



# Milwaukee County

## Meeting Minutes Committee on Parks and Culture

*Chairperson: Supervisor Sheldon A. Wasserman*

*Vice Chairperson: Supervisor Steve F. Taylor*

*Supervisor Felesia A. Martin*

*Supervisor Priscilla E. Coggs-Jones*

*Supervisor Juan Miguel Martinez*

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Tuesday, July 8, 2025

9:00 AM

Room 203-R and Microsoft Teams  
County Legislative Information Center

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### HYBRID MEETING

This meeting was held in Room 203-R, and was live-streamed on the County Legislative Information Center: <https://milwaukeecounty.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

### Call To Order

Roll Call at 9:00 a.m.

**Present** 7 - Taylor (17), Martin, Coggs-Jones, Martinez, Eckblad, O'Connor and Wasserman

**Supervisor Priscilla E. Coggs-Jones appeared virtually for today's meeting.**

**DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION, AND CULTURE - 1**

- 1      [25-457](#)      From the Executive Director of Milwaukee County Parks requesting authorization to apply for and accept State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Urban and Community Forestry Grant.

**Attachments:**      [25-457 REPORT](#)  
                                 [25-457 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                 [25-457 FISCAL NOTE](#)  
                                 [25-457 POWERPOINT](#)

**APPEARANCE:**

**Peter Bratt, Director of Operations and Skilled Trades, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture**

**A motion was made by Supervisor Martinez that this Action Report be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**

**Aye:**    7 -    Taylor (17), Martin, Coggs-Jones, Martinez, Eckblad, O'Connor and Wasserman

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES - 2**

- 2      [25-466](#)      From the Economic Development Director, Department of Administrative Services, providing an update on the disposition of the Charles Allis Art Museum and Collection and the Villa Terrace Decorative Arts Museum and Collection **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

**Attachments:**      [25-466 REPORT](#)  
                                 [25-466 POWERPOINT](#)  
                                 [25-466 CAVT POWERPOINT \(07/08/25\)](#)  
                                 [25-466 CAVT CASH BALANCE \(07/08/25\)](#)

**APPEARANCE:**

Erica Goblet, Project Manager, Economic Development, Department of Administrative Services

The following people appeared and spoke for information only regarding this Informational Report:

Barbara Velez, At-Large Member, Board of Directors, Villa Terrace Museum and Gardens (VTMG)

Marquayla Ellison, Chairperson, Board of Directors, Charles Allis Villa Terrace Museums (CAVT)

Alec Story, Executive Director, VTMG, appeared but did not speak regarding this Informational Report.

Ms. Ellison provided an electronic presentation, which is attached to this file as "25-466 CAVT POWERPOINT (07/08/25)."

Thomas Frenn, Treasurer, Board of Directors, CAVT, provided an electronic communication, which is attached to this file as "25-466 CAVT CASH BALANCE (07/08/25)" after meeting adjournment.

This Informational Report was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

- 3      [25-467](#)      From the Economic Development Director, requesting approval to modify the Contribution Agreement, process appropriation transfers needed to modify budgets, and commit to capital funding in 2027 and 2028 associated with changes resulting from the 3rd Amendment to the lease between Milwaukee County and the Marcus Center for Performing Arts. **(Referred to the Committee on Parks and Culture for INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY per Section 59.60(8), Wisconsin State Statutes; Referred to the Committee on Finance)**

Attachments:      [25-467 REPORT](#)  
                                 [25-467 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                 [25-467 FISCAL NOTE](#)  
                                 [25-467 POWERPOINT](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

Celia Benton, Director, Economic Development (ED), Department of Administrative Services (DAS)  
Erica Goblet, Project Manager, ED, DAS

The following people appeared and spoke for information only regarding this Action Report:

Kevin Giglinto, President and Chief Executive Officer, Marcus Center for the Performing Arts (Marcus Center)  
Jim Popp, Chief Executive Officer, Johnson Financial Group  
Katie Dillow, Chief Financial Officer, Marcus Center

