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Date: August 28, 2017

To: Jason Haas, Chair, Parks, Energy and Environment Committee

From: John Dargle, Jr., CPRP, Director, Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture (DPRC)

Subject: **Mitchell Park Horticultural Conservatory (The Domes) Update (INFORMATIONAL)**

**ISSUE**

Informational report relating to the Milwaukee County Task Force on the Mitchell Park Conservatory Domes, authorized by adopted File #16-200. The Mitchell Park Horticultural Conservatory (The Domes) is the subject of a long-range planning effort, currently led and facilitated by the Domes Task Force.

**BACKGROUND**

Since the last update to the Parks, Energy, and Environment Committee in June of 2017, the Domes Task Force met on August 8, 2017 to kick off the Future Path and Feasibility Study with the consultant team of HGA. A presentation on the scope of the work to be done in fall and winter of 2017 was shared, and the approach included a strategy for the five key elements of the study:

- Programs and services
- Revenue generation and financial impacts
- Operations and management
- Social and economic impacts
- Site/structure and facility

A target date of December of 2017 has been set for the conclusion of Phase I of the Feasibility Study. Phase II of the project will then follow, with a focus on public outreach and feedback.

All file reports related to the work of the Milwaukee County Task Force on the Mitchell Park Conservatory Domes can be found at File # 16-636.



**RECOMMENDATION**

No action requested. Informational item unless further action required.

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**Approved by:**

  
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John Dargle, Jr., CPRP, Director

**Attachments:**

Attachment 1 – August 8, 2017 Domes Task Force Agenda

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