



Milwaukee County

Meeting Minutes Committee on Parks and Culture

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Vice Chairperson: Supervisor Steve F. Taylor

Supervisor Felesia A. Martin

Supervisor Priscilla E. Coggs-Jones

Supervisor Juan Miguel Martinez

Supervisor Jack Eckblad

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Tuesday, June 10, 2025

9:00 AM

Room 203-R and Microsoft Teams
County Legislative Information Center

HYBRID MEETING

This meeting was held in Room 203-R, and was live-streamed on the County Legislative Information Center: <https://milwaukeecounty.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

Call To Order

Roll Call at 9:00 a.m.

Present 6 - Taylor (17), Martin, Coggs-Jones, Eckblad, O'Connor and Wasserman

Excused 1 - Martinez

Supervisor Priscilla E. Coggs-Jones appeared both in person and virtually for today's meeting.

Supervisor Jack Eckblad appeared virtually for today's meeting.

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES /
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION, AND CULTURE (DPRC) /
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES - 1**

- 1 [25-414](#) A report from the Executive Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Executive Director, Department of Parks, and Executive Director, Department of Administrative Services, authorizing Milwaukee County to approve a ground lease agreement term sheet with Jewish Family Services, Inc. and its assigns and affiliates for development of a mixed-use senior/community center and affordable housing project at McGovern Park, and to take related actions to support the feasibility and advancement of the project **(Referred to the Committees on Parks and Culture; Health Equity, Human Needs, and Strategic Planning; and Finance)**

Attachments: [25-414 REPORT](#)
 [25-414 RESOLUTION](#)
 [25-414 FISCAL NOTE](#)
 [25-414 AERIAL SITE MAP - EXHIBIT A](#)
 [25-414 GROUND LEASE TERM SHEET AND EXHIBIT B](#)
 [25-414 OOE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY](#)
 [25-414 POWERPOINT \(06/10/25\)](#)
 [25-414 WRITTEN TESTIMONY \(06/10/25\)](#)
 [25-414 LETTER & PETITION \(06/10/25\)](#)

APPEARANCES:

Guy Smith, Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC)
Isaac Rowlett, Strategy Director, Strategy Division, Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance (OSBP)
Joseph "Joe" Lamers, Director, OSBP
Aaron Hertzberg, Director, Department of Administrative Services
Shakita LaGrant-McClain, Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)
Connor Goggans, Senior Real Estate Project Manager, Housing Services (HS), DHHS (virtually)
Sumaiyah Clark, Chief Equity Officer, Office of Equity
James "Jim" Tarantino, Deputy Director, DPRC
James "Jim" Mathy, Administrator, HS, DHHS
Supervisor Steven Shea, District 8
Supervisor Patti Logsdon, District 9
Supervisor Justin Bielinski, District 16 (virtually)
Supervisor Kathleen Vincent, District 11 (virtually)
Supervisor Caroline Gómez-Tom, District 14 (virtually)
Sandra "Sandy" Saltzstein, Research and Policy Analyst, Research Services Division, Office of the Comptroller

Mr. Rowlett provided an electronic presentation, which is attached to this file as "25-414 POWERPOINT (06/10/25)."

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

Commissioner Ezran Anastas, District 7, Commission on Youth

Dr. Janice "Jan" Wilberg, Chairperson, Commission on Aging (COA)

Aaron Moriak

Ron Oshima, Board Member, Jewish Family Services, Inc. (JFS)

Eugene "Gene" R. Guskowski, Legislative Officer and Chairperson, Senior Center Committee, COA

Denise Callaway, Chairperson, Aging Advisory Council, and Member, COA

Daniel McMurray

Daniel Fleischman, Vice President of Housing and Residential Services, JFS

Howard Snyder, Member, COA

George Banda, Member, COA

Dr. Janice "Jan" Wilberg and Eugene "Gene" R. Guskowski distributed materials to Committee members, which are attached to this file as "25-414 WRITTEN TESTIMONY (06/10/25)."

Supervisor Martin distributed materials to Committee members, which are attached to this file as "25-414 LETTER & PETITION (06/10/25)."

The following people appeared and spoke against this Action Report:

Maria Elena Calhoun

Mary Killins

Dain Maddox

Ruthie Johnson

Joan Snowden

Roxie Touchstone

Katlin Hahn, Director of Operations, Havenwoods Neighborhood Partnership

William "Bill" Lynch, Board Member, Preserve Our Parks (POP)

Greg F. Bird

Ola Mitchell

Jeff Martinka, Board Member, POP

Elizabeth Barbee

Lawrence Buob

Carrie Porter

Terry Harris

Minnie Harmon

Shirley Hassel

Eddee Daniel, Board Member, POP

The following people registered against, but did not speak, regarding this Action Report:

Ethyl Clark

Cindi Callner

Mary Dauden

Edwina Beanum

Tonjuana Kidd

Rita Cox

Michael Vanblaricum, President and Chief Executive Officer, Serving Older Adults, registered to speak in favor of this Action Report, but did not appear before the Committee.

