



September Board Cycle

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**Date:** August 13, 2019  
**To:** Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Chairman, County Board of Supervisors  
**From:** Guy Smith, Executive Director, Milwaukee County Parks  
**Subject:** **Providing an informational report regarding the transition in leadership at the Mitchell Park Horticultural Conservatory (The Domes) – INFORMATIONAL**

#### Issue

Milwaukee County Parks is providing an update on transition in leadership at the Mitchell Park Domes.

#### Background

The Mitchell Park Horticultural Conservatory (The Domes) is managed by a position titled the “Horticultural Services Director” more commonly referred to as the Domes Director. This individual is responsible for the day-to-day management of the facility and staff, developing and implementing special events, and building partnerships to increase attendance and educational programming. Organizationally, the Domes are within the Horticulture area of the Recreation Division of the Parks Department and this position reports directly to the Assistant Director of Recreation and Business Services.

For the past 13 years, the Domes Director position has been held by Sandy Folaron who retired in early August 2019. In her role, Sandy spearheaded events such as Very Fairy Princess Day, Day of the Dead, Music Under Glass and the Gardens & Gears Steampunk Faire. Sandy was also involved in the greenhouse construction project and lead several innovative projects, shows, installations and special events at the Domes. Milwaukee County Parks is thankful and appreciative of Sandy for her service and managing the Domes especially through the temporary closure in 2016. Upon learning of Sandy’s retirement, Parks leadership conducted an internal search for a new candidate. Part of the desire to focus internally was to create opportunities for cross-training and learning from Sandy the daily management needs of the position. Through that process, Doris Maki was identified as the ideal candidate.



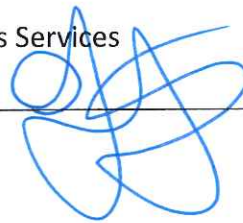
Doris has been with the Parks Department since 2008 and has steadily grown in the organization from Senior Executive Assistant, to Special Events Coordinator, to Public Services Manager while adding skills, responsibilities, and knowledge of the department along the way. Doris has many positive attributes that lend themselves to this new role including incredible customer service skills, employee and budget management, event coordination, fund development, and partnership development. Doris began as the acting Domes Director in late June with a planned transition to a full-time role once her current Public Services Manager position is filled.

### Recommendation

This report is for information purposes, there is no recommendation at this time.

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