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Meeting Time: 06-23-26 09:00

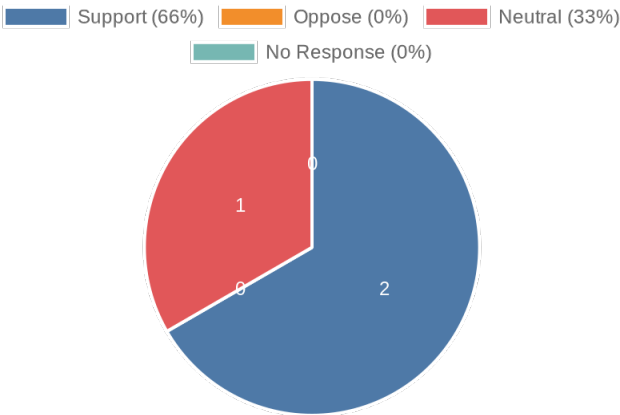
eComments Report

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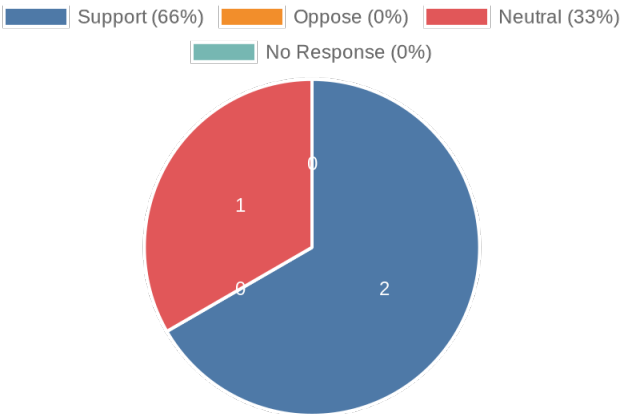
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2 26-46 From the President and Chief Executive Officer, Milwaukee Public Museum, providing an informational report regarding financial statements. (Considered by the Committees on Parks and Culture; and Finance) (INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)	1	0	0	1
1 26-500 A resolution authorizing a \$1,126,580 appropriation transfer from Agency 194-1945 - Appropriation for Contingencies to Capital Improvement Project WP083801 - Sheridan Park Bluff Stability for design and permitting expenses (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)	2	2	0	0

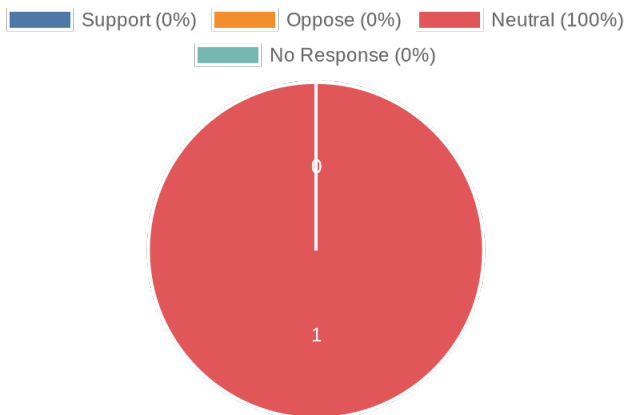
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Cori Huston

Location:

Submitted At: 9:56am 06-23-26

To the Milwaukee County Board, Parks & Culture Committee:

Re: MPM Inc.'s disposition of personal property from the Milwaukee Public Museum

I want to acknowledge that Dr. Censky and her leadership have, for years, kept this Board informed on the progress of the building and the move. That is not in dispute. But it is not the building or the move I am writing about. It is the details of what MPM Inc. now claims the right to sell, and those details will decide what is left of the museum the public knows, loves, and has paid for.

Milwaukee owns this museum. To save it, the public was told we had to build a new one. County taxpayers will pay \$55 million with interest, by the county's own accounting. State taxpayers gave another \$40 million. State and county residents both have a stake, in a building the public will not own, half the size of the one we have.

When we ask what happens to the dioramas, we are told the collections are moving. That does not answer the question. MPM Inc. has characterized what is at stake as candy dots and plastic fruit. We are not here about plastic fruit, and to treat the public's concern as trivial is not acceptable.

We read the public disposition plan. It lists "non-accessioned objects," "non-collection exhibit items," and "built environments not attached to the building" as MPM Inc.'s personal property, to sell and to keep the proceeds. Two objections. First: a private nonprofit is deciding what the County keeps and what it may sell for itself. Second: the category "built environments" does not appear in the 2013 Lease and Management Agreement. The lease defines things built onto the building as "Improvements" and states the County owns them. By our reading, this category was inserted by MPM Inc. The lease did not put it there.

