

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

Date: June 23, 2023
To: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
From: Guy Smith, Executive Director, Milwaukee County Parks
Subject: Mitchell Park Domes Future State Planning and Cost Estimating Update
File Type: Informational Report

REQUEST

This report is for informational purposes, there is no request at this time.

POLICY

Wisconsin State Statutes:	
Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances:	
Specific Adopted Budget:	
Specific Adopted Budget Amendment:	
Specific Adopted Capital Project:	

BACKGROUND

In December 2022, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors passed a Resolution which requested information from the Parks Department related to the future state of the Mitchell Park Domes. Among other things, the Resolution asked the Parks Department to “present a report to the County Board at the July 2023 cycle which shall evaluate options including:

- (1) Demolition, which should include an estimate for recommended site improvements for Mitchell Park if the Domes are demolished
- (2) Limited scope repairs to address deferred maintenance and code compliance Concerns
- (3) Full building renovation including the building envelope (glass, seals, concrete coating)
- (4) Phase III ArtsMarket, LLC proposal for a New Urban Botanical Park and Conservatory”

At the date of this report submission, progress is being made on developing the Board’s requested report however a final report is not yet available. During the July County Board cycle information will be provided regarding the refinement of future state options for the Mitchell Park Domes, construction cost estimates for each future state option, and results from a fundraising feasibility campaign and community survey.

Related File No's:	22-1184
Associated File No's (Including Transfer Packets):	
Previous Action Date(s):	

ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Describe how the item aligns to the objectives in the [strategic plan](#):

- 1A: Reflect the full diversity of the County at every level of County government
- 1B: Create and nurture an inclusive culture across County government
- 1C: Increase the number of County contracts awarded to minority and women-owned businesses
- 2A: Determine what, where, and how we deliver services to advance health equity
- 2B: Break down silos across County government to maximize access to and quality of services offered
- 2C: Apply a racial equity lens to all decisions
- 3A: Invest “upstream” to address root causes of health disparities
- 3B: Enhance the County’s fiscal health and sustainability
- 3C: Dismantle barriers to diverse and inclusive communities

FISCAL EFFECT

None

TERMS

None

VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES

None

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