A motion was made by Supervisor Taylor (17) that this Action Report be **RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION**. The motion **PREVAILED** by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Taylor (17), Coggs-Jones, Eckblad and Wasserman

No: 2 - Martin and O'Connor

Excused: 1 - Martinez

The Committee recessed from 12:17 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. Upon reconvening at 12:30 p.m., the roll was taken and four members were present.

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

Excused 2 - Martin and Martinez

Absent 1 - Coggs-Jones

Supervisors Felesia A. Martin was not present at the time the roll was called, but appeared shortly thereafter.

Supervisor Priscilla E. Coggs-Jones was not present at the time the roll was called, but appeared virtually later in the meeting.

Supervisor Priscilla E. Coggs-Jones appeared both in person and virtually for today's meeting.

Supervisor Jack Eckblad appeared virtually for today's meeting.

DPRC - 1

- 2 [25-432](#) From the Executive Director of Parks providing an informational report on the abandoned boat along the shore of Lake Michigan between North Point and McKinley beach (**Considered by the Committees on Parks and Culture; and Finance**) (**INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE**)

Attachments: [25-432 REPORT](#)

APPEARANCES:

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

Guy Smith, Director, DPRC

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

Supervisor Steven Shea, District 8

This Informational Report was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

RESOLUTION - 1

- 3 [25-437](#) Requesting that the Parks Department conduct testing of the Hales Corners Pool and its systems to assess the maintenance needs and repairs necessary to resume pool operations

Sponsors: Logsdon, Wasserman, Capriolo, Rolland, Martin and Vincent

Attachments: [25-437 RESOLUTION](#)
 [25-437 FISCAL NOTE](#)

APPEARANCES:

Supervisor Patti Logsdon, District 9

Guy Smith, Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture

Supervisor Kathleen Vincent, District 11 (virtually)

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

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

Aye: 5 - Taylor (17), Martin, Coggs-Jones, O'Connor and Wasserman

Excused: 2 - Martinez and Eckblad

DPRC - 4

- 4 [25-374](#) From the Executive Director of Milwaukee County Parks, requesting authorization to enter into a Maintenance Agreement with Lake Park Friends for the stabilization and revegetation of the Wahl Avenue Bluff in Lake Park.

Attachments: [25-374 REPORT](#)
 [25-374 RESOLUTION](#)
 [25-374 FISCAL NOTE](#)
 [25-374 MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT](#)
 [25-374 RIGHT OF ENTRY PERMIT](#)
 [25-374 LAKE PARK AGREEMENT AREA AERIAL MAP](#)
 [25-374 POWERPOINT](#)

APPEARANCES:

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

Robert "Rob" Senglaub, Contracts Manager, DPRC

A motion was made by Supervisor Taylor (17) that this Action Report be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Taylor (17), Martin, Coggs-Jones, O'Connor and Wasserman

Excused: 2 - Martinez and Eckblad

- 5 [25-372](#) From the Executive Director of Parks, requesting authorization to grant a 20-year conservation easement to the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District for the grant-funded green infrastructure project located at McKinley Marina, just north of downtown on the lakefront.

Attachments: [25-372 REPORT](#)
 [25-372 RESOLUTION](#)
 [25-372 FISCAL NOTE](#)
 [25-372 GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING AGREEMENT](#)
 [25-372 MMSD GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE AERIAL MAP](#)
 [25-372 POWERPOINT](#)

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 Martin that this Action Report be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Taylor (17), Martin, Coggs-Jones, O'Connor and Wasserman

Excused: 2 - Martinez and Eckblad

- 6 [25-371](#) From the Executive Director of Milwaukee County Parks, requesting authorization to swap sections of Dale Creek for Grootemaat Woods between Milwaukee County Parks and the Village of Greendale.

Attachments: [25-371 REPORT](#)
 [25-371 RESOLUTION](#)
 [25-371 FISCAL NOTE](#)
 [25-371 LEASE AGREEMENT AREA AERIAL MAP](#)
 [25-371 RESTRICTIVE COVENANT - GREENDALE](#)
 [25-371 RESTRICTIVE COVENANT - MILWAUKEE COUNTY](#)
 [25-371 POWERPOINT](#)

APPEARANCES:

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

Robert "Rob" Senglaub, Contracts Manager, DPRC

Supervisor Kathleen Vincent, District 11 (virtually)

A motion was made by Supervisor Taylor (17) that this Action Report be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Taylor (17), Martin, Coggs-Jones, O'Connor and Wasserman

