



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, November 10, 2021

5:30 PM

Virtual meeting: Please see top of agenda for
instructions on how to join the meeting.

A. Call To Order

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

Youth Governance Member Present: Emily Cai.

Staff Present: Joleen Stinson, Sharene Smith, Chris James, Lael Pascual.

Present: 6 - STEFANIE BROUWER, ANALIESE EICHER, DAVE RIPP, TOM THORESEN,
GRACE MORAN and KRISTIE GOFORTH

Excused: 1 - NANCY BOGUE

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2021](#) Minutes of the October 27, 2021 Park Commission Meeting
[MIN-442](#)

Attachments: [2021 PC MINUTES 10-27-21](#)

A motion was made by BROUWER, seconded by MORAN, that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote 6-0, YGP 1-0.

C. Fund Transfers - None

D. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments)

[2021](#) AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF DONATED LTE FUNDS FROM THE
[RES-241](#) FOUNDATION FOR DANE COUNTY PARKS

Sponsors: RIPP, RATCLIFF, RITT and CHAWLA

Attachments: [2021 RES-241](#)
[2021 RES-241 Fiscal Note](#)

A motion was made by GOFORTH, seconded by MORAN, that the Resolution Requiring 2/3rds Vote be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 - Supervisor EICHER, Chair RIPP, MORAN and GOFORTH

Excused: 1 - BOGUE

Recused: 2 - BROUWER and First Vice Chair THORESEN

E. Items Requiring Committee Action - None

F. Presentations - None

G. Reports to Committee

1. Heritage Center and education program update

[2021
RPT-644](#)

LWRD Education Program 2021 Overview Presentation

Attachments: [LWRD Education Program 2021 Overview](#)

Lael Pascual gave the attached 2021 education program presentation. Over 1,000 people, both youth and adults, participated in programs this summer. Programs included the Conservation Art Contest, Get Outside program, summer field trips, Girls Inc camp-outs, Junior Naturalists, Youth Environmental Leadership Experience, Youth Volunteers for Conservation, School's Out Outdoor Adventure Days, and public events like art, movies, yoga and presentations in the park. Lael also discussed interpretation and education exhibit updates in the Heritage Center and throughout William G Lunney Lake Farm Park.

2. Wisconsin Humanities Council Mini Grant update: interpretive plan for the archaeological district in William G Lunney Lake Farm Park

Earlier this year, the Friends of the Capital Springs Recreation Area received a mini-grant from the Wisconsin Humanities Council to partner with the Dane County Historical Society, the Ho-Chunk Nation, Dane County Parks and Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District to develop an interpretive plan for cultural and natural resources for the Capital Springs Recreation Area. They hired an archeological consultant to foster the various partnerships and facilitate four planning sessions. The planning sessions culminated with the development of a shared vision statement: To preserve and protect the natural and cultural landscape within the Capital Springs Recreation Area for future generations; to enhance the visitor experience through interpretation of these resources; to recognize the inherent sovereignty of the Ho-Chunk Nation of Wisconsin and their ancestral ties to this landscape; and to collaborate on projects of mutual benefit for all stakeholders. This vision statement will be used as a roadmap to guide how these organizations can work together to further develop an interpretive plan for the archaeological district in William G Lunney Lake Farm Park.

3. Recap Mazomanie Area Projects public information meeting held November 3, 2021

Dane County Parks staff held a public information meeting for a number of projects planned for the Mazomanie area. The meeting was held at Wisconsin Heights High School. Over 30 people attended and overall the feedback on all projects was very positive.

4. Prairie Moraine Park restoration update

On October 20, Dane County Parks installed a temporary chain link fence to enclose an 11 acre area so that restoration work can take place without park closures. There is a misconception circulating on social media and through an online petition that our goal is to remove every single tree in that fenced in area, which is not true. Joleen Stinson detailed the plan of which species of trees will remain and what will be planted to replace some removed invasive vegetation. Park Commission members support this restoration work.

H. Announcements

The County Board of Supervisors passed the 2022 budget on Monday, November 8.

I. Future Meeting Items and Dates

- November 24, 2021 - cancelled
- December 8, 2021
- December 22, 2021 - only held if pressing business

[2021 RPT-636](#) 2022 Proposed Park Commission Meeting Dates

Attachments: [2022 Proposed Park Commission Meeting Dates](#)

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

K. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law - None

L. Closed Session

A motion was made by THORESEN, seconded by GOFORTH, that the Park Commission meeting enter into closed session. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 - BROUWER, Supervisor EICHER, Chair RIPP, First Vice Chair THORESEN, MORAN and GOFORTH

Excused: 1 - BOGUE

CLOSED SESSION: The Park Commission entered into closed session per Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(e): The Commission may go into closed session for the purposes of deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.

M. Return to Open Session

A motion was made by THORESEN, seconded by BROUWER, that the Park Commission meeting exit out of closed session. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 - BROUWER, Supervisor EICHER, Chair RIPP, First Vice Chair THORESEN,
MORAN and GOFORTH

Excused: 1 - BOGUE

N. Adjourn

**A motion was made by BROUWER, seconded by MORAN, that the Park
Commission meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a voice vote 6-0.**

Meeting adjourned 6:58 PM.

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