



OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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MILWAUKEE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Date: April 20, 2022
To: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
From: David Crowley, County Executive
Subject: Reappointment of Guy Smith to Executive Director of Milwaukee County Parks

Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute Sec. 59.17(2) and subject to confirmation by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors, I am pleased to reappoint Mr. Guy Smith to the position of Executive Director of Milwaukee County Parks. The appointment length is four years, at which point it will be again subject to your confirmation.

Mr. Smith has over two decades of experience working in county parks and the U.S. Forest Service. He joined Milwaukee County Parks in 2004, starting as a trail coordinator. Mr. Smith quickly grew into supervision and management and transitioned to several roles within the department including deputy regional manager – land resources and chief of operations. He has served as Executive Director for Milwaukee County Parks since June 2018.

Prior to coming to Milwaukee County, he served as acting assistant facility manager with the USDA Forest Service, where he assisted in managing an operations and maintenance budget of \$700,000.

Over the last four years, Mr. Smith has brought stability to the Parks Department during transition, difficult times, including a global pandemic. As part of our effort to make Milwaukee County more equitable, the Parks Department has developed an equity index to better prioritize capital and major maintenance projects across the Park System through a racial equity lens. He has worked diligently with the Milwaukee Parks Foundation, which launched in November 2019, as a separate 501c3. Mr. Smith worked with the Kellogg Peak Initiative at Tiefenthaler Park to secure an agreement in which they provided \$5 million dollars in upgrades to the Parks building and surrounding area. Milwaukee County Parks has had a successful partnership with MMSD under Mr. Smith's leadership. This included the de-channelization of the KK River through Pulaski-Milwaukee Park, as well as other environmental and aesthetic upgrades in the park.

I have every confidence that Mr. Smith will provide the leadership needed for Milwaukee County. I urge you to give this reappointment your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,



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Guy Smith