



Legislation Text

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Discussion on Board of Park Commissioners Subcommittees Future Structure

Body

Madison General Ordinance [Chapter 33](#)

https://library.municode.com/wi/madison/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=COORMAWIVOIVCH32--45_CH33BOCOCO pertains to ordinances establishing and regulating City boards, commissions, and committees, including subcommittees. The Board of Park Commissioners Rules of Procedure and Basic Policies, as required by MGO Sec. 33.05(3), were updated in July 2020 (Leg File #60340). These Policies govern the operation of the Board of Park Commissioners in accordance with MGO Secs. 33.01(9)(b) and 33.05(3). As established by Ordinance and described within the Policies, the Board of Parks Commissioners currently has five subcommittees, including Golf Subcommittee, Warner Park Community Recreation Center Advisory Subcommittee, Facilities Programs & Fees Subcommittee, Habitat Stewardship Subcommittee and Long-Range Planning Subcommittee. In addition, the Board of Park Commissioners has critical relationships with two additional organizations, including Olbrich Botanical Society and Madison Parks Foundation, which are not represented by organizations. Supporting the Legislative process for this volume of Subcommittees takes significant staff resources and also requires a great deal of time for all members of these Subcommittees.

The Task Force on Structure of City Government (TFOGS), an 11-member Task Force created by Common Council to consider issues related the powers and duties of the City's Common Council, Mayor's Office, and Boards, Commissions, and Committees, released its [FINAL REPORT](#) <https://madison.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=7932512&GUID=3E3B0D9B-5111-4472-8980-73D55A69FDB2> in 2019. As directed, TFOGS examined these issues through a specific lens: whether the City's current government structure ensures that municipal decision-makers are representative of and accountable to all of the City's residents, not just to those who have the time, resources, and knowledge to actively participate in the City's current government structure. A specific recommendation of TFOGS, among others, includes: Eliminate or combine BCCs that are redundant or have outlived their purpose.

Staff will provide updates on the current status of various Subcommittees. The Board of Park Commissioners will discuss optimal future structure of Subcommittees.