



# Milwaukee County

## Meeting Minutes

### Committee on Parks and Culture

*Chairperson: Supervisor Sheldon A. Wasserman*

*Vice Chairperson: Supervisor Steven Shea*

*Supervisor Steve F. Taylor*

*Supervisor Felesia A. Martin*

*Supervisor Juan Miguel Martinez*

*Committee Coordinator: Kelsey A. Evans, (414) 278-4013*

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Tuesday, March 12, 2024

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** 5 - Shea, Taylor (17), Martin, Martinez and Wasserman

#### MILWAUKEE PUBLIC MUSEUM - 1

- 1      [24-50](#)      From the President and Chief Executive Officer, Milwaukee Public Museum, providing an informational report regarding financial statements. **(Considered by the Committees on Parks and Culture; and Finance) (INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

**Attachments:**      [24-50 MARCH REPORT \(received 02/12/24\)](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

Dr. Ellen Censky, President and Chief Executive Officer, Milwaukee Public Museum (MPM) (virtually)

Thomas "Tom" O'Brien, Vice President of Finance and Operations, MPM (virtually)

The March 2024 Report for this Reference File was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

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

- 2      [24-324](#)      From the Executive Director of Milwaukee County Parks providing the Wisconsin Policy Forum Report “Natural Partners: How Local Collaboration Could Help Fix the Milwaukee County Parks”  
**(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

**Attachments:**      [24-324 REPORT](#)  
[24-324 WISCONSIN POLICY FORUM: "NATURAL PARTNERS"](#)  
[24-324 POWERPOINT \(03/12/24\)](#)

**APPEARANCE:**

James "Jim" Tarantino, Deputy Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture

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

Rob Henken, President, Wisconsin Policy Forum (WPF)

Jason Stein, Vice President and Research Director, WPF (virtually)

Mr. Henken provided an electronic presentation, which is attached to this file as "24-324 POWERPOINT (03/12/24)."

This Informational Report was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

**FACILITIES MANAGEMENT DIVISION  
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES - 1**

- 3**      [24-349](#)      From the Director, Architecture, Engineering & Environmental Services Section, Department of Administrative Services (DAS-FM), requesting authorization to apply for and accept 2025 Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection support grants, in the approximate amount of \$75,000, to partially offset the salaries, training, travel, and office expenses of the Land Conservation Department.

**(Referred to the Committees on Parks and Culture; and Finance)**

**Attachments:**      [24-349 REPORT](#)  
                                 [24-349 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                 [24-349 FISCAL NOTE](#)

**APPEARANCE:**

**Jack Sudar, Senior Environmental Engineer, Architecture, Engineering, and Environmental Services Section, Facilities Management Division, Department of Administrative Services (virtually)**

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

**Aye:** 5 - Shea, Taylor (17), Martin, Martinez and Wasserman

Items 4 and 5 were considered together.

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

- 4      [24-313](#)      From the Executive Director of Parks providing a Jackson Park Drive Project Update (**INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE**)

**Attachments:**      [24-313 REPORT](#)  
                                  [24-313 POWERPOINT \(03/12/24\)](#)  
                                  [24-313 ALTERNATIVE B VIDEO \(03/12/24\)](#)

**APPEARANCE:**

James "Jim" Tarantino, Deputy Director, Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture

Mr. Tarantino provided an electronic presentation, which is attached to this file as "24-313 POWERPOINT (03/12/24)."

Mr. Tarantino provided a video project proposal, which is linked to this file as "24-313 ALTERNATIVE B VIDEO (03/12/24)."

Items 4 and 5 were considered together.

The Informational Report associated with Item 4 was **DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.**

Items 4 and 5 were considered together.

### RESOLUTION - 1

- 5      [24-350](#)      A resolution authorizing and directing the Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture to proceed with developing constructions plans for a compromise design referred to as "Alternative C" for Capital Project WP071401 (Kinnickinnic River Parkway-Jackson Park Drive) and present the design with estimated construction costs to the board prior to submitting the department's 2025 capital project requests

**Sponsors:**            Martinez and Taylor (17)

**Attachments:**        [24-350 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                  [24-350 FISCAL NOTE](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

Supervisor Peter Burgelis, District 15  
James "Jim" Tarantino, Deputy Director, Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture  
Kelsey A. Evans, Committee Coordinator, Legislative Services Division, Office of the County Clerk  
Ciara Miller, Research and Policy Analyst, Research Services Division, Office of the Comptroller

Items 4 and 5 were considered together.

