



# 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*

*Supervisor Jack Eckblad*

*Supervisor Anne O'Connor*

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Tuesday, September 3, 2024

9:00 AM

Room 201-B and Microsoft Teams  
County Legislative Information Center

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#### HYBRID MEETING

This meeting was held in Room 201-B, and was live-streamed on the County Legislative Information Center: <https://milwaukeecounty.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

#### Call To Order

##### Roll Call at 9:08 a.m.

**Present** 4 - Taylor (17), Martin, O'Connor and Wasserman

**Absent** 3 - Coggs-Jones, Martinez and Eckblad

The Committee stood informal from 9:08 a.m. to 9:11 a.m., due to technical difficulties. Upon reconvening at 9:11 a.m., the roll was taken, and all members were present.

##### Roll Call at 9:11 a.m.

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

Supervisors Priscilla E. Coggs-Jones, Juan Miguel Martinez, and Jack Eckblad appeared virtually for today's meeting.

**APPOINTMENT - 1**

- 1      [24-692](#)      From the County Executive, appointing Samantha Maldonado to the Marcus Performing Arts Center Board of Directors for a term expiring on September 19, 2027.

**Attachments:**      [24-692 APPOINTMENT LETTER](#)  
                                 [24-692 BIOGRAPHY/RESUME](#)

**APPEARANCE:**

Timothy "Tim" Schabo, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the County Executive (virtually)

Samantha Maldonado, Appointee, appeared virtually and spoke in favor of this Appointment.

A motion was made by Supervisor Martin that this Appointment be **RECOMMENDED FOR CONFIRMATION**. The motion **PREVAILED** by the following vote:

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

**RESOLUTION - 1**

- 2      [24-673](#)      A resolution establishing a policy preference for designating bicycles lanes with white paint for Capital Improvement Project WH0250 East Mason Street Bridge over Lincoln Memorial Drive **(09/03/24: Laid Over to the Call of the Chairperson)**

**Sponsors:**      Wasserman

**Attachments:**      [24-673 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                 [24-673 FISCAL NOTE](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

Guy Smith, Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC)  
Jeff Sponcia, Transportation Program Planning Manager, Department of Transportation (virtually)

A motion was made by Supervisor Wasserman that this Resolution be **LAI D OVER TO THE CALL OF THE CHAIRPERSON**. The motion **PREVAILED** by the following vote:

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

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

- 3**      [24-778](#)      From the Executive Director of Parks providing an informational report on Bender Park. **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

Attachments:      [24-778 REPORT](#)  
                                 [24-788 POWERPOINT \(09/03/24\)](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

**Sarah Toomsen, Assistant Director of Planning, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC)**  
**Peter Bratt, Director of Operations and Skilled Trades, DPRC**

**Ms. Toomsen provided an electronic presentation, which is attached to this file as "24-778 POWERPOINT (09/03/24)."**

**A motion was made by Supervisor Taylor (17) that this Informational Report be RECOMMENDED TO BE RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**

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

**[ORDINANCE] - 1**

- 4      [24-575](#)      A resolution/ordinance amending Section 47.48 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances to increase the penalty for illegal dumping on county park property to \$5,000. **(Referred to the Committees on Parks and Culture [P&C]; and Judiciary, Law Enforcement, and General Services) (07/09/24 P&C Meeting: Referred to the Office of Corporation Counsel)**

**Sponsors:**      Rolland, Taylor (17), Martinez, Eckblad, Vincent, Capriolo, Martin and O'Connor

**Attachments:**      [24-575 RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE](#)  
[24-575 FISCAL NOTE](#)  
[24-575 P&C AMENDMENT I \(Adopted; Vote 7-0\)](#)  
[24-575 OCC OPINION \(received 08/30/24\)](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

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

**Scott F. Brown, Corporation Counsel, Office of Corporation Counsel**

**Sandra "Sandy" Saltzstein, Research and Policy Analyst, Research Services Division, Office of the Comptroller**

**Kelsey A. Evans, Committee Coordinator, Legislative Services, Office of the County Clerk**

This Resolution/Ordinance was temporarily laid over until later in the meeting by unanimous consent of Committee members.

