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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 Conservatory Update – INFORMATIONAL

ISSUE

Existing capital project WP 49001 – Mitchell Park Domes, the protective netting system installation, is currently in progress. This report provides an update on the project and the Task Force planning process.

BACKGROUND

Per the contract documents, the protective netting system installation status is as follows:

- Show Dome: Completed and open to the public 3/19/16
- Tropical Dome: Completed and open to the public 9/24/16
- Desert Dome: Slated for completion in late October and open to the public in early November

Following the completed installation of the protective netting in all three domes, DPRC will host a public grand re-opening event anticipated to take place in early December. This event will be sponsored by a grant from the Northwestern Mutual Foundation.

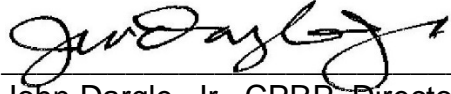
As reported in September, on August 18, 2016 and pursuant to adopted policy File No. 16-200, Chairman Lipscomb appointed members to the Milwaukee County Task Force on the Mitchell Park Conservatory. The Task Force’s plan is to preserve and protect the Conservatory’s legacy through a robust community planning process with active public involvement and ongoing respect for the history and unique heritage of the Mitchell Park Horticultural Conservatory. The first Task Force meeting is slated for October 12, 2016.

RECOMMENDATION

No action requested. Informational item unless further action required.

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