



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Approved BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

*Consider: Who benefits? Who is burdened?  
Who does not have a voice at the table?  
How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?*

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Wednesday, June 9, 2021

6:30 PM

Via Virtual Meeting

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held virtually at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, June 9, 2021. President Gnam called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

**Members Present:** Ald. Syed Abbas; Ald. Yanette Figueroa Cole; Emily Gnam; Madelyn Leopold; and Chandra Miller Fienen

**Members Excused:** Moira Harrington

**Alders Present:** Gary Halverson; Charles Myazde; and Juliana Bennett.

**Parks Staff Present:** Eric Knepp; Lisa Laschinger; Joanne Austin; Kelli Lamberty; Ann Shea; and Ann Freiwald.

**City Staff Present:** Katie Crawley, Mayor's Office; Heidi Radlinger, Real Estate; Meghan Blake-Horst, Economic Development; and Jim O'Keefe, Community Development.

[65729](#)

Approval of the Minutes of the May 12, 2021 Board of Park Commissioners meeting.

**Motion made by Miller Fienen, seconded by Leopold, to Approve the Minutes of the May 12, 2021 Board of Park Commissioners meeting with the correction of spelling errors. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

[64911](#)

Public Comment

Registered speaker Pearl Foster spoke in support of encampment in Reindahl Park.

Registered speaker Tim Wagner spoke regarding a permit for Olbrich Park events.

Registered speaker Shyon Corner was not available.

Registered speaker Mary Telpher spoke regarding geese in parks.

Registered speaker Marina Bolotnikova spoke in opposition of lethal methods of geese control.

Registered speaker Katherine Johnson spoke in support of encampment in Reindahl Park.

Registered speaker Bennett McIntosh spoke in opposition of lethal methods of geese control.

Registered speaker Arlene Steinberg spoke in opposition of lethal methods of geese control.

Registered speaker, President Abbas, did not wish to speak and registered due to technical issues with the meeting link.

**DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS**

None.

**REPORTS****President of the Park Commission**

President Emily Gnam stated that Ride the Drive was a difficult event and Parks staff did well on their first large event post-pandemic.

**Superintendent of Parks**

Ride the Drive was a challenge this year, as we planned 4 separate events, which required significantly more volunteers. The initial plan was overly ambitious and required modification, including reduced event times and shortened route at Marlborough Park. This gives us lessons to learn from in the future. It still drew several thousand people. We hope to present the Equity in Action Plan in July. The Capital Budget has been submitted. Golf net income in 2020 was approximately \$240,000, which is the best it has been in some time and we are optimistic about 2021.

Knepp presented the Operations quarterly report.

The Trust for Public Lands report was released last month. We did not score well on access for lower income residents. Some of that is related to UW students. We still scored 13th out of 180 municipalities of our size.

**65797**

June 2021 Superintendent's Report

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

**65767**

Report of the Minutes of the March 17 and May 19, 2021 Parks Long Range Planning Subcommittee; April 19, 2021 Facilities, Programs and Fees Subcommittee; May 11, 2021 Habitat Stewardship Subcommittee; and April 20, 2021 Olbrich Botanical Society.

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

**NEW BUSINESS****62350**

Creating Subdivision 8.24(1)(ii) of the Madison General Ordinances to Ban Alcohol at Allied Park

**Knepp presented the history of alcohol in the park and an overview of the next steps. Knepp stated that the current Alcohol Ban policy did not allow for community desires for alcohol ban from the beginning to be implemented during the planning processes, due to policy being based on reactive response and not providing for preemptive bans.**

**There was discussion among the Commission.**

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

**65766**

Request by Sessions at McPike Park Board to extend Sessions at McPike Park event activities, including amplification and beer sales, to 11 PM, August 6, 7 and 12, 2021 at McPike Park.

**Assistant Superintendent Lisa Laschinger explained that this item needed to be come to Park Commission for approval as it is a request to extend the hours the park.**

**Registered speaker Bob Queen of Sessions at McPike Park, Inc. spoke in support.**

**Registered speaker Jacob Snell, representing Bob Queen of Sessions at McPike Park Inc. spoke in support.**

**Registered speaker David Wallner spoke in support.**

**Motion made by Miller Fienen, seconded by Leopold, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

**65741**

Request by Madison Opera to extend amplification for Opera in the Park, to 11 PM, July 24 (25, rain date), 2021 at Garner Park.