The following people appeared and spoke against this Resolution:

John Shaw  
Gail Sweet  
Marshall Gradinjan  
Elizabeth Hassman  
Tom Adamski  
Sue Saller  
Kathy Glancey  
JoAnn Hickson  
Robert Lipak

The following people appeared and spoke in favor of this Resolution:

Carl Glasemeyer  
Anna Bailakova (virtually)

The following people registered against, but not speaking, regarding this Resolution:

Gretchen Dahl  
David Wgyer  
Ann Nguyen  
Joseph Hassman  
Sandra Kelley

Supervisor Taylor (17) requested unanimous consent to be added as a cosponsor of the Resolution associated with Item 5. There being no objections

by Committee members, it was so ordered by the Chairman.

A motion was made by Supervisor Martinez that the Resolution associated with Item 5 be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. The motion was later withdrawn, therefore no vote was taken.

A motion was made by Supervisor Martinez that the Resolution associated with Item 5 be LAID OVER TO THE CALL OF THE CHAIRPERSON. The motion was later withdrawn, therefore no vote was taken.

A motion was made by Supervisor Taylor (17) that the Resolution associated with Item 5 be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

**Aye:** 5 - Shea, Taylor (17), Martin, Martinez and Wasserman

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

- 6      [24-318](#)      From the Executive Director of Milwaukee of Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture, requesting authorization to execute a Master Lease Agreement and related agreements with Cream City Red Arrow LLC, d.b.a. Bigby Coffee, and Global Orange Development LLC, for the concession operation at Red Arrow Park. **(Referred to the Committee on Parks and Culture for INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY per Section 59.52(31)(d), Wisconsin State Statutes; Referred to the Committee on Finance)**

**Attachments:**      [24-318 REPORT](#)  
                                  [24-318 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                  [24-318 FISCAL NOTE](#)  
                                  [24-318 DRAFT LEASE AGREEMENT, EXHIBITS, & ADDENDUM](#)  
                                  [24-318 POWERPOINT \(03/12/24\)](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

Jeff Orlowski, Director of Recreation and Business Services, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC)  
Veronica Rudychev, Financial Manager, DPRC  
Kelsey A. Evans, Committee Coordinator, Legislative Services Division, Office of the County Clerk

Mr. Orlowski provided an electronic presentation, which is attached to this file as "24-318 POWERPOINT (03/12/24)."

Keith Washington and Curtis Grace, Cream City Red Arrow, LLC, appeared and spoke in favor of this Action Report.

A motion was made by Supervisor Shea that this Action Report be **RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION**. The motion was later withdrawn, therefore no vote was taken.

This Action Report was considered by the Committee on Parks and Culture for **INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY**, per Section 59.52(31)(d), Wisconsin State Statutes, and **DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN**.

**The Committee recessed from 11:24 a.m. to 11:32 a.m. Upon reconvening at 11:32 a.m., the roll was taken, and four members were present.**

**Roll Call at 11:32 a.m.**

**Present**    4 - Shea, Taylor (17), Martinez and Wasserman  
**Excused**   1 - Martin

- 7      [24-309](#)      From the Executive Director of Milwaukee of County Parks, requesting authorization to enter into a lease with Rainbow Aero Modelers Society for the use of the former Rainbow Airport Field for the purpose of maintaining a radio-controlled aircraft recreational facility.

**Attachments:**      [24-309 REPORT](#)  
                                 [24-309 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                 [24-309 FISCAL NOTE](#)  
                                 [24-309 DRAFT LEASE AGREEMENT & EXHIBITS](#)  
                                 [24-309 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:** 4 - Shea, Taylor (17), Martinez and Wasserman

**Excused:** 1 - Martin

- 8      [24-317](#)      From the Executive Director of Milwaukee County Parks requesting termination of the agreement between Milwaukee County and City of Milwaukee Police Department Related to McKinley Marina as originally approved via Milwaukee County Board Resolution File #95-0863 on December 21st, 1995

**Attachments:**      [24-317 REPORT](#)  
                                 [24-317 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                 [24-317 FISCAL NOTE](#)  
                                 [24-317 BOATER SAFETY: EDUCATION AGREEMENT](#)

