

MITCHELL PARK HORTICULTURAL CONSERVATORY

THE DOMES TASK FORCE

CHARGE FROM THE COUNTY BOARD

On March 17, 2016, File No. 16-200 was adopted by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors authorizing the creation of the Mitchell Park Conservatory (the Domes) Task Force.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Conservatory Task Force through a community engagement process will evaluate long-term options for the future status of the Mitchell Park Horticultural Conservatory (aka the “Domes”) and associated uses, activities, costs, and benefits and will recommend a course of action to the Milwaukee County Executive and County Board. This process will include a broad range of opinions from individuals and groups, as well as expert analyses of conditions, constraints, and opportunities. A three-phase work program will be established to achieve this goal that includes exploring a wide range of possible options, choosing a direction, and developing a comprehensive, long-term plan.

KEY OPERATING PARAMETERS OF THE TASK FORCE

The Task Force will:

- Seek a wide range of community input: horticultural, neighborhood, preservation, civic, philanthropic groups as well as individual citizens
- Operate with no preconceived outcome
- Provide not only vision, but also a specific plan
- Recognize that the County has a narrow window of up to five years to adopt, fund and implement a plan

KEY ACTIVITIES OF THE TASK FORCE

- a. To provide leadership, direction, and hands-on involvement throughout the community engagement process for the Mitchell Park Horticultural Conservatory.
- b. To seek widespread community opinions regarding the future of the Mitchell Park Conservatory.
- c. To consider and explore uses that complement the needs and constraints of the Conservatory and the broader community.
- d. To evaluate examples of the types of infrastructure that might be needed to maintain, improve, and/or reconfigure the Conservatory.
- e. To create a planning and design process based on County Board and County Executive input.
- f. To work collaboratively with each other and Milwaukee County on planning and development guidelines that will inform the Conservatory’s future.
- g. To take on responsibility for determining the project's feasibility, business plan and achievement of outcomes.
- h. To report on project progress to the County Executive and County Board of Supervisors.
- i. To recommend a course of action to the County Executive and County Board that incorporates community input and provides both a vision and a plan for a sustainable future.