



Milwaukee County

Meeting Minutes

Committee on Parks and Culture

Chairperson: Supervisor Sheldon A. Wasserman

Vice Chairperson: Supervisor Anne O'Connor

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, May 26, 2026

9:00 AM

Room 203-R and Microsoft Teams
County Legislative Information Center

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 9:05 a.m.

Present 6 - O'Connor, Taylor, Coggs-Jones, Martinez, Eckblad and Wasserman

Excused 1 - Martin

Supervisors Priscilla E. Coggs-Jones, Juan Miguel Martinez, and Jack Eckblad appeared virtually for today's meeting.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES (DAS) /
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION, AND CULTURE (DPRC) - 1**

1 [26-422](#) Request to approve funding structure for CAMPAC allocations beginning in 2026

Attachments: [26-422 REPORT](#)
 [26-422 RESOLUTION](#)
 [26-422 FISCAL NOTE](#)

APPEARANCE:

Celia Benton, Director, Economic Development, Department of Administrative Services

Katharina Hren, Chairwoman, Cultural, Artistic, and Musical Programming Advisory Council, appeared virtually and spoke for information only regarding this Action Report.

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

Aye: 4 - O'Connor, Coggs-Jones, Martinez and Wasserman

No: 2 - Taylor and Eckblad

Excused: 1 - Martin

DAS / DPRC - 1

- 2 [26-403](#) The Milwaukee County Parks Department, in coordination with the Department of Administrative Services - Economic Development and Real Estate Services Division, is requesting approval authorizing Milwaukee County to enter into a long-term lease agreement with Two Weathervanes, LLC for the lease of Trimborn Farm, located at 8881 W. Grange Avenue, Greendale, Wisconsin. **(Referred to the Committees on Finance; and Parks and Culture)**

Attachments: [26-403 REPORT](#)
 [26-403 RESOLUTION](#)
 [26-403 FISCAL NOTE](#)
 [26-403 DRAFT LEASE AGREEMENT](#)
 [26-403 POWERPOINT](#)

APPEARANCES:

Erica Goblet, Project Manager, Economic Development, Department of Administrative Services
Robert "Rob" Senglaub, Contracts Manager, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture
Supervisor Kathleen Vincent, District 11 (virtually)

The following people appeared and spoke against this Action Report:

Judy Krajniak
Ron Raasch, Two Hands Restoration
Rex Raasch

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

Aye: 6 - O'Connor, Taylor, Coggs-Jones, Martinez, Eckblad and Wasserman

Excused: 1 - Martin

**DAS /
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES - 1**

- 3** [26-328](#) An action report providing and update on the status of the McGovern Senior Center and requesting \$100,000 from Org. Unit 194-1945 -Appropriate for Contingencies fund planning, design, and cost estimating expenses by the Department of Administrative Services Facilities Management Division as they work with the Department of Health and Human Services for a long-term senior center solution on the Northwest Side of Milwaukee **(Referred to the Committees on Parks and Culture [P&C] and Health Equity, Human Needs, and Strategic Planning for INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY per Section 59.60(8), Wisconsin State Statutes [State Statutes]; Referred to the Committee on Finance) (03/19/26 County Board [CB] Meeting: Laid Over for One Meeting) (04/20/26 CB Meeting: Referred to the Committees on P&C; and Finance)**

Attachments: [26-328 REPORT](#)
 [26-328 RESOLUTION](#)
 [26-328 FISCAL NOTE](#)
 [26-328 REMEDIAL ACTION TIMELINE](#)
 [26-328 MOISTURE INVESTIGATION](#)
 [26-328 POWERPOINT \(11/11/25 COMMUNITY PRESENTATION\)](#)
 [26-328 POWERPOINT \(received 02/26/26\)](#)
 [26-328 INFORMATION SESSIONS FLYER \(03/05/26\)](#)
 [26-328 COUNTY BOARD RESOLUTION](#)
 [26-328 MCGOVERN FUTURE FUNDING \(received 05/15/26\)](#)
 [26-328 COUNTY BOARD RESOLUTION](#)

APPEARANCE:

Aaron Hertzberg, Director, Department of Administrative Services

Denise Callaway, Chairperson, Advisory Council, and Commissioner, Commission on Aging, appeared and spoke in favor of this Action Report.

A motion was made by Supervisor Eckblad that this Action Report be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION, however the motion was later withdrawn, therefore no vote was taken.

This Action Report was referred to the Committee on Parks and Culture for INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY, per Section 59.60(8), Wisconsin State Statutes, and was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

DPRC - 4

- 4 [26-386](#) From the Executive Director of Parks requesting authorization to grant an easement to American Transmission Company (ATC) on County-owned land adjacent to Silver Spring Drive and I-41.