Supervisor Taylor (17) introduced Parks and Culture (P&C) Amendment I, which is attached to this file as "24-575 P&C AMENDMENT I."

Supervisor O'Connor requested unanimous consent to be added as a cosponsor of this Resolution/Ordinance. There being no objections by Committee members, it was so ordered by the Chairman.

A motion was made by Supervisor Taylor (17) that this Resolution/Ordinance 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 Taylor (17) that this Resolution/Ordinance be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION AS AMENDED. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

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

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

- 5      [24-726](#)      From the Executive Director of Milwaukee County Parks, requesting authorization to enter into any and all contracts and take all actions necessary to effectuate multiple Area of Concern grants from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for the Planning and Design Phases for the 2024-2025 Area of Concern projects.  
**(Referred to the Committees on Parks and Culture; and Finance)**

**Attachments:**      [24-726 REPORT](#)  
                                 [24-726 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                 [24-726 FISCAL NOTE](#)  
                                 [24-726 POWERPOINT](#)  
                                 [24-726 BRADFORD & MCKINLEY BEACHES SCOPE OF WORK](#)  
                                 [24-726 MENOMONEE RIVER PKWY & HOYT PARK](#)  
                                 [24-726 KLETZSCH PARK WILDLIFE ENHANCEMENTS](#)  
                                 [24-726 MENOMONEE RIVER PARKWAY SECTIONS 5 & 6](#)  
                                 [24-726 EPA TERMS AND CONDITIONS \(OCTOBER 2023\)](#)  
                                 [24-726 GRANT APPROVAL NOTIFICATION](#)

**APPEARANCES:**  
Robert "Rob" Senglaub, Contracts Manager, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC)  
Natalie Dutack, Area of Concern Project Supervisor, DPRC

**A motion was made by Supervisor Martin 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      [24-721](#)      From the Executive Director of Parks requesting authorization to apply for and accept a State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Urban and Community Forestry Grant. **(Referred to the Committees on Parks and Culture; and Finance)**

**Attachments:**      [24-721 REPORT](#)  
                                  [24-721 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                  [24-721 FISCAL NOTE](#)  
                                  [24-721 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

- 7      [24-722](#)      From the Executive Director of Parks requesting authorization to enter into a Subaward Agreement with the City of Milwaukee to accept funding from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)'s Urban and Community Forestry Grant. **(Referred to the Committees on Parks and Culture; and Finance)**

**Attachments:**      [24-722 REPORT](#)  
                                  [24-722 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                  [24-722 FISCAL NOTE](#)  
                                  [24-722 SUBAWARD AGREEMENT](#)  
                                  [24-722 POWERPOINT \(09/03/24\)](#)

**APPEARANCE:**

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

Mr. Bratt provided an electronic presentation, which is attached to this file as "24-722 POWERPOINT (09/03/24)."

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

- 8      [24-709](#)      From the Executive Director of Parks requesting authorization to reallocate returned funding from unspent Parks Amenities Matching Fund (PAMF) and sPark projects toward the 2024 budget deficit and close the fund. **(Referred to the Committees on Parks and Culture; and Finance)**

**Attachments:**      [24-709 REPORT](#)  
                                  [24-709 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                  [24-709 FISCAL NOTE](#)

**APPEARANCE:**

James "Jim" Tarantino, Deputy Director, 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

- 9      [24-720](#)      From the Executive Director of Parks, requesting authorization to enter into an easement with the City of South Milwaukee to install, operate and maintain an underground Water Main Pipe

**Attachments:**      [24-720 REPORT](#)  
                                  [24-720 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                  [24-720 FISCAL NOTE](#)  
                                  [24-720 DRAFT EASEMENT](#)  
                                  [24-720 UTILITY EASEMENT SCHEMATIC](#)  
                                  [24-720 UTILITY EASEMENT LEGAL DESCRIPTION](#)  
                                  [24-720 POWERPOINT](#)  
                                  [24-720 AERIAL DIAGRAM](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