This Action Report was referred to the Committee on Parks and Culture for INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY per Section 59.60(8), Wisconsin State Statutes, and was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

## DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION, AND CULTURE - 6

- 4      [25-458](#)      **2025 Adopted Budget Amendment 06:** From the Executive Director of Parks requesting authorization to make a capital funding commitment to the restoration of the Mitchell Park Domes contingent upon further approvals of a Lease Agreement, Development Agreement, and other necessary agreements between Milwaukee County and the Milwaukee Domes Alliance. **(Referred to the Committees on Parks and Culture; and Finance)**

Attachments:      [25-458 REPORT](#)  
                                 [25-458 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                 [25-458 FISCAL NOTE](#)  
                                 [25-458 POWERPOINT \(07/08/25\)](#)  
                                 [25-458 DOMES REIMAGINED \(07/08/25\)](#)  
                                 [25-458 P&C AMENDMENT I \(Adopted; Vote 7-0\)](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

Guy Smith, Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC)  
James "Jim" Tarantino, Deputy Director, DPRC

Mr. Tarantino provided an electronic presentation, which is attached to this file as "25-458 POWERPOINT (07/08/25)."

Christa Beall Diefenbach, Executive Director, Milwaukee Domes Alliance (MDA), appeared and spoke for information only regarding this Action Report.

The following people appeared and spoke in favor of this Action Report:

Andrew Holman, Treasurer, MDA  
Derek Clayton, MDA  
Chris Gramling  
Marta S. Alamo  
Lucas Alamo  
Beverly Smiley, President, Board of Directors, MDA  
Art Alamo

Mr. Holman distributed a document to Committee members, which is attached to this file as "25-458 DOMES REIMAGINED (07/08/25)."

William "Bill" Lynch, Preserve Our Parks, registered to speak in favor of this Action Report, but did not appear before the Committee.

The following people registered in favor of this Action Report, but did not speak:

Dawn Bressler  
Tom Rozek  
Margaret Wittig, Secretary, Board of Directors, MDA  
Karen Von Rueden, Board of Directors, MDA

Supervisor Martinez introduced Parks and Culture (P&C) Amendment I, which is attached to this file as "25-458 P&C AMENDMENT I."

A motion was made by Supervisor Martinez that this Action Report be **AMENDED** with P&C Amendment I. The motion **PREVAILED** by the following vote:

**Aye:** 7 - Taylor (17), Martin, Coggs-Jones, Martinez, Eckblad, O'Connor and Wasserman

A motion was made by Supervisor Martinez that this Action Report be **RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION AS AMENDED**. The motion **PREVAILED** by the following vote:

**Aye:** 6 - Martin, Coggs-Jones, Martinez, Eckblad, O'Connor and Wasserman

**No:** 1 - Taylor (17)

The Committee recessed from 12:04 p.m. to 12:15 p.m. Upon reconvening at 12:15 p.m., the roll was taken and six members were present.

**Roll Call at 12:15 p.m.**

**Present** 6 - Taylor (17), Martin, Martinez, Eckblad, O'Connor and Wasserman

**Excused** 1 - Coggs-Jones

**Supervisor Priscilla E. Coggs-Jones was not present at the time the roll was called, but appeared virtually shortly thereafter.**

**Supervisor Priscilla E. Coggs-Jones appeared virtually for today's meeting.**

- 5      [25-459](#)      From the Executive Director of Parks, requesting authorization to accept a grant from Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) and to grant a 20-year conservation easement for the installation of Green Infrastructure in Washington Park.

**Attachments:**      [25-459 REPORT](#)  
                                 [25-459 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                 [25-459 FISCAL NOTE](#)  
                                 [25-459 FUNDING AGREEMENT](#)  
                                 [25-459 POWERPOINT](#)

**APPEARANCE:**

Robert "Rob" Senglaub, Contracts Manager, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture

**A motion was made by Supervisor Eckblad that this Action Report be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Taylor (17), Martin, Coggs-Jones, Martinez, Eckblad, O'Connor and Wasserman

- 6      [25-456](#)      From the Executive Director of Parks, requesting authorization to grant an easement to WE Energies at Mayfair Rd and Watertown Plank Rd in Wauwatosa to provide for electric service relocation.