Excused: 2 - Martinez and Eckblad

- 7 [25-373](#) From the Executive Director of Parks providing an update on public engagement regarding the Mill Pond and Dam in Oak Creek Parkway.
(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)

Attachments: [25-373 REPORT](#)
 [25-373 POWERPOINT](#)

APPEARANCES:

Sarah Toomsen, Director of Planning, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC)

Pa Phouala Vang, Special Projects Coordinator, DPRC

This Informational Report was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

CLOSED SESSION: ITEM 8

The Committee may adjourn into closed session under the provisions of Section 19.85(1)(g), Wisconsin State Statutes (State Statutes), for the purpose of the Committee receiving oral or written advice from legal counsel concerning strategy to be adopted with respect to pending or possible litigation with regard to the following matter(s).

At the conclusion of the closed session, the Committee may reconvene in open session to take whatever actions it may deem necessary.

A motion was made by Supervisor Taylor (17) that this meeting be **ADJOURNED INTO CLOSED SESSION** to consider Item 8, under the provisions of Section 19.85(1)(g), State Statutes. The motion **PREVAILED** by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Taylor (17), Martin, Coggs-Jones, O'Connor and Wasserman

Excused: 2 - Martinez and Eckblad

OFFICE OF CORPORATION COUNSEL - 1

8 [25-268](#)

From the Office of Corporation Counsel requesting approval of a resolution authorizing Milwaukee County, Department of Parks, to enter into a Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release with Grandview Management, Inc. d/b/a Zilli Hospitality Group resolving certain disputes under the 2013 Boerner Catering and Facility Management Services Agreement, as amended by the May 2, 2019 First Amendment. **(Referred to the Committees on Judiciary, Law Enforcement, and General Services [JLEGS]; Finance; and Parks and Culture [P&C]) (JLEGS Meeting 04/15/25: Laid Over for One Meeting) (County Board Meeting 05/22/25: Referred to the Committees on P&C and JLEGS)**

Attachments: [25-268 REPORT](#)
[25-268 RESOLUTION](#)
[25-268 FISCAL NOTE](#)
[25-268 SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT](#)
[25-268 COUNTY BOARD RESOLUTION \(05/22/25\)](#)

APPEARANCES:

Scott F. Brown, Corporation Counsel, Office of Corporation Counsel
Guy Smith, Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC)
James Tarantino, Deputy Director, DPRC
Kelsey A. Evans, Committee Coordinator, Legislative Services, Office of the County Clerk

Item 8 was discussed in both Open and Closed Session.

A motion was made by Supervisor Taylor (17) that this Action Report be

RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Taylor (17), Martin, Coggs-Jones and Wasserman

No: 1 - O'Connor

Excused: 2 - Martinez and Eckblad

The Committee was in Closed Session from 1:32 p.m. to 2:09 p.m.

The Committee Reconvened in Open Session at 2:09 p.m.

Supervisor Coggs-Jones was not present at the time the roll was called on this motion, but later requested unanimous consent to be recorded as voting in the affirmative. There being no objections by Committee members, it was so ordered by the Chairman.

A motion was made by Supervisor Martin that the Committee RECONVENE in Open Session. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Taylor (17), Martin, Coggs-Jones, O'Connor and Wasserman

Excused: 2 - Martinez and Eckblad

Upon reconvening in Open Session, the roll was taken and four members were present.

Roll Call at 2:09 p.m.

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

Excused 3 - Coggs-Jones, Martinez and Eckblad

Supervisor Priscilla E. Coggs-Jones was not present at the time the roll was called, but appeared virtually shortly thereafter.

MILWAUKEE PUBLIC MUSEUM - 1

- 9 [25-51](#) 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)**

Attachments: [25-51 JUNE REPORT \(received 05/21/25\)](#)

APPEARANCES:

Dr. Ellen Censky, President and Chief Executive Officer, Milwaukee Public Museum (MPM) (virtually)

Thomas "Tom" Oechler, Chief Financial Officer, MPM (virtually)

The June Report for this Reference File was **DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.**

E-COMMENTS - 1

- 10 [25-50](#) eComments submitted to the Committee on Parks and Culture via the County Legislative Information Center (CLIC).

*The Office of the County Clerk collects eComments submitted via CLIC, and appends these official public records to Reference File No. 25-50 at the conclusion of each meeting.

There were no appearances for Item 10.

There were no eComments submitted for the June 10, 2025, meeting.

The June 10, 2025, record of eComments was **DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.**

The foregoing items were not considered in agenda order.

Length of Meeting: 9:00 a.m. to 2:34 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, July 8, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

Approval Tracking System review must be completed in Legistar on or before WEDNESDAY, June 18, 2025, at 5:00 p.m., for the July meeting cycle.