The ask. Before the sale, which by MPM Inc.'s own disposition plan begins as soon as August when items are offered and tagged, with the auction to follow, we ask this committee to confirm that MPM Inc. has the right to sell or dispose of these items at all. Direct MPM Inc. to provide an itemized list of all personal property designated for disposition above a set value, with advance notice to this committee for anything over \$1,000. The genuinely trivial items need not be recorded; set a de minimis floor. But anything of real value should be named before it is sold, not reported after.

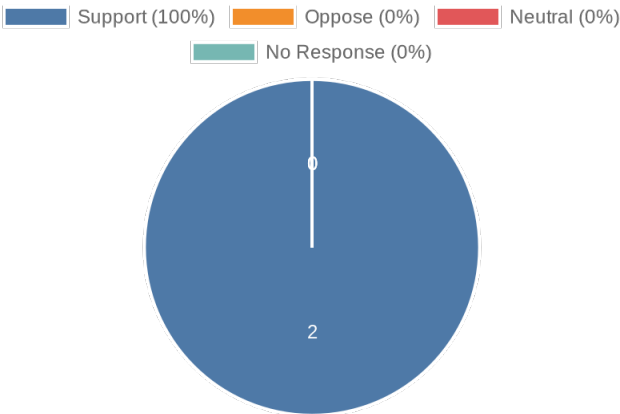
The lease already gives you this right. Section 5.6 provides that a listing of personal property sales shall be

available for inspection by the County. You are entitled to look, especially on a public investment of this size. You have already said what needs to happen. Supervisor O'Connor: trust, but verify. Supervisor Bielinski: how do we get public approval for this? President Rowland would not take a department's word without verification. The mechanism to verify does not yet exist. This committee can create it today. Among the items in question are the Charles Porteus dioramas, and these are just some of the 55 Porteus dioramas we ask you to verify are part of the collections owned by the County, not personal property MPM Inc. may sell. According to the Wisconsin Historical Society, this is the largest municipally owned museum in the world and contains the largest open air dioramas in North America. The Milwaukee Style originated here. The museum belongs to the public, and right now the public has almost no idea what is leaving it. It is the public's museum. We ask you to fight for it.

Cori Huston
www.savemppm.org

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Overall Sentiment



Bari Svoboda
Location:
Submitted At: 7:51pm 06-22-26
June 23, 2026 Public statement Parks Committee
Bari Svoboda / 4479 S Sheridan Dr. Cudahy, WI 53110

I wanted to thank Chairman Wasserman and the committee for hearing my testimony on resolution 26-500.

As a resident of Cudahy, Sheridan Park neighbor, and longtime member of the Sheridan Park Friends, I am here in support of the request for the Sheridan Park bluff stabilization design, plan and permit process.

As a neighborhood we have witnessed Sheridan Park’s lakefront bluff experience accelerated and significant erosion due to a combination of natural forces, starting with extreme high water levels in 2018 - 2020, increased

storm intensity, the August 2025 rain event, April 2026 record rain fall, and the April 27, 2026 wind storm. As a result the bluff has become a danger to not only citizens, Milwaukee county park users, Cudahy's infrastructure, and habitat.

In late April the friends group started a grass roots effort called "Help Save Sheridan Bluff" with a sandwich board sign and petition bringing awareness to the gravity of the situation.

In a few short weeks the group has:
collected over 750 signatures
organized a letter writing campaign to local, state, and federal officials
we have the support of the WI delegation as well as the support of our representatives in Madison
participated in multiple local news reports
and raised awareness to the situation which was ultimately declared and elevated to emergency status

Failure to act now will be detrimental to not only Sheridan Park but to the Parks system as a whole. If gone unchecked erosion will undoubtedly lead to a break in the oak leaf trail, loss of green space, damage to infrastructure on Sheridan drive, and pose a threat to park users safety and well-being.
I respectfully urge you to support the Sheridan Park Bluff Stabilization proposal 26-500, an essential step toward making the strongest case for WEM to pursue FEMA's BRIC grant funds.
Immediate action is both necessary and justified.
Thank you / Bari Svoboda

Chris Svoboda

Location:

Submitted At: 7:43pm 06-22-26

I want to thank the Chair and committee for hearing my testimony on resolution 26-500.

My name is Chris Svoboda. As a ten year resident of Cudahy and member of Sheridan Park Friends I am here in support of the Sheridan Park bluff stabilization plan and design.

In 2020 Lake Michigan saw all time high levels, last August Milwaukee saw a ten inch rainfall, and April 2026 was the wettest on record. Sheridan's bluffs dramatically deteriorated. The north bluff edge is now being measured in feet to the Oak Leaf Trail and Sheridan Drive.

Resolution 26-500 is the essential step to making the strongest case for WEM to pursue FEMA's BRIC grants to fund construction on Sheridan Park's bluffs.

Thank you.