



July Board Cycle

Milwaukee County Parks
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Date: June 18, 2018
To: Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Chairman, County Board of Supervisors
From: Guy Smith, CPRP, Interim Parks Director
Subject: Gordon Park Sculpture Removal (ACTION)

Issue

Milwaukee County Parks requests authorization to remove the Gordon Park sculpture due to its unsafe condition, which could put park users in danger if kept in its current state.

Background

In 2002 Milwaukee County's Public Art Committee agreed to erect a piece of art at Gordon Park. Sixteen years later, this sculpture now has structural flaws that have been deemed unsafe by the County's Facilities Condition Assessment team as well as by County Architecture & Engineering staff. The sculpture now sits in an unsafe condition, it is fenced off to keep the public safe from the potential danger should this art fall.

This sculpture was originally erected as two pieces: the brown pillar piece that is currently in question and the white iceberg piece. Parks would like to follow the unanimous recommendation from Risk Management and AE & ES staff to remove the sculpture as soon as possible and restore the area, eliminating any possibility that the public could be harmed by this failing piece of art. In addition, Parks plans to remove the full sculpture, including the iceberg and anvil, as they could pose a failure danger in future, and because the two sculptures were erected as one piece of art.

The removal, disposal, and turf restoration work will be performed by an approved contractor.

Recommendation



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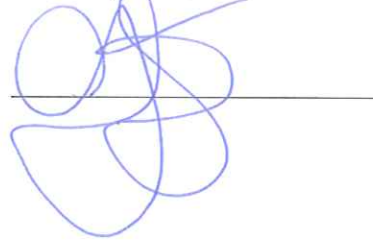


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Parks hereby requests authorization to remove the sculpture at Gordon Park and restore the area.

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Approved By: Guy Smith, CPRP, Interim Parks Director



Attachments:

- Attachment 1 – Photo of sculpture (original state)
- Attachment 2 – Photo of sculpture (current)

Copy:

- Chris Abele, County Executive
- Raisa Koltun, Chief of Staff, County Executive's Office
- Jason Haas, Parks, Energy & Environment Chair, Supervisor District 14
- Sheldon Wasserman, Parks, Energy & Environment Vice-Chair, Supervisor District 3
- Willie Johnson, Jr., Supervisor District 13
- Kelly Bablitch, Chief of Staff, County Board of Supervisors
- Allyson Smith, Committee Coordinator, Office of the County Clerk
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