



# Milwaukee County

## Meeting Minutes

### Committee on Parks and Culture

*Chairperson: Supervisor Sheldon A. Wasserman*

*Vice Chairperson: Supervisor Steven Shea*

*Supervisor Steve F. Taylor*

*Supervisor Felesia A. Martin*

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Tuesday, January 23, 2024

9:00 AM

Room 203-R & Microsoft Teams  
County Legislative Information Center

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#### 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 9:07 a.m.

**Present** 5 - Shea, Taylor (17), Martin, Martinez and Wasserman

**Supervisor Juan Miguel Martinez appeared virtually for today's meeting.**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT /  
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES - 1**

- 1      [24-128](#)      From the Economic Development Director, Department of Administrative Services requesting authorization to apply for, accept, and implement an Idle Sites Redevelopment Program Grant in a maximum amount of \$200,000 from the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation to assist in the Urban Ecology Center Riverland Development Project. **(Referred to the Committees on Parks and Culture; and Finance)**

**Attachments:**      [24-128 REPORT](#)  
                                 [24-128 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                 [24-128 FISCAL NOTE](#)  
                                 [24-128 UEC RIVERLAND PROJECT PROPOSAL](#)  
                                 [24-128 UEC RIVERLAND EVENT HALL SITE PLAN](#)  
                                 [24-128 DPRC SUPPORT LETTER](#)

**APPEARANCE:**  
Celia Benton, Director, Economic Development (ED), Department of Administrative Services (DAS)

Heather Reindl, Contracts Manager, ED-DAS, appeared but did not speak regarding this Action Report.

Marcos Guevara, Director of Strategy and Operations for Community Engagement, Urban Ecology Center, appeared virtually and spoke for information only regarding this Action Report.

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

**Aye:** 5 - Shea, Taylor (17), Martin, Martinez and Wasserman

**DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION, AND CULTURE - 8**

- 2      [24-116](#)      From the Executive Director of Milwaukee County Parks, requesting authorization to enter into any and all contracts and take all actions necessary to effectuate a \$200,000 grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for the Kohl Park Wildlife Enhancements - Planning and Design phases in the Milwaukee Estuary Area of Concern. **(Referred to the Committees on Parks and Culture; and Finance)**

**Attachments:**      [24-116 REPORT](#)  
                                 [24-116 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                 [24-116 FISCAL NOTE](#)  
                                 [24-116 DRAFT AGREEMENT \(27 pages\)](#)  
                                 [24-116 EPA GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS \(32 pages\)](#)  
                                 [24-116 SCOPE OF WORK](#)  
                                 [24-116 POWERPOINT \(01/23/24\)](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

Jeremy Lucas, Director of Administration and Planning, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC)

Natalie Dutack, Area of Concern (AOC) Program Supervisor, DPRC (virtually)

Mackenzie Franz, AOC Project Manager, DPRC (virtually)

Ms. Dutack and Ms. Franz provided an electronic presentation, which is attached to the file as "24-116 POWERPOINT (01/23/24)."

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

**Aye:** 5 - Shea, Taylor (17), Martin, Martinez and Wasserman

- 3      [24-115](#)      **2024 Adopted Budget Amendment 42:** From the Executive Director of Milwaukee County Parks Requesting Approval to Release Funding From 2024 Adopted Budget Amendment 42. **(Referred to the Committees on Parks and Culture; and Finance)**

**Attachments:**      [24-115 REPORT](#)  
                                 [24-115 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                 [24-115 FISCAL NOTE](#)  
                                 [24-115 POWERPOINT \(01/23/24\)](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

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

Mr. Tarantino provided an electronic presentation, which is attached to this file as "24-115 POWERPOINT (01/23/24)."

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

**Aye:** 5 - Shea, Taylor (17), Martin, Martinez and Wasserman

- 4      [23-1064](#)      Authorization to grant waivers to various special event organizers for events that impede access to Lincoln Memorial Drive on various dates in 2024

**Attachments:**      [23-1064 REPORT](#)  
                                 [23-1064 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                 [23-1064 FISCAL NOTE](#)  
                                 [23-1064 EVENT CHART](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

James "Jim" Tarantino, Deputy Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture  
Andrea Wallace, Assistant Director, Recreation and Business Services, 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 - Shea, Taylor (17), Martin, Martinez and Wasserman

- 5      [24-114](#)      From the Executive Director of Milwaukee of County Parks, requesting authorization to enter into Agricultural Lease Agreements for the benefit of Milwaukee County land.

**Attachments:**    [24-114 REPORT](#)  
                          [24-114 RESOLUTION](#)  
                          [24-114 FISCAL NOTE](#)  
                          [24-114 2020 AGRICULTURAL LAND LEASE POLICY](#)  
                          [24-114 HOLTERMAN LEASE AGREEMENT](#)  
                          [24-114 SCHAEFER LEASE AGREEMENT](#)  
                          [24-114 POWERPOINT \(01/23/24\)](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

Jeremy Lucas, Director of Administration and Planning, Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture (DPRC)  
Saji Villoth, Interim Contracts Manager, DPRC

Mr. Lucas provided an electronic presentation, which is attached to this file as "24-114 POWERPOINT (01/23/24)."

