

**Resume of Cheri Briscoe
for Nomination to the Milwaukee County Parks Advisory Commission**

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Parks and environment have been a primary interest to me for most of my life, hence I am applying for the opportunity to serve as Chairperson of the Milwaukee County Parks Advisory Commission. I am concerned about the serious decreases in funding that have occurred in our County Parks System starting with the first County Executive and continuing each and every year since then. While there was a time when the parks department may have needed some downsizing in the 70's, we are now on the point of opening doors to actual sales of our parks and public trust lands.

The Parks Advisory Commission was created to serve as a voice of nonelected citizens to study alternatives and advocate for parks funding, and to give the County Board another source of input as they struggle with competing, frequently underfunded mandatory program costs outside of Parks and Recreation costs. Now more than ever, we need to promote our parks as the economic and cultural asset that they are.

Organizing skills, openness to new ideas, enthusiasm that generates commitment from other participants, and a habit of weighing both sides of most arguments are the skills that I would bring to Parks Advisory Commission.

Since 2010, I have served as Secretary on the Board of Directors of the Park People. I have volunteered in weedouts and various activities in numerous parks related activities. In 2012, I chaired the Oak Leaf Discovery Tour Passport Committee. This project, going into its 3rd year in 2014 was designed to encourage people to explore parks outside of their neighborhood, and to promote our parks trails as a tourist opportunity.

I am offering to serve as a Parks Advisory Commission member and as Chair, if necessary because I feel that our parks are under fire more than ever before.

Below is a resume of my occupations and other community activities.

2002-2003 Sierra Club representative on the Parks, Recreation and Culture Funding Task Force, chaired by Supervisor Dan Diliberti

The knowledge gained from serving on that committee, along with my political experience, makes me a good nominee to serve on the Parks County Parks Advisory Commission.

2002-2006 Chair of Great Waters Group –Sierra Club

The Great Waters Group has approximately 3500 members in four counties, approximately 1900 members in Milwaukee county. I also served as the Outings activities chairperson for several years.

2002 to present – Volunteer Teaching Assistant at Urban Ecology Center – Riverside Park

2005 Member of the Arts Advisory Committee to the Friends of the Hank Aaron State Trail

1996 – 2001 – Returned to teaching. I chose to teach in the Milwaukee Public Schools. I believe cities are the backbone of our nation. Education of urban children is important to making our cities and nation strong. I taught math and art at Milwaukee High School of the Arts.

1984 – 1996 Elected to 6 terms on the Waukesha County Board

While on the County Board I served as:

Chair – Recycling Advisory Committee, then Solid Waste Board for 12 years

Chair – Law Enforcement 2 years

Chair – Public Works Committee 4 years

Elected to County Board Administrative Committee 4 years

Elected Vice Chair of County Board 1994-96

Served on Human Resources Committee, 2 years, and Human Services Committee 4 years.

During my county Board years I helped to found AROW (Associated Recyclers of Wisconsin) serving on that Board of Directors for 4 years. I also co-founded the Elmbrook Senior Taxi, Inc. and served as Chair of the Board of Directors for 5 years.

1972 – 1984 Homemaker, artist & community volunteer

Chair of Elmbrook League of Women Voters 1973-76

Served on several advisory committees to Waukesha County Board and Elm Grove Village Board

Started recycling programs in Elm Grove and Brookfield

1969-1972 Taught math and art at Horace Mann Junior High School, West Allis, Wisconsin

1965-68 Taught math and art at Stoughton High School, Stoughton, Wisconsin

1963-65 Taught math at Lindberg Junior High School, Lindberg, Missouri

1963 Graduated from Southeast Missouri State College, B.S. Degree in Education, Majors in Art and Math

1959 Graduated from St. Charles High School, St. Charles, MO

Addendum:

I currently serve as chair of Milwaukee County Parks Advisory Commission. We have been relatively inactive since 2008. I became chair in 2011. Nothing significant has happened due to the somewhat chaotic political environment and I have been putting my energy into other things. I am planning to revive the committee after June 2nd.