



Milwaukee County

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Meeting Minutes - Draft Milwaukee County Task Force on the Mitchell Park Conservatory Domes

Chairperson: William H. Lynch
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Tuesday, June 26, 2018

6:00 PM

Mitchell Park Conservatory
(The Domes)
Lobby
524 South Layton Blvd.
Milwaukee, WI 53215

PUBLIC MEETING 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Call To Order

Roll Call at 6:05 p.m.

Present: 6 - Bautista, Carron, Haas, McCarthy, Ortiz Velez, and Lynch

Excused: 5 - Bria, Gurda, Krawiecki, Smith, and Washington

Task Force members Gurda, Krawiecki, and Washington were not present when the meeting was called to order, but appeared shortly thereafter.

James Tarantino, Director of Recreation and Business Services, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC) stood in for Guy Smith, Director, DPRC at today's public meeting.

DEDICATED FILE FOR REPORTS TO THE MILWAUKEE COUNTY TASK FORCE ON THE MITCHELL PARK CONSERVATORY DOMES

- 1 [18-164](#) Informational reports relating to the Milwaukee County Task Force on the Mitchell Park Conservatory Domes, authorized by Adopted File No 16-200. **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY).**

Attachments: [PowerPoint - Public Meeting \(06/26/18\)](#)
[Feasibility Study Public Outreach Website- Information & Survey](#)
[AUDIO Item 2 \(06/26/18\)](#)
[AUDIO Item 3 \(06/26/18\)](#)
[AUDIO Item 4 - PUBLIC COMMENT \(06/26/18\)](#)

2 Release of Phase I Draft Report from HGA Consultants (ACTION ITEM)

A motion was made by Task Force members Bautista and Gurda, recommending that the report be completed as soon as possible and that Milwaukee County Staff and the Consultants resolve the differences in the draft and final reports. Additionally, that the draft and final reports be made available to Task Force members and made public.

Ayes: Bautista, Gurda, McCarthy, Lynch
Noes: Carron, Haas, Krawiecki, Ortiz-Velez, Washington
Excused: Bria, Smith

The motion Failed (Vote 5-4).

3 Consultant options for the future of the Mitchell Park Conservatory Domes

The following people appeared and spoke for information only regarding this item:

Allyson Nemec, Principal, Quorum Architects
Natalie Strom, Senior Associate, Quorum Architects

James Shields, Vice President, HGA Architects, Inc., appeared but did not speak regarding this item.

The PowerPoint provided to members of the public who attended today's meeting is attached to Item 1, File No. 18-164, and is titled, "PowerPoint - Public Meeting 06/26/18."

This Informational Report was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

4 Public Comment

The following people appeared and spoke in favor of Option 3 - Address

Deferred Maintenance:

Mary Smith

Jewel Barblitch

Clay Ecklund

Cheri Kusch

Ms. Smith provided the Consultants with a copy of an OpEd story that was published in Urban Milwaukee on June 24, 2018, which is on file with the Task Force Coordinator.

The following people appeared and spoke in favor Option 4 - Targeted

Investments:

Andy Andrew

Steve Smitz

John Rothe

Tierra DiCarlo

The following people appeared and spoke in favor of Option 5A EcoDome

Destination Attraction

5B: Adventure Dome Destination/Attraction:

Patty Leonard

Laurie Getsch

Andy Hoppen, Certified Public Accountant

Jackie Jecka

Suzanne Powell

Val Gonzalez

Michael Casey

The following people appeared and spoke against Options 6A/6B:

Peter Zanghi, President, Milwaukee Preservation Alliance

Grant Stevens, National Trust for Historic Preservation

Sally Sullivan, Executive Director, Friends of the Domes, spoke in favor of having an option available for a new structure, and advocated for a Horticultural mission.

Keith Stachowiak, Architect, spoke for information only.

The following people submitted comment cards, but did not speak at the public meeting:

Option 3: Address Deferred Maintenance

John Lunz (listed as a first choice)

Option 3 - Address Deferred Maintenance

Father Tom Mueller

Option 4 - Targeted Investments

Father Tom Mueller
Maria Del Valla
Dan Lewis
John Lunz (listed as a third choice)

Option 5A - EcoDome Destination Attraction:
Stephanie (no last name provided)
Scott Thomas
Tom Scannell
John Lunz (listed as a second choice)

Francis J. Enriquez-Jacome, registered in favor of Option 5B: Adventure Dome Destination.

The following people registered in favor of building a new horticultural conservatory:
Mary Braunreiter
Dave Glenn

Length of meeting: 6:05 p.m. to 7:32 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 Conservatory Domes is Tuesday, July 10, 2018, 5:30 p.m.