

# Committee on Parks and Culture on 2022-11-10 9:30 AM - SPECIAL HYBRID MEETING

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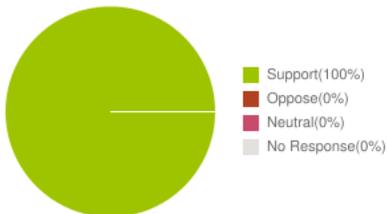
## eComments Report

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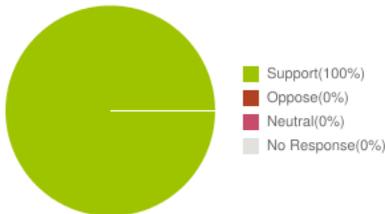
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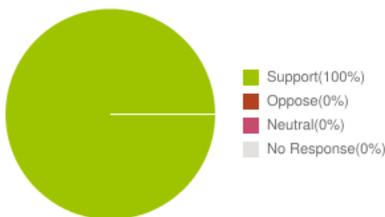
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**Jeremy Ebersole**

Location:  
 Submitted At: 3:20pm 11-09-22

I am Jeremy Ebersole, and I'm privileged to serve as the Executive Director of the Milwaukee Preservation Alliance. I strongly urge you today to support overriding the recent veto of the resolution you passed directing the County to nominate the Domes to the National Register of Historic Places. As those of us who work day in and day out with historic preservation and the National Register have said since Day 1, and as this Committee and the full Board understood through your recent discussions, listing the Domes on the National Register does not tie the County's hands. I recently spoke directly with the State Historic Preservation Office who confirmed that the

State has no regulatory authority over buildings listed on the National Register. The same is true of the Federal government. While conversations would be required, listing would not require the County to get approval from another government body before taking a specific action at the Domes.

I would further remind the committee that much of the work is already done and the County has already paid for it. A local preservation consulting firm was contracted a few years ago to produce a largely complete nomination that can now be updated and submitted. There is little risk to the County in moving forward, as the Domes have already been determined preliminarily eligible for listing on the National Register.

One key benefit to moving forward now is that National Register listing is a necessary step to accessing Historic Tax Credits (though it does not compel use of them). Through a partnership model as has been used in New York's Central Park and all over the country, Historic Tax Credits could provide a significant amount of funding to make a long term solution for the Domes possible and reduce costs to the County. This summer's County-commissioned Baker Tilly/Husch Blackwell report confirmed that Historic Tax Credits up to \$7 million were a feasible funding source for the Domes. A 2018 report in File 19-55 provides direction to the County on how such a use would be possible. National Register listing is a necessary step toward using these credits if desired, but the listing itself does not require the use of Historic Tax Credits nor approval for changes from any other government entity.

Thank you as always for your consideration and your service.