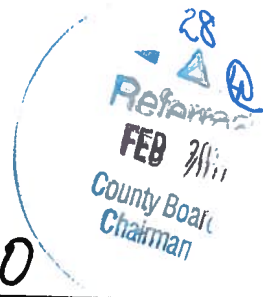


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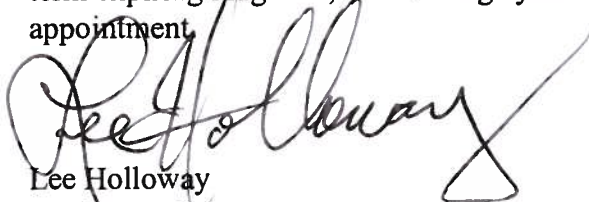
DATE : February 28, 2011
TO : Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
FROM : County Board Chairman Lee Holloway FILE NO. 11-130
SUBJECT : **Appointment of Ms. Cheri Briscoe as Chairperson of the Milwaukee County Parks Advisory Commission**

Pursuant to the provisions of Adopted County Board Resolution File No. 07-170, and subject to confirmation by this honorable body, I am pleased to appoint Ms. Cheri Briscoe as Chairperson of the Milwaukee County Parks Advisory Commission. The Parks Advisory Commission has provided policy and funding guidance to the County Board on Parks issues. Ms. Briscoe replaces Louis G. Fortis, whose term has expired.

Ms. Briscoe currently serves as alternate member of the Commission. She is a resident of the City of Milwaukee and has an extensive history of passionate involvement in environmental and outdoor recreational areas. She currently serves as an officer on the board of directors of the Park People. She also chairs the Sierra Club's Great Waters Group and teaches at the Urban Ecology Center. In addition, she has served on the Arts Advisory Committee to the Friends of the Hank Aaron State Trail.

Ms. Briscoe also has had numerous other community experiences and involvements, including as a Waukesha County Supervisor, where she chaired a recycling advisory committee and founded the Associated Recyclers of Wisconsin (AROW) organization. Her other civic activities are too extensive to easily list here, but are included in her attached resume.

Pursuant to the adopted resolution requirement of staggered terms, this appointment is for a term expiring August 1, 2013. I urge your strong consideration and confirmation of this appointment.



Lee Holloway
Chairman, County Board of Supervisors

Attachment

cc: Cheri Briscoe
Supervisor Gerry Broderick, Chair, Parks, Energy and Environment Committee
Linda Durham, Committee Clerk, Parks, Energy and Environment Committee
Julie Esch, Policy Research Analyst, Parks, Energy and Environment Committee
Sue Black, Superintendent of Parks

**Resume of Cheri Briscoe
for Nomination to the Milwaukee County Parks Advisory Commission**

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Parks and environment have been a primary interest to me for most of my life, hence I am applying for the opportunity to serve as Chairperson of the Milwaukee County Parks Advisory Commission. I am concerned about the decreases in funding that have occurred in our County Parks System starting with the first County Executive and continuing each and every year since then. While there was a time when the parks department may have needed some downsizing in the 70's, we are now to the point of anorexia.

The Parks Advisory commission was created to serve as a voice of citizens to study alternatives and advocate for parks funding, and to give the County Board another source of input as they struggle with competing, frequently underfunded mandatory program costs outside of Parks and Recreation costs.

Organizing skills, openness to new ideas, enthusiasm that generates commitment from other participants, and a habit of weighing both sides of most arguments are the skills that I would bring to Parks Advisory Commission.

In 2010 I agreed to serve as Secretary on the Board of Directors of the Park People. I am a member of Lake Park Friends. I have volunteered in weedouts and various activities in numerous parks related activities.

I also do volunteer work with the Urban Ecology Center. I have ridden all of the Oak Leaf Trail at various times since it was originally created as the 76 Trail for the bicentennial. I have hiked and explored the majority of parks in Milwaukee County.

Below is a resume of my occupations and other community activities.

2010 Appointed to serve as the Alternate to the Milwaukee County Parks Advisory Committee

2002-2003 Served as the Sierra Club representative on the Parks, Recreation and Culture Funding Task Force, chaired by Supervisor Dan Diliberti.

2002-2006 Chair of Great Waters Group –Sierra Club
The Great Waters Group has approximately 3500 members in four counties, approximately 1900 members in Milwaukee county. I also served as the Outings activities chairperson for several years.

2002 to present – Volunteer Teaching Assistant at Urban Ecology Center – Riverside Park

2005 Member of the Arts Advisory Committee to the Friends of the Hank Aaron State Trail

1996 – 2001 – Returned to teaching. I chose to teach in the Milwaukee Public Schools. I believe cities are the backbone of our nation. Education of urban children is important to making our cities and nation strong. I taught math and art at Milwaukee High School of the Arts.

1984 – 1996 Elected to 6 terms on the Waukesha County Board
While on the County Board I served as:
Chair – Recycling Advisory Committee, then Solid Waste Board for 12 years
Chair – Law Enforcement 2 years
Chair – Public Works Committee 4 years
Elected to County Board Administrative Committee 4 years
Elected Vice Chair of County Board 1994-96
Served on Human Resources Committee, 2 years, and Human Services Committee 4 years.

During my county Board years I was a founding member of AROW (Associated Recyclers of Wisconsin) serving on that Board of Directors for 4 years. I also co-founded the Elmbrook Senior Taxi, Inc. and served as Chair of the Board of Directors for 5 years.

1972 – 1984 Homemaker, artist & community volunteer
Chair of Elmbrook League of Women Voters 1973-76
Served on several advisory committees to Waukesha County Board and Elm Grove Village Board
Started recycling programs in Elm Grove and Brookfield

1969-1972 Taught math and art at Horace Mann Junior High School, West Allis, Wisconsin

1965-68 Taught math and art at Stoughton High School, Stoughton, Wisconsin

1963-65 Taught math at Lindberg Junior High School, Lindberg, Missouri

1963 Graduated from Southeast Missouri State College, B.S. Degree in Education, Majors in Art and Math

1959 Graduated from St. Charles High School, St. Charles, MO