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

James "Jim" Tarantino, Deputy Director, DPRC

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

10        [24-707](#)        From the Executive Director of Parks, requesting authorization to enter into a lease agreement with The Boldt Company to place a jobsite trailer on the Kinnickinnic River Parkway adjacent to Aurora St. Luke's Hospital

- Attachments:**    [24-707 REPORT](#)  
                          [24-707 RESOLUTION](#)  
                          [24-707 FISCAL NOTE](#)  
                          [24-707 POWERPOINT](#)  
                          [24-707 EXHIBIT A - BOLDT TRAILER AERIAL MAP](#)  
                          [24-707 EASEMENT AGREEMENT - 2003 AND EXHIBITS](#)  
                          [24-707 DRAFT LEASE AGREEMENT](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

Robert "Rob" Senglaub, Contracts Manager, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC)  
James "Jim" Tarantino, Deputy Director, DPRC

**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 - 1**

- 11      [24-767](#)      From the Director of Economic Development, Department of Administrative Services, requesting authorization to enter into negotiations with Friends of Villa Terrace, Inc., for the management and operation of the Villa Terrace Decorative Arts Museum with the goal of reducing or eliminating the capital and operational support of the Charles Allis Art Museum and the Villa Terrace

**Attachments:**      [24-767 REPORT](#)  
                                  [24-767 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                  [24-767 FISCAL NOTE](#)  
                                  [24-767 POWERPOINT \(received 08/27/24\)](#)  
                                  [24-767 WRITTEN MATERIALS \(09/03/24\)](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

Erica Goblet, Project Manager, Economic Development, Department of Administrative Services  
Scott F. Brown, Corporation Counsel, Office of Corporation Counsel  
Kelsey A. Evans, Committee Coordinator, Legislative Services, Office of the County Clerk

The following people appeared and spoke in favor of this Action Report:  
Barbara Velez, Board Member and Chairperson, Request for Information Committee, Friends of Villa Terrace (FOVT)  
Douglas Rose, President, FOVT

The following people appeared and spoke for information only regarding this Action Report:  
Keith Trafton, Chief Executive Officer, Bartolotta Restaurant Group  
Marquayla Ellison, Board Member, Charles Allis and Villa Terrace Museums, Inc. (CAVT)  
Thomas Haslett, Board Member, CAVT  
Jaymee Harvey Willms, Executive Director, CAVT

The following people appeared and spoke against this Action Report:  
Claudia Egan, Board Chair, Board of Directors, Charles Allis and Villa Terrace Museums, Inc. (CAVT)  
Marilyn Knodel, Board Member, CAVT  
Suzanne Holton  
Christine McMahon

Ms. McMahon distributed materials to Committee members, which are attached to this file as "24-767 WRITTEN MATERIALS (09/03/24)."

Ben Cook registered as speaking against this Action Report, but did not appear before the Committee.

Anorea Taxman registered in favor, but not speaking, regarding this Action Report.

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

**The Committee recessed from 12:02 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, Coggs-Jones, Martinez, O'Connor and Wasserman

**Excused** 1 - Eckblad

**Supervisor Jack Eckblad was not present at the time the roll was called, but appeared virtually shortly thereafter.**

**Supervisors Priscilla E. Coggs-Jones, Juan Miguel Martinez, and Jack Eckblad appeared virtually for today's meeting.**

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

- 12      [24-723](#)      From the Executive Director of Parks providing an informational report on the Domes Reimagined Campaign (**INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE**)

**Attachments:**      [24-723 REPORT](#)  
                                 [24-723 POWERPOINT \(09/03/24\)](#)  
                                 [24-723 SAVING THE DOMES BY THE NUMBERS \(09/03/24\)](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

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

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

Christa Beall Diefenbach, Executive Director, Friends of the Domes (FOD)

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

Emma Rudd, Executive Director, Milwaukee Preservation Alliance  
Bill Lynch, Former Chairman, Milwaukee County Task Force on the Mitchell Park Conservatory Domes  
Marta S. Alamo  
Arthur "Art" Alamo  
Andrew Holman, Treasurer, FOD  
Beverly Smiley, Board Chairperson, FOD  
Brian Weinhold, FOD  
Jonathan Beck, Development Project Manager, The Alexander Company

Mr. Tarantino provided an electronic presentation, which is attached to this file as "24-723 POWERPOINT (09/03/24)."