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 - Shea, Taylor (17), Martin, Martinez and Wasserman

- 6        [24-118](#)        From the Executive Director of Milwaukee of County Parks, providing information on the City of Wauwatosa project for reconstruction of the bridge over the Honey Creek at Wisconsin Avenue and Honey Creek Parkway (**INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE**)

**Attachments:**    [24-118 REPORT](#)  
[24-118 AERIAL MAP](#)  
[24-118 EXISTING UTILITY EXHIBIT](#)  
[24-118 DPRC SECTION 4\(F\) IMPACTS EXHIBIT](#)  
[24-118 EXISTING MANHOLES MAP](#)  
[24-118 GAS MAIN RELOCATIONS MAP](#)  
[24-118 DPRC NOTICE OF MAJOR IMPROVEMENT](#)  
[24-118 EVERSTREAM DRAWINGS](#)  
[24-118 QUIT CLAIM DEED](#)  
[24-118 FILE NO. 14-438 RESOLUTION](#)  
[24-118 POWERPOINT \(01/23/24\)](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

Jeremy Lucas, Director of Administration and Planning, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC)  
Saji Villoth, Interim Contracts Manager, DPRC

Mr. Villoth provided an electronic presentation, which is attached to this file as "24-118 POWERPOINT (01/23/24)."

A motion was made by Supervisor Martin that this Informational Report be **RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION**. The motion was later withdrawn, therefore no vote was taken.

This Informational Report was **DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN**.

- 7        [24-122](#)        From the Executive Director of providing an informational report on WP054501- Whitnall Golf Course Irrigation (**INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE**)

**Attachments:**    [24-122 REPORT](#)  
[24-122 PROJECT INFORMATION](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

Jon Canavan, Superintendent, Golf Turf Operations, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC)  
Jeremy Lucas, Director of Administration and Planning, DPRC  
Supervisor Patti Logsdon, District 9

This Informational Report was **DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN**.

- 8      [24-120](#)      Red Arrow Concessionaire Report - Parks Response to 2024 Budget Amendment 42. **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

**Attachments:**      [24-120 REPORT](#)  
                                 [24-120 POWERPOINT \(01/23/24\)](#)

**APPEARANCE:**

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

Mr. Tarantino provided an electronic presentation, which is attached to this file as "24-120 POWERPOINT (01/23/24)."

This Informational Report was **DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.**

- 9      [24-121](#)      From the Executive Director of Parks providing an informational update on the activities of the Safety, Security and Training team from 2023. **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

**Attachments:**      [24-121 REPORT](#)  
                                 [24-121 POWERPOINT](#)

**APPEARANCE:**

Todd Pisarski, Safety, Security, and Training Manager, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture

This Informational Report was **DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.**

**RESOLUTION - 1**

- 10      [24-246](#)      A resolution authorizing an appropriation transfer of \$75,000 from Agency 194-1945 - Appropriation for Contingencies to Capital Project WP078601 - South Side Dog Exercise Area for planning and design of a new dog park to replace Runway Dog Park. **(Referred to the Committees on Parks and Culture; and Finance)**

**Sponsors:**      Clancy, Shea and Martinez

**Attachments:**      [24-246 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                  [24-246 FISCAL NOTE](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

Supervisor Ryan Clancy, District 4 (virtually)  
Guy Smith, Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC)  
Jeremy Lucas, Director of Administration and Planning, DPRC  
Supervisor Patti Logsdon, District 9

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

**Aye:** 5 - Shea, Taylor (17), Martin, Martinez and Wasserman



**MILWAUKEE COUNTY ZOO - 1**

- 11      [23-1065](#)      From the Executive Zoo Director of the Milwaukee County Zoo requesting \$450,173 from Agency 194-1945 Appropriation for Contingencies (2023 Fiscal Year) and \$1,042,556 from Agency 194-1945 Appropriation for Contingencies (2024 Fiscal Year) to allocate additional funds for Capital Project WZ018501 Humboldt Penguin Exhibit Renovation. **(Referred to the Committees on Parks and Culture; and Finance)**

**Attachments:**      [23-1065 REPORT](#)  
                                 [23-1065 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                 [23-1065 FISCAL NOTE](#)  
                                 [23-1065 PENGUIN FILTRATION \(01/23/24\)](#)  
                                 [23-1065 PENGUIN EXHIBIT ENHANCEMENT \(01/23/24\)](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

Amos Morris, Director, Milwaukee County Zoo (virtually)

John Tepler, Senior Project Manager, The Concord Group, appeared virtually and spoke for information only regarding this Action Report.

Mr. Morris provided an electronic document, which is attached to this file as "23-1065 PENGUIN FILTRATION (01/23/24)."

Mr. Tepler provided an electronic document, which is attached to this file as "23-1065 PENGUIN EXHIBIT ENHANCEMENT (01/23/24)."

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

**Aye:** 4 - Taylor (17), Martin, Martinez and Wasserman

**No:** 1 - Shea

**E-COMMENTS - 1**

12      [24-49](#)      eComments submitted to the Committee on Parks and Culture via the County Legislative Information Center (CLIC).

\*The Office of the County Clerk collects eComments via CLIC, and appends these official public records to Reference File No. 24-49 at the conclusion of each meeting.

There were no appearances for Item 12.

There were no eComments submitted for the January 23, 2024, meeting.

The January 23, 2024, record of eComments was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

**The foregoing items were not considered in agenda order.**

**Length of Meeting: 9:07 a.m. to 11:32 a.m.**

**Adjourned,**

**Allyson R. Smith  
Committee Coordinator  
Legislative Services Division, 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, March 12, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

Approval Tracking System review must be completed in Legistar on or before Friday, February 16, 2024, at 5:00 p.m., for the March meeting cycle.