



# Milwaukee County

County Courthouse  
901 N. 9th Street, Rm. 105  
Milwaukee, WI 53233

## Meeting Minutes - Draft

### Milwaukee County Task Force on the Mitchell Park Conservatory Domes

*Chairperson: William H. Lynch*  
*Taskforce Coordinator: Allyson R. Smith, 414-278-4225*  
*Research Analyst: Erica Hayden, 414-278-4362*

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Tuesday, November 14, 2017

5:30 PM

Mitchell Park Horticultural Conservatory  
(The Domes)  
524 S. Layton Blvd.  
Milwaukee, WI 53215

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## Call To Order

### Roll Call at 5:52 p.m.

**Present:** 7 - Dargle, Krawiecki, McCarthy, Washington, Bria, Bautista, and Nilles  
**Excused:** 1 - Lynch  
**Absent:** 3 - Haas, Gurda, and West

**Task Force member Krawiecki called the meeting to order.  
Chairman Lynch and Haas were not present at the time the roll was called,  
but appeared shortly thereafter.**

- [16-636](#) Informational reports relating to the Milwaukee County Task Force on the Mitchell Park Conservatory Domes, authorized by adopted File Number 16-200. **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY).**  
  
**Attachments:** [ConsultEcon Future Path and Fesability Study PowerPoint \(10/10/17\)](#)  
[DRAFT MINUTES \(10/10/17\)](#)  
[POWERPOINT PRESENTATION \(11/14/2017\)](#)  
[DRAFT MINUTES FROM 11/14/17](#)  
[16-636 FUTURE PATH AND FEASIBILITY PRESENTATION \(12/12/17\)](#)  
[16-636 FUTURE PATH AND FEASIBILITY PRESENTATION Revised \(12/12/17\)](#)
- Approval of the minutes from the October 10, 2017, meeting.**

**Bautista and Bria moved approval of the minutes from the October 10, 2017, meeting.**

**3 Recap of the presentation from the October 10, 2017, task force meeting.**

Robert Brais, Vice President, ConsultEcon, Inc. appeared and spoke for information only regarding this item.

Mr. Brais provided an electronic presentation to Task Force members. The electronic presentation is attached to File No. 16-636 titled, "PowerPoint Presentation (11/14/17)."

This Informational Report was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

**4 Overview of the current operations at the Mitchell Park Domes**

**APPEARANCE:**

Sandy Folaron, Horticultural Director, Mitchell Park Horticultural Conservatory, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture

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**5 Overview of the current operations of the Friends of the Domes**

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## 6 Benchmark Financial Operations Review

**APPEARANCE:**

Sandy Folaron, Horticultural Director, Mitchell Park Horticultural Conservatory,  
Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture

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information only regarding this item.

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## 7 Botanical Gardens Trends

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Chairman Lynch laid this item over TO A DATE CERTAIN (Tuesday, December  
12, 2017). There were no objections from Task Force members.

## 8 Summary and Next Steps

Task Force members unanimously consented to continue the discussion on  
options for the Domes at the December 12, 2017, meeting.

## 9 Public Comment

The following people appeared and spoke before Task Force members for  
information only:

Deanna Andrea  
Franz Backus

The following people registered in favor, but did not speak:

Lori Gensch  
Paul Schoechert

**Length of Meeting: 5:22 p.m. to 7:33 p.m.**

**Adjourned,**

**Allyson R. Smith  
Task Force Coordinator  
Milwaukee County Task Force on  
the Mitchell Park Conservatory Domes**

The next meeting of the Milwaukee County Task Force on the Mitchell Park Horticultural Domes is scheduled for Tuesday, December 12, 2017, at 5:30 p.m.