registered speaker Nick Christianson spoke regarding the Dog Paddle event at Goodman Pool.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

President of the Park Commission

President Madelyn Leopold spoke about an article in the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) magazine about emerging trends in parks around the country. The article included things like solar panels, drones, e-sports, climate change, wellness centers, micromobility, planting trees, bans on glyphosate (the active ingredient in Roundup herbicide), and dogs in parks.

Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Eric Knepp spoke about the NRPA article as well, specifically about similarities and differences we have with other parks throughout the country. Knepp spoke about climate change and that our Park and Open Space Plan is conscious of it. Climate change could affect several things including our recreational programming time-frames and affect the natural flora in parks. Knepp has posted an end-of-year blog. The March Park Commission will be a joint meeting with the Madison Public Library Board. A report from the Library is forthcoming.

58899

January 2020 Superintendent's Report

Public Information Officer Ann Shea presented the Public Information Office quarterly report.

Parks Planning and Development Manager Ann Freiwald presented the Planning and Development quarterly report.

Motion made by Martin, seconded by Henak, to Accept the Report. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

58890

Report of the November 19, 2019 Olbrich Botanical Society Minutes.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Martin, seconded by Harrington, to Approve by Consent Agenda No. 10, Legislative File No. 58868. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

58868

Authorizing a Memorandum Of Understanding between the City of Madison Parks Division and the Madison Water Utility pertaining to the construction and maintenance of a shared driveway over and across portions of North Star Park located at 439 Milky Way (Outlot 43, North Addition to Grandview Commons) and the Water Tower Well #225 property located at 435 Milky Way (Outlot 44, North Addition to Grandview Commons). (3rd AD)

Motion made by Martin, seconded by Harrington, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the WATER UTILITY BOARD. Motion made by voice vote/other.

[58894](#)

Authorizing the Parks Superintendent to enter into a cooperative grant agreement with the United States Department of Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service for invasive species control and native seeding at Owen Conservation Park.

Conservation Supervisor Paul Quinlan presented an overview on management plans and the grant.

Ald. Paul Skidmore arrived at 7:39 PM.

Members Present: 6 – Emily Gnam; Moira Harrington; Ald. Zachary Henak; Madelyn Leopold; Al Martin; and Ald. Paul Skidmore.

Members Excused: 1 - Venus Washington.

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

[58755](#)

Request from Mark Osiecki Casting for Kids for the use of a portion of the Olin Park parking lot for the Mark Osiecki's Casting for Kids fundraising event, on Saturday, May 30, 2020.

Motion made by Martin, seconded by Harrington, to Approve.

Motion passed by the following vote:

Approve - Emily Gnam; Moira Harrington; Ald. Zachary Henak; Madelyn Leopold; and Al Martin.

Abstain - Ald. Paul Skidmore.

[58873](#)

Request from Back Porch Radio Broadcast for the use of Warner Park for WORTstock (formerly WORT Block Party), a fundraiser event, on Sunday, June 7, 2020.

Registered speaker Doug Holtz of WORT spoke about the event and answered questions.

Motion made by Henak, seconded by Martin, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[58879](#)

Authorizing the execution of a Purchase and Sale Agreement between the City of Madison and Judith Voit Underwood for the City's acquisition of the property located at 3461 Milwaukee Street for the expansion of Sherry (O.B.) Park. (15th AD)

Knepp presented an overview of the item.

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

[58880](#) Authorizing the execution of a Purchase and Sale Agreement between the City of Madison and Parthy Schachter and Aviv Kammay for the City's acquisition of the property located at 3465 Milwaukee Street for the expansion of O.B. Sherry Park.

Knepp presented an overview of the item.

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

[58902](#) Elvehjem Park Master Plan

Landscape Architect Sarah Close presented an overview of the master plan.

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

[58741](#) Accepting ownership of the sculpture *The People's Pronouns* by Raymond Chi, located in Emerson East Park, 1915 E Johnson Street.

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

[58900](#) Law Park Master Plan Process Update

Landscape Architect Mike Sturm presented an update on the Law Park master plan process.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Gnam, seconded by Harrington, to Adjourn at 8:32 PM. Motion passed by voice vote/other.