Mr. Holman distributed a document to Committee members, which is attached to this file as "24-723 SAVING THE DOMES BY THE NUMBERS (09/03/24)."

Derek Clayton registered as speaking in favor of this Informational Report, but did not appear before the Committee.

The following people registered in favor, but not speaking, regarding this Informational Report:

Margaret Wittig  
Jenne John  
Mark P. Behar, Member, Advisory Council, Commission on Aging

A motion was made by Supervisor Martinez that this Informational Report be **RECOMMENDED TO BE RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE**. The motion **PREVAILED** by the following vote:

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

- 13      [24-730](#)      From the Executive Director of Parks providing an informational report on the McGovern Park Senior Center - MKE Hubs report.

**(Considered by the Committees on Parks and Culture; and Health Equity, Human Needs, and Strategic Planning) (INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

Attachments:      [24-730 REPORT](#)  
[24-730 THE MKE HUBS: REIMAGINING SENIOR CENTERS](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

Guy Smith, Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture  
Kelsey A. Evans, Committee Coordinator, Legislative Services, Office of the County Clerk

Eugene R. Guskowski, Legislative Officer and Member, Commission on Aging, and Chairperson, Select Committee on Senior Centers, appeared and spoke for information only regarding this Informational Report.

Mark P. Behar, Member, Advisory Council, Commission on Aging, registered in favor, but not speaking, regarding this Informational Report.

This Informational Report was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

- 14      [24-713](#)      From the Executive Director of Parks providing an informational report on the research into Park Utility Easement Fees and Best Practices **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

Attachments:      [24-713 REPORT](#)

**APPEARANCE:**

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

This Informational Report was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

- 15      [24-717](#)      From the Executive Director of Parks, providing an informational report for a possible City of Wauwatosa storm sewer easement near 113th Street and Watertown Plank Road. **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

**Attachments:**      [24-717 REPORT](#)  
                                 [24-717 AERIAL DIAGRAM](#)  
                                 [24-717 PRELIMINARY EASEMENT EXHIBIT SCHEMATIC](#)  
                                 [24-717 POWERPOINT](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

James "Jim" Tarantino, Deputy Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC)  
Robert "Rob" Senglaub, Contracts Manager, DPRC

This Informational Report was **DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.**

- 16      [24-706](#)      From the Executive Director of Parks providing an informational report on the Whitnall Golf Course Irrigation and Cart Path Construction Projects **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

**Attachments:**      [24-706 REPORT](#)  
                                 [24-706 POWERPOINT \(09/03/24\)](#)

**APPEARANCE:**

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

Mr. Tarantino provided an electronic presentation, which is attached to this file "24-706 POWERPOINT (09/03/24)."

This Informational Report was **DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.**

- 17      [24-719](#)      From the Executive Director of Parks providing an informational report on the tree planting efforts at the Kinnickinnic River Parkway **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

**Attachments:**      [24-719 REPORT](#)  
                                 [24-719 POWERPOINT](#)  
                                 [24-719 AERIAL DIAGRAM](#)

**APPEARANCE:**

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

This Informational Report was **DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.**

**E-COMMENTS - 1**

18      [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 Part I \(09/03/24\)](#)  
                                 [24-49 eComments Part II \(09/03/24\)](#)  
                                 [24-49 eComments Part III \(09/03/24\)](#)

**APPEARANCE:**

Kelsey A. Evans, Committee Coordinator, Legislative Services, Office of the County Clerk

The September 3, 2024, record of eComments is attached to this file as "24-49 eComments Part I (09/03/24)," "24-49 eComments Part II (09/03/24)," and "24-49 eComments Part III (09/03/24)."

The September 3, 2024, record of eComments was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

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

**Length of Meeting: 9:08 a.m. to 2:30 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, December 3, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

Approval Tracking System review must be completed in Legistar on or before WEDNESDAY, November 13, 2024, at 5:00 p.m., for the December meeting cycle.