



December Board Cycle

Milwaukee County Parks
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Date: November 12, 2019
To: Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Chairman, County Board of Supervisors
From: Guy Smith, Executive Director, Milwaukee County Parks
Subject: **Authorization to enter into a Friends Agreement with The Park People of Milwaukee County, Inc. - ACTION**

Issue

The Executive Director of Milwaukee County Parks is requesting authorization to execute a Friends Agreement between Milwaukee County Parks and The Park People of Milwaukee County, Inc.

Background

Milwaukee County and The Park People have had a mutually beneficial partnership for over forty years. The Park People is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization whose mission is to support Milwaukee County Parks by promoting the value of educating stakeholders about Milwaukee County parks, encouraging park improvement through Friends Groups, coordinating Weed-Out® programs and accepting and honoring donor intent of charitable contributions while balancing long term park viability.

Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances establishes guidelines for relationships between County departments and support groups and Chapter 13.06 requires a written agreement between the friends' group and the department to be negotiated and presented to the County Executive and County Board for approval. Although several agreements have existed between The Park People and Milwaukee County there has been no overarching Friends Agreement governing the relationship between Milwaukee County Parks and The Park People.

The initial term for the Friends Agreement is the calendar year and it will automatically renew unless and until either party gives six months' notice of its intent to terminate the agreement, or it is terminated by mutual consent, or terminated for cause. The agreement complies with the requirements in Chapter 13 of the Milwaukee County Code of



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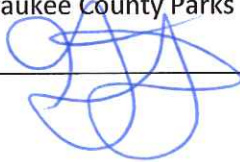
General Ordinances governing relationships between departments and support groups. Key terms of the Agreement include requirements for solicitations and donations, reporting requirements, the County audit provision, insurance requirements, and an understanding of the County Board's commitment to open records, open meetings, affirmative action, and a code of ethics. Additionally, based on recent audit reports regarding other Friends Groups the agreement includes a section requiring that The Park People has written policies and procedures regarding its internal controls to allow for better monitoring of the agreement by Milwaukee Count Parks.

Recommendation

Milwaukee County Parks respectfully recommends that it be authorized to execute a Friends Agreement between Milwaukee County Parks and The Park People of Milwaukee County, Inc.

Prepared By: Erica Hayden, Contracts Manager, Milwaukee County Parks

Approved By: Guy Smith, Executive Director _____



Attachments

- Resolution
- Fiscal Note
- Friends Agreement

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