

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

Date: April 17, 2020

To: Supervisor James "Luigi" Schmitt, Chair, Committee on Finance and Audit
Supervisor Jason Haas, Chair, Committee on Parks, Energy and Environment

From: Jennifer L. Folliard, Director of Audits

Subject: Status Report – Friends of Hales Corners Park Audit (File No. 19-238)

At their March 2019 meetings, the Committees on Finance & Audit and Parks, Energy and Environment reviewed our audit report "Hales Corners Park has Benefited from the Support of its Friends Group: however, a Formal Agreement with the Organization is Needed to Achieve Adherence to Chapter 13 of the Milwaukee County Ordinances," and adopted a resolution indicating County Board concurrence with the report recommendations.

A copy of the audit report can be accessed on the Comptroller's website through the following link:

<https://county.milwaukee.gov/files/county/comptroller/Audit/Audit-Reports1/2019/HalesCornersReportFINAL.pdf>

Attached is a copy of the executive summary page from the audit report for your reference.

Also attached is Parks' second status report communicating its progress toward implementation of the audit report recommendations. Based on information provided in the status report and the supplemental information provided by Parks' management, we have concluded that only recommendation no. 1 remains outstanding.

Implementation of Recommendation no. 1 involves Parks working with the Friends Group to establish a prudent timeline to complete fundraising for the ice center and outdoor shelter projects. As noted in our audit report, the Friends Group received a \$75,000 grant through the Milwaukee County Parks Amenities Matching Fund Program in 2015 for the ice center – outdoor pavilion project. These funds are being held by the Friends Group.

This status report is informational. Given the significant progress by Parks' management toward implementation of the audit recommendations we do not plan to facilitate the submission of any future status reports. However, we will continue our follow-up with Parks management until recommendation no. 1 is completed.



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