



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Draft 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, November 3, 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, November 3, 2021. President Gnam called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

**Members Present:** Ald. Yanette Figueroa-Cole; Emily Gnam; Moira Harrington; Madelyn Leopold; and Chandra Miller Fienen.

**Members Absent:** Ald. Syed Abbas

**Parks Staff Present:** Eric Knepp; Lisa Laschinger; Christopher Peguero; Ann Freiwald; Ann Shea; Tanya Zastrow; Joanne Austin; Ryan Brinza; and Nicole Miller.

**City Staff Present:** Katie Crawley, Mayor's Office; Charlie Romines and Bryan Johnson, Streets; Heidi Radlinger and Jenny Freese, Real Estate; and Stacie Reese, Engineering.

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Approval of the Minutes of the October 13, 2021 Board of Park Commissioners meeting.

**Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Miller Fienen to Approve the Minutes of the October 13, 2021 Board of Park Commissioners meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

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Public Comment

There were no registrants for public comment.

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

Miller Fienen recused herself from item #11, Legislative File 68113 due to a family member's involvement.

### REPORTS

President of the Park Commission

President Gnam reported that she attended the Glenway tour in late October and it looks great. She visited the GLEAM exhibit. It has ended for the year, but recommends everyone attend next year.

Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Eric Knepp reported that Parks is wrapping up another very busy year that included extremely high permit sales and park use. Staff are busy preparing for the winter season. Despite a decrease in holes available due to the Glenway project, Golf has had another very successful season. Parks has prepared and secured Alder support for a budget amendment that converts existing funding to 1.25 additional positions, which is being considered by Council as the operating budget is finalized. Assistant Superintendent Lisa Laschinger provided a brief introduction of our new Executive Director of Olbrich Botanical Gardens, Tanya Zastrow, who started on November 1st.

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November 2021 Superintendent's Report

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

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

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

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Report of the Minutes of the August 16, 2021 Facilities, Programs and Fees Subcommittee, October 14, 2021 Golf Subcommittee, and September 12, 2021 Olbrich Botanical Society.

Motion made by Harrington, seconded by Figueroa Cole, to Accept the Minutes. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Miller Fienen, to Approve by Consent: Agenda No. 13, Legislative File No. 67854; Agenda No. 14, Legislative File No. 67887; Agenda No. 15, Legislative File No. 67888; Agenda No. 16, Legislative File No. 67886; Agenda No. 17, Legislative File No. 67842; Agenda No. 18, Legislative File No. 67843; Agenda No. 19, Legislative File No. 67851; Agenda No. 20, Legislative File No. 67849; and Agenda No. 21, Legislative File No. 67926.

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2022-2023 Proposed Olbrich Fees

Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Miller Fienen, to Approve the fees.

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2022 Proposed Shelter Fees

Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Miller Fienen, to Approve the fees.

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2022 Proposed Parks Division Fees - Mooring; Watercraft Storage; Violation Ranges; Disc Golf, Dog Park, Lake Access, and Cross Country Ski Permits

Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Miller Fienen, to Approve the fees.



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Dane County Department of Waste & Renewables Informational Presentation Regarding Possible Future Use of Portion of Yahara Hills Golf Course for Proposed Yahara Sustainability Campus

**Streets Superintendent Charlie Romines discussed the proposal and answered questions related to the City's perspective.**

**Registered Speaker Director of Dane County Waste and Renewables John Welch provided an overview of the proposal and was available to answer questions.**

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Request from Dane County Department of Waste & Renewables to conduct exploratory site assessments and install monitoring equipment at Yahara Hills Golf Course to assess feasibility of site for proposed Yahara Sustainability Campus

**Registered Speaker Jon Warner of Ho-Chunk Gaming spoke in support.**

**Motion made by Abbas, seconded by Leopold to Approve the request. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

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2022 Board of Park Commissioners Proposed Meeting Schedule

**Motion made by Abbas, seconded by Figueroa-Cole to Approve the schedule. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion made by Figueroa-Cole, seconded by Abbas, to Adjourn at 9:18 PM. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**