**APPEARANCE:**

**Veronica Rudychev, Financial 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:** 4 - Shea, Taylor (17), Martinez and Wasserman

**Excused:** 1 - Martin

- 9      [24-312](#)      Informational Report on Requests for Utility Easements and Land Sales related to Public Works projects impacting County Parks  
**(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

**Attachments:**      [24-312 REPORT](#)  
                                 [24-312 REVISED REPORT \(received 03/08/24\)](#)  
                                 [24-312 POWERPOINT \(03/12/24\)](#)

**APPEARANCE:**

Jeremy Lucas, Director of Administration and Planning, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture

Mr. Lucas provided an electronic presentation, which is attached to this file as "24-312 POWERPOINT (03/12/24)."

This Informational Report was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

10      [24-323](#)      From the Executive Director of Milwaukee County Parks, requesting a permanent easement for a WE Energies gas line relocation, as part of the City of Wauwatosa reconstruction of the bridge over the Honey Creek at Wisconsin Avenue.

**Attachments:**      [24-323 REPORT](#)  
                                  [24-323 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                  [24-323 FISCAL NOTE](#)  
                                  [24-323 DRAFT GAS EASEMENT & EXHIBITS](#)  
                                  [24-323 AERIAL MAP](#)  
                                  [24-323 POWERPOINT \(03/12/24\)](#)  
                                  [24-323 GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM \(03/12/24\)](#)  
                                  [24-323 P&C AMENDMENT I \(Adopted; Vote 4-0\)](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

Saji Villoth, Interim Contracts Manager, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC)

Jeremy Lucas, Director of Administration and Planning, DPRC

Supervisor Shawn Rolland, District 6 (virtually)

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

William "Bill" Wehrley, City Engineer, City of Wauwatosa

Nicholas "Nick" Ernster, Senior Supervisor, Wisconsin Electric Power Company

Mr. Villoth provided an electronic presentation, which is attached to this file as "24-323 POWERPOINT (03/12/24)."

Mr. Lucas provided an aerial, electronic representation through the Land Information Application, which is linked to this file as "24-323 GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (03/12/24)."

Supervisor Rolland introduced Parks and Culture (P&C) Amendment I, which is attached to this file.

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

**Aye:** 4 - Shea, Taylor (17), Martinez and Wasserman

**Excused:** 1 - Martin

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:** 4 - Shea, Taylor (17), Martinez and Wasserman

**Excused:** 1 - Martin

- 11      [24-315](#)      From the Executive Director of Milwaukee County Parks, requesting authorization to enter into an easement with WE Energies to replace existing lighting at Milwaukee County's Henry Aaron Baseball Field in Lincoln Park

**Attachments:**      [24-315 REPORT](#)  
                                  [24-315 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                  [24-315 FISCAL NOTE](#)  
                                  [24-315 DRAFT PERMANENT ELECTRICAL EASEMENT & EXHIBITS](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

Saji Villoth, Interim Contracts Manager, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC)  
Jeremy Lucas, Director of Administration and Planning, DPRC

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

**Aye:** 4 - Shea, Taylor (17), Martinez and Wasserman

**Excused:** 1 - Martin

**E-COMMENTS - 1**

- 12      [24-49](#)      eComments submitted to the Committee on Parks and Culture via the County Legislative Information Center (CLIC).

\*The Office of the County Clerk collects eComments via CLIC, and appends these official public records to Reference File No. 24-49 at the conclusion of each meeting.

**Attachments:**      [24-49 eComments \(03/12/24\)](#)

There were no appearances for Item 12.

The March 12, 2024, record of eComments is attached to this file as "24-49 eComments (03/12/24)."

The March 12, 2024, record of eComments was **DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN**.

**The foregoing items were not considered in agenda order.**

**Length of Meeting: 9:00 a.m. to 12:17 p.m.**

**Adjourned,**

**Kelsey A. Evans**

**Committee Coordinator**

**Legislative Services Division, Office of the County Clerk**

**Committee on Parks and Culture**

Deadline for the next meeting:

The next regular meeting of the Committee on Parks and Culture will be determined after the Monday, April 15, 2024, Organizational Meeting of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors.

Approval Tracking System review must be completed in Legistar on or before Friday, April 19, 2024, by 5:00 p.m., for the May meeting cycle.