Attachments: [26-386 REPORT](#)
 [26-386 RESOLUTION](#)
 [26-386 FISCAL NOTE](#)
 [26-386 AERIAL MAP](#)
 [26-386 DRAFT PERMANENT EASEMENT AND EXHIBITS](#)
 [26-386 POWERPOINT](#)

APPEARANCES:

Robert "Rob" Senglaub, Contracts Manager, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC)
Vanessa Koster, Director of Administration, DPRC
Kelsey A. Nyen, Committee Coordinator, Legislative Services, Office of the County Clerk
James Davies, Assistant Corporation Counsel, Office of Corporation Counsel (virtually and in person)

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

Aye: 3 - Taylor, Eckblad and Wasserman

No: 3 - O'Connor, Coggs-Jones and Martinez

Excused: 1 - Martin

A motion was made by Supervisor Taylor that this Action Report be RECONSIDERED. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - O'Connor, Taylor, Coggs-Jones, Martinez, Eckblad and Wasserman

Excused: 1 - Martin

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

Aye: 5 - Taylor, Coggs-Jones, Martinez, Eckblad and Wasserman

No: 1 - O'Connor

Excused: 1 - Martin

- 5 [26-387](#) From the Executive Director of Parks requesting authorization to retroactively submit and accept a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant in the amount of \$752,783 to support the redesign and construction of a splash pad at Washington Park Pool. **(Referred to the Committees on Finance; and Parks and Culture)**

Attachments: [26-387 REPORT](#)
 [26-387 RESOLUTION](#)
 [26-387 REVISED RESOLUTION \(received 04/29/26\)](#)
 [26-387 FISCAL NOTE](#)
 [26-387 DNR GRANT APPLICATION](#)
 [25-387 POWERPOINT](#)

APPEARANCE:

Robert "Rob" Senglaub, Contracts Manager, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture

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

Aye: 6 - O'Connor, Taylor, Coggs-Jones, Martinez, Eckblad and Wasserman

Excused: 1 - Martin

- 6 [26-388](#) From the Executive Director of Parks, providing an update the Milwaukee Parks Foundation. **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

Attachments: [26-388 REPORT](#)
 [26-388 POWERPOINT \(05/26/26\)](#)

APPEARANCE:

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

Rebecca Stoner, Executive Director, Milwaukee Parks Foundation, appeared and spoke for information only regarding this Informational Report.

Ms. Stoner provided an electronic presentation, which is attached to this file as "26-388 POWERPOINT (05/26/26)."

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

- 7 [26-404](#) From the County Executive, reappointing Guy Smith to Executive Director of the Milwaukee County Parks for a four-year term.

Attachments: [26-404 APPOINTMENT LETTER](#)
 [26-404 BIOGRAPHY/RESUME](#)

APPEARANCES:

Mary Jo Meyers, Chief of Staff, Office of the County Executive
Guy Smith, Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture

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

Aye: 6 - O'Connor, Taylor, Coggs-Jones, Martinez, Eckblad and Wasserman

Excused: 1 - Martin

RESOLUTION - 1

- 8 [26-473](#) A resolution declaring June 6, 2026 “Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center Day” in Milwaukee County in recognition of its 50th anniversary

Sponsors: Nicholson-Bovell, O'Connor, Martinez, Eckblad, Coggs-Jones, Capriolo, Taylor and Wasserman

Attachments: [26-473 RESOLUTION](#)
 [26-473 FISCAL NOTE](#)

APPEARANCES:

Chairwoman Marcelia Nicholson-Bovell, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (virtually)
Supervisor Sky Z. Capriolo, District 15 (virtually)
Kelsey A. Nyen, Committee Coordinator, Legislative Services, Office of the County Clerk

Chairwoman Nicholson-Bovell requested unanimous consent that Supervisors O'Connor, Martinez, Eckblad, Coggs-Jones, Capriolo, Taylor, and Wasserman be added as cosponsors of this Resolution. There being no objections by Committee members, it was so ordered by the Chairman.

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

Aye: 6 - O'Connor, Taylor, Coggs-Jones, Martinez, Eckblad and Wasserman

Excused: 1 - Martin

E-COMMENTS - 1

- 9 [26-45](#) 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. 26-45 at the conclusion of each meeting.

There were no appearances for Item 9.

There were no eComments submitted for the May 26, 2026, meeting.

The May 26, 2026, record of eComments was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

Length of Meeting: 9:05 a.m. to 10:43 a.m.

Adjourned,

**Kelsey A. Nyen
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, June 23, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

Approval Tracking System review must be completed in Legistar on or before THURSDAY, May 21, 2026, at 5:00 p.m., for the June meeting cycle.