**Laschinger introduced the item and explained that this item needed to come to Park Commission for approval as it is a request to extend the hours the park.**

**Community Events Coordinator Kelli Lamberty explained that these requests should have been sent to Park Commission in the past. An error was noticed and they will be sent to Park Commission in the future.**

**Kathryn Smith of Madison Opera presented an overview of the event and need for the extension.**

**Registrant Keith Yefchak was in support.**

**Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Figueroa Cole, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

**65798**

Authorizing the establishment of Carts in Parks, a food vending pilot program in Madison Parks for the summer and fall of 2021, to aid City Licensed food carts' economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Meghan Blake-Horst of City Economic Development and Lamberty presented an overview.**

**Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Figueroa Cole, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

**65410**

Monthly Report of Events Administratively Approved by Staff

**Laschinger provided a brief update. Stated that the administrative approval will expire on August 2, 2021.**

**65316**

SUBSTITUTE: Updating Temporary Permissible Encampments (TPE) criteria and permitting the continued use of Reindahl Park until a suitable alternative site is established. ~~Prohibiting the eviction of temporary encampments in Reindahl Park.~~

**Registered speaker Benji Ramirez Gomez spoke in support.**

**Registered speaker Evelyn Gildrie-Voyles spoke in support.**

**Registered speaker Tim Jones spoke in support.**

**Registered speaker Paul Polak spoke in support.**

**Registered speaker Sara Andrews spoke in support.**

**Registered speaker Anthony Flynn spoke in support.**

**Registered speaker Bob Schaefer spoke.**

**Registered speaker Adrienne Mason of Occupy Madison spoke in support.**

**Registrant Dr. Mara Eisch was in opposition.**

**Registrant Becky Haug was in opposition.**

**Registrant Amy Stuhlman was in support.**

**Registrant Kelly Hoppe was in support.**

**Registrant Janet Hirsch was in opposition.**

**Registrant Wendy Reichel was in opposition.**

**Registrant Joseph Keyes was in opposition.**

**Registrant Keith Yefchak was in opposition.**

**Registrant Charles James was in opposition.**

**Registrant Kim Richman was in opposition.**

**Registrant Jill McKinley was in opposition.**

**Registrant Connie Moisant was in opposition.**

**Registrant Katherine Johnson was in support.**

**Registrant Joshua Feran was in support.**

**Registrant Pat Fuller was in opposition.**

**Registrant Judy Bluel was in opposition.**

**Registrant Cynthia Rasmussen was in opposition.**

**Registrant Ed Hoxon was in opposition.**

**Registrant Melissa Boyd was in opposition.**

**Registrant Scott Boyd was in opposition.**

**Registrant Tris Cushman was in support.**

**Registrant Bonnie Roe was in opposition.**

**Registrant Julie Maas was in opposition.**

**Registrant Louis Lindley was in support.**

**Alder Juliana Rose Bennett spoke.**

Motion made by Figueroa Cole to Refer, no second.

Abbas stated item be placed on file while alders work on an ordinance.

Motion made by Abass, seconded by Figueroa Cole, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO PLACE ON FILE WITHOUT PREJUDICE and bring back ordinances that need to be changed to allow for encampments. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[65659](#)

Authorizing the City's acceptance of ownership from the Nakoma League of the existing Nakoma neighborhood sign and decorative landscape garden located within Nakoma Park near the Nakoma Road and Cherokee Drive intersection. (10th AD)

Recess at 9:29 PM

Members Present: 5 – Ald. Abbas; Ald. Figueroa Cole; Gnam; Leopold; and Miller Fienen.

Members Excused: 1 - Moira Harrington.

Reconvene at 9:38 PM

Members Present: 5 – Ald. Abbas; Ald. Figueroa Cole; Gnam; Leopold; and Miller Fienen.

Members Excused: 1 - Moira Harrington.

Knepp and Planning and Development Manager Ann Freiwald presented the item.

Motion made by Figueroa Cole, seconded by Abass, to RETURN TO LEAD WITH THE RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL TO THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[65817](#)

Authorizing a Memorandum Of Understanding between the City of Madison Parks Division and the Madison Skatepark Fund pertaining to the construction and maintenance of an All-Wheel Spot at Warner Park located at 2930 North Sherman Avenue and at Elvehjem Park located at 1202 Painted Post Drive.

Registrant Patrick Hasburgh of Madison Skatepark Fund was in support.

Motion made by Miller Fienen, seconded by Figueroa Cole, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

## ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Abbas, seconded by Figueroa Cole, to Adjourn at 10:04 PM. Motion passed by voice vote/other.