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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?*

Wednesday, October 12, 2022

6:30 PM

Goodman Maintenance Facility
1402 Wingra Creek Parkway

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Goodman Maintenance Facility at 6:30PM on Wednesday, October 12, 2022. President Harrington called the meeting to order at 6:38PM. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

Members Present: Ald. Yanette Figueroa Cole; Emily Gnam; Moira Harrington; and Ben Williams.

Members Excused: Ald. Syed Abbas; Catie McDonald Shannon; and Chandra Miller Fienen.

Alders Present: Ald. Erik Paulson

Parks Staff Present: Eric Knepp; Lisa Laschinger; CJ Ryan; Terrence Thompson; Joanne Austin; Ann Freiwald; Ryan Brinza; and Colten Blackburn.

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

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Approval of the Minutes of the September 7, 2022 Board of Park Commissioners meeting.

Motion made by Gnam, seconded by Figueroa Cole, to Approve the Minutes of the September 7, 2022 Board of Park Commissioners meeting. Gnam stated that a Lake Monona Waterfront Ad Hoc Subcommittee date was listed as October 4th instead of the correct date of October 3rd, but was unsure where she saw it. Stated to continue voting to approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[73910](#)

Public Comment

Alder Erik Paulson was given permission to speak during Public Comment regarding Item 23, Legislative File 74093.

Registered speaker Jon Becker stated that he requested a transcript of the March 2020 Park Commission meeting. Spoke regarding the Reindahl Park sewer pipe, path, library, and master plan. Becker also spoke about Item 21, Legislative File 74092.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

REPORTS

President of the Park Commission

President Moira Harrington stated there is a new commissioner, Ben Williams so there will be changes in Subcommittee appointments. Williams was welcomed and introduced himself and the Commissioners introduced themselves to him. Harrington acknowledged former Commission member Madelyn Leopold and thanked her for her service. Gnam expressed gratitude to Leopold for her mentorship, and Superintendent Knepp recognized Leopold for her approach and work on policies during her time.

Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Eric Knepp provided an update regarding the Operating Budget process, including a brief overview of the proposed joint Public Works positions that will reduce reliance on seasonal staffing and create efficiencies in work among Parks, Streets and Engineering. Knepp also discussed the Parks Alive! coordinator position included in the proposed budget, which would be a new position added to Community Services that will sustain and grow upon the successful Parks Alive! pilot from 2022. Assistant Superintendent Lisa Laschinger said that a GIS Coordinator position has been added through reallocation of existing operating and capital funds.

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October 2022 Superintendent's Report

Olbrich Gardens Conservatory Curator Colten Blackburn presented the Olbrich Gardens quarterly report.

Community Services Manager Terrence Thompson presented the Community Services quarterly report.

Motion made by Gnam, seconded by Williams, to Accept the Report. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[73902](#)

Report of the Minutes of the July, 11, August 15, and October 3, 2022 Facilities, Programs and Fees Subcommittee; September 15, 2022 Golf Subcommittee; and the July 19, 2022 Olbrich Botanical Society.

Motion made by Gnam, seconded by Williams, to Approve the Minutes. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Gnam, seconded by Williams, to Approve by Consent Agenda No. 10, Legislative File No.73968; No. 11, Legislative File No. 73969; No. 12, Legislative File No. 73970; and No. 13, Legislative File No.73972; No. 14, Legislative File No. 73971; No. 15., Legislative File No. 73624; No. 16, Legislative File No. 73973; No. 17, Legislative File No. 73974, and No. 18, Legislative File No. 73975.

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2023-2024 Proposed Olbrich Fees

Motion made by Gnam, seconded by Williams, to Approve the Fees. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

- [73969](#) 2023 Proposed Shelter Fees
- Motion made by Gnam, seconded by Williams, to Approve the Fees. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- [73970](#) 2023 Proposed Park Division Fees - Mooring; Watercraft Storage; Violation Ranges; Disc Golf, Dog Park, Lake Access, and Cross Country Ski Permit.
- Motion made by Gnam, seconded by Williams, to Approve the Fees. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- [73972](#) 2023 Proposed Athletic Field Fees
- Motion made by Gnam, seconded by Williams, to Approve the Fees. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- [73971](#) 2023 Proposed Forest Hill Cemetery Fees
- Motion made by Gnam, seconded by Williams, to Approve the Fees. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- [73624](#) 2023 Proposed Golf Fees
- Motion made by Gnam, seconded by Williams, to Approve the Fees. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- [73973](#) 2023 Proposed WPCRC Fees
- Motion made by Gnam, seconded by Williams, to Approve the Fees. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- [73974](#) 2023 Proposed Special Event Fees
- Motion made by Gnam, seconded by Williams, to Approve the Fees. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- [73975](#) 2023 Proposed Recreation Services Fees
- Motion made by Gnam, seconded by Williams, to Approve the Fees. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- [74139](#) Request from Olbrich Botanical Society to close Olbrich Botanical Gardens to the public in 2022 on October 17, 18, & 31, and November 1, 9, & 10 from 10am-4pm for maintenance; and in 2023 on January 24-27 & March 1-3 for Orchid Escape Set-Up and Take-Down; March 6-17 for Pruning; July 10-11 for Blooming Butterflies Set-Up; July 13 for Member Only Day; and June 16-17 at 2pm for Summer Breeze.
- Motion made by Williams, seconded by Gnam, to Approve the Request. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

[71091](#)

Golf Code of Conduct - Behavior Policy

PGA Head Golf Professional Ryan Brinza spoke and was available to answer questions.

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

[74092](#)

Discussion of Potential Land Swap at Cherokee Marsh - North Unit

Knepp discussed the potential land swap at Cherokee Marsh and was available to answer questions. Commissioners requested that staff provide additional information.

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Biergarten Annual Update and Improvement Request

Mike Bare of BKM Group, LLC presented the update and details regarding the improvement request.

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

[74093](#)

Informational Update on Dogs in Parks Designation Process

Assistant Superintendent CJ Ryan discussed the process.

[74045](#)

Amending Resolution 22-00139 Authorizing the first amendment to the ground lease for the residential structure located at 704 East Gorham Street, within James Madison Park. (6th AD)

Motion made by Gnam, seconded by Williams, to RETURN TO LEAD WITH THE RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[74161](#)

Updating and Confirming the Board of Park Commissioners meeting locations for November and December 2022

Motion made by Williams, seconded by Figueroa Cole, to Approve future meeting locations as follows:

November 9 - Goodman Maintenance Facility

December 14 - Virtual

Motion passes by voice vote/other.

ADJOURNMENT

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