



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Park Commission

Consider:

Who benefits? Who is burdened?

Who does not have a voice at the table?

How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

5:30 PM Hybrid Meeting: In person at the Heritage Center, 3101
Lake Farm Rd, Madison; attend virtually via Zoom

A. Call To Order

Chair Ripp called the Park Commission meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Staff Present: Joleen Stinson, Lael Pascul. Chris James attended virtually.

Others Present: Aaron Mullins, Foundation for Dane County Parks Executive Director.

Youth Governance Member Emily Cai attended virtually.

Nancy Bogue, Stefanie Brouwer, Tom Thoresen attended virtually.

Present: 5 - DAVE RIPP, TOM THORESEN, GRACE MORAN, STEFANIE BROUWER and
NANCY BOGUE

Excused: 2 - ANALIESE EICHER and KRISTIE GOFORTH

B. Consideration of Minutes

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[MIN-457](#)

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Attachments: [PC 11-23-22](#)

[11-23-2022 registration report](#)

A motion was made by BROUWER, seconded by MORAN, that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote 5-0, YGP 1-0.

C. Fund Transfers - None

D. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments) - None

E. Items Requiring Committee Action

1. Conservation Fund Grant Application from Town of Westport and Groundswell Conservancy: LENA LLC parcel, North Mendota NRA

This action item was postponed until the Park Commission meeting on
January 11, 2023.

F. Presentations

1. Foundation for Dane County Parks Friends Grant Awards

The Foundation for Dane County Parks' new Executive Director Aaron Mullins introduced himself and briefly described the mission of the Foundation and the endowment. He gave a history of the Foundation's Friends Grant program and highlighted the 2023 grant award recipients.

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Foundation for Dane County Parks 2023 Friends Grant Award Summary

Attachments: [FDCP Friends Grant Awards 2023](#)

2. Dane County Parks Summer Program Recap

Engagement and Visitor Services Manager Lael Pascual presented an overview of 2022 programs and activities. The Heritage Center hosted over 200 events that had over 5,000 participants in 2022.

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RPT-596](#)

2022 Education Program Update Presentation

Attachments: [2022 Education Program Update Presentation](#)

G. Reports to Committee

1. City of Fitchburg proposed Syene/McCoy intersection reconstruction project

The City of Fitchburg is planning an intersection reconstruction project at Syene/McCoy, that will affect the Capital City Trail and trailhead parking lot. Senior Landscape Architect Chris James presented their three alignment alternatives. He noted that the City of Fitchburg is currently moving forward with Alternative 2. Staff will continue to keep the Park Commission informed as the project planning progresses.

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RPT-575](#)

City of Fitchburg McCoy Road Intersection Re-alignment Alternatives

Attachments: [McCoy Driveway Alternatives 11-11-2022](#)

2. Lower Yahara River Trail / Lake Kegonsa State Park Petition to Railroad

The next phase of the Lower Yahara River Trail will connect Fish Camp County Park to Lake Kegonsa State Park. To exit the state park and connect to Williams Dr, the trail will cross a Wisconsin & Southern Railroad line. Dane County plans to petition the Office of Commissioner of Railroads (OCR) for this crossing, which will include a resolution showing support of the crossing by Dane County. The resolution will be introduced at a future Dane County Board of Supervisors Meeting.

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RPT-576](#)

Lower Yahara River Trail in Lake Kegonsa State Park, Williams Dr Railroad Crossing

Attachments: [LYRT Williams Dr Railroad Crossing LKSP](#)

H. Future Meeting Items and Dates

1. Discuss 2023 Meeting Dates

The Dane County Park Commission generally meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 5:30 PM. Some meetings dates are changed or cancelled due to religious holidays or to prevent conflicts with scheduled County Board meetings. Final 2023 meeting schedule below.

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[RPT-597](#)

2023 Park Commission Meeting Schedule

Attachments: [2023 PC Meeting Schedule](#)

2. Next Meeting: December 28 - only held if pressing business

I. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda - None

J. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law - None

K. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned 6:43 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Joleen Stinson, pending Park Commission approval.