**Attachments:**      [25-456 REPORT](#)  
                                 [25-456 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                 [25-456 FISCAL NOTE](#)  
                                 [25-456 DRAFT EASEMENT & EXHIBIT](#)  
                                 [25-456 POWERPOINT](#)

**APPEARANCE:**

Robert "Rob" Senglaub, Contracts Manager, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture

A motion was made by Supervisor Martinez that this Action Report be **RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION**. The motion **PREVAILED** by the following vote:

**Aye:** 7 - Taylor (17), Martin, Coggs-Jones, Martinez, Eckblad, O'Connor and Wasserman

- 7      [25-455](#)      From the Executive Director of Parks, requesting authorization to grant an easement to WE Energies at Nicholson Rd and Ryan Rd in Oak Creek to provide for electric service relocation.

**Attachments:**      [25-455 REPORT](#)  
                                 [25-455 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                 [25-455 FISCAL NOTE](#)  
                                 [25-455 DRAFT EASEMENT & EXHIBITS](#)  
                                 [25-455 POWERPOINT](#)

**APPEARANCE:**

Robert "Rob" Senglaub, Contracts Manager, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture

A motion was made by Supervisor Taylor (17) that this Action Report be **RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION**. The motion **PREVAILED** by the following vote:

**Aye:** 7 - Taylor (17), Martin, Coggs-Jones, Martinez, Eckblad, O'Connor and Wasserman

- 8      [25-454](#)      From the Executive Director of Parks providing an informational report on the preliminary plans for a collaborative effort between the City of Milwaukee and Milwaukee County to install six electric vehicle charging banks on County Property, both Parkland and Zoo. **(Considered by the Committees on Parks and Culture; and Community, Environment, and Economic Development) (INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

**Attachments:**      [25-454 REPORT](#)  
                                 [25-454 AERIAL DIAGRAM](#)  
                                 [25-454 PRELIMINARY ELECTRIC VEHICLE READINESS PLAN \(64 pages\)](#)  
                                 [25-454 VEHICLE ELECTRIFICATION GUIDEBOOK \(52 pages\)](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

Sarah Toomsen, Director of Planning, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture

Grant Helle, Director, Office of Sustainability, Facilities Management Division, Department of Administrative Services

Erick Shambarger, Director of Environmental Sustainability, Environmental Collaboration Office, City of Milwaukee, appeared virtually and spoke for information only regarding this Informational Report:

This Informational Report was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

- 9      [25-453](#)      **2025 Adopted Budget Amendment 11:** From the Executive Director of Parks providing an informational report sharing the data related to water depths at both McKinley Beach and Bender Boat Launch. **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

**Attachments:**      [25-453 REPORT](#)

**APPEARANCE:**

Sarah Toomsen, Director of Planning, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture

This Informational Report was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.



**E-COMMENTS - 1**

- 10**      [25-50](#)      eComments submitted to the Committee on Parks and Culture via the County Legislative Information Center (CLIC).

\*The Office of the County Clerk collects eComments submitted via CLIC, and appends these official public records to Reference File No. 25-50 at the conclusion of each meeting.

**There were no appearances for Item 10.**

**There were no eComments submitted for the July 8, 2025, meeting.**

**The July 8, 2025, record of eComments was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.**

**Length of Meeting: 9:00 a.m. to 12:57 p.m.**

**Adjourned,**

**Kelsey A. Evans  
Committee Coordinator  
Legislative Services, Office of the County Clerk  
Committee on Parks and Culture**

Deadline for the next meeting:

The next regular meeting for the Committee on Parks and Culture is Tuesday, September 2, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

Approval Tracking System review must be completed in Legistar on or before Friday, August 15, 2025, at 5:00 p.m., for the September meeting cycle.