



# 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: Emily Petersen, 414-278-4781*

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Wednesday, September 5, 2018

5:30 PM

Mitchell Park Horticultural Conservatory  
Education Room  
524 S. Layton Blvd.  
Milwaukee, WI 53215

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### Call To Order

#### Roll Call at 5:33 p.m.

**Present:** 6 - Bautista, Carron, Krawiecki, Smith, Washington, and Lynch

**Excused:** 1 - Bria

**Absent:** 4 - Gurda, Haas, McCarthy, and Ortiz-Velez

**Task Force members Gurda, Haas, McCarthy, and Ortiz-Velez, were not present at the time the roll was called, but appeared shortly thereafter.**

**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:**      [ADOPTED FILE NO. 16-200 \(03/17/16\)](#)  
[Domes Future Path Feasibility Study Phase 1 Report \(07/13/18\)](#)  
[Domes Future Path and Feasibility Study Phase 1 \(Corrected 07/31/18\)](#)  
[Domes Future Path Feasibility Study Phase 2 Report \(07/27/18\)](#)  
[Domes Future Path and Feasibility Study Corrected \(08/03/18\)](#)  
[Phase II Future Path and Feasibility Report Appendix](#)

- 2      **Approval of the minutes from the August 1, 2018, meeting.**

Task Force member Gurda requested that his status be changed from absent to excused in the roll call section of the August 1, 2018, meeting draft minutes. There being no objections from Task Force members, it was so ordered by the Chairman.

Task force members Bautista and Smith motioned that the minutes from the August 1, 2018, meeting be approved. There being no objection from Task Force members, it was so ordered by the Chairman.

- 3      **Verbal update from Milwaukee County Staff regarding Materials testing/engineering study work. (INFORMATIONAL ONLY)**

**APPEARANCE:**  
Julie Bastin, Project Manager, Architecture, Engineering, and Environmental Services Section, Facilities Management Division, Department of Administrative Services

This Informational Report was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

- 4 Verbal update and written opinion from Deputy Corporation Counsel, Office of Corporation Counsel, regarding adopted File No. 16-200, as it relates to consideration of the repair and preservation of the Domes, and therefore the appropriateness of the Domes Task Force removing options from project consideration that do not call for the preservation of the Domes.  
(INFORMATIONAL ONLY)**

**APPEARANCE:**

Sarah Toomsen, Interim Chief of Planning and Development, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture

The written opinion from Deputy Corporation Counsel, Paul Kuglitsch, Office of Corporation Counsel, is attached to Item No. 1, File No. 18-164 titled, "Corp Counsel Opinion Re: File No. 16-200."

This Informational Report was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

**5 Discussion and action by the Task Force to narrow preferred options for Phase 3 of the Future Path and Feasibility project. (ACTION ITEM)**

After further discussion of Item 4 regarding the opinion from Deputy Corporation Counsel, Office of Corporation Counsel regarding adopted File No. 16-200, Task Force members Bautista and McCarthy, motioned to strike Option 1- Do Nothing, Option 2- Demolish the Domes, and Option 6A/6B Hybrid Redevelopment EcoDome Destination Attraction from consideration.

Task Force members Washington and Bautista motioned to SEVER the Options (two separate votes for Options 1 and 2, and Option 6. Bautista and McCarthy withdrew their motions. The Task Force Chairman, accepted the motion, and there were no objections from Task Force members.

The motion to SEVER Options 1 and 2 from Option 6 PREVAILED by the following vote:

Ayes - 9: Bautista, Gurda, Haas, Krawiecki, McCarthy, Ortiz-Velez, Smith, Washington, Lynch  
Noes - 1: Carron  
Excused -1: Bria

On the motion to ELIMINATE Option 1 - Do Nothing, and Option 2 - Demolish the Domes from consideration by the Task Force PREVALIED by the following vote:

Ayes - 9: Bautista, Gurda, Haas, Krawiecki, McCarthy, Ortiz-Velez, Smith, Washington, and Lynch.  
Noes -1: Carron  
Excused - 1: Bria

The motion to ELIMINATE Option 6 - Hybrid Redevelopment for consideration FAILED by the following vote:

Ayes - 3: Bautista, McCarthy, and Lynch  
Noes - 7: Carron, Gurda, Haas, Krawiecki, Ortiz-Velez, Smith, Washington  
Excused - 1: Bria

A motion was made by Task Force member Krawiecki for the Task Force to consder Option 3 - Deferred Maintenance, Option 4 - Targeted Investments, and Option 6: Hybrid Redevelopment. A vote was not taken on this recommendation by the Task Force.

A motion to consider a governance structured operation for the Domes was made by Task Force member Haas. A vote was not taken on this motion by the Task Force.

Task Force members Bautista and McCarthy motioned that Option 4 - Targeted Investments, Option 5A - EcoDome Destination Attraction, and Option 5B - EcoDome Destination Adventure, to be included as options for consideration. The motion FAILED by the following vote:

Ayes - 4: Bautista, Haas, McCarthy, and Lynch

Noes - 1: Krawiecki

Abstentions - 5: Carron, Gurda, Ortiz-Velez, Smith, Washington

Excused -1: Bria

Task Force Members Krawiecki and Ortiz-Velez motioned that Option 4 - Targeted Investments, Option 5A - EcoDome Destination Attraction, and Option 6A-Hybrid Redevelopment be included as options for consideration.

Task Force member Washington motioned to SEVER (seperate votes) on Options 4, 5A, and 6A. The motion to Sever PREVAILED by the following vote:

Ayes - 10: Bautista, Carron, Gurda, Haas, Krawiecki, McCarthy, Ortiz-Velez, Smith, Washington, and Lynch

Excused -1: Bria

The motion to RECOMMEND Option 4 -Targeted Investments for Consideration PREVAILED by the following vote:

Ayes - 10: Bautista, Carron, Gurda, Haas, Krawiecki, McCarthy, Ortiz-Velez, Smith, Washington, Lynch

Excused - 1: Bria

The motion to RECOMMEND Option 5A EcoDome Destination Attraction for Consideration PREVAILED by the following vote:

Ayes - 10: Bautista, Carron, Gurda, Haas, Krawiecki, McCarthy, Ortiz-Velez, Smith, Washington, Lynch

Excused -1: Bria

The motion to RECOMMEND Option 6A for Consideration FAILED by the following vote:

Ayes -1: Krawiecki

Noes - 5: Bautista, Haas, McCarthy, Washington, Lynch

Abstentions - 4: Carron, Gurda, Ortiz-Velez, Smith

Excused -1: Bria

The Task Force RECOMMENDS Options 4 - Targeted Investments and 5A EcoDome Destination Attraction for consideration.

**6 Discussion and action to confirm the scope and timeline of Phase 3 of the Future Path and Feasibility project. (ACTION ITEM)**

The governance option recommendation by Task Force member Haas was further discussed. While a vote was not taken during the discussion of Item No. 5 on this recommendation, Task Force member Smith, advised the option should be discussed and explored in greater detail during the Friday, September 14, 2018, meeting of the Committee on Parks, Energy, and Environment. Therefore, a vote was not taken on Task Force member Haas' previous recommendation.

Task Force member Carron urged the Task Force to formalize all of the selected options in a written report to the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board) with a summary of the Phase I and Phase II Feasibility Studies, along with the Task Force's recommendation that the County Board consider Options 4 and 5A, along with a revised governance structure to be among the considerations, and an investigation into public/private partnerships for the long-term viability of the Domes.

There was no vote taken on this recommendation.

The Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture will provide a report to the Committee on Parks, Energy, and Environment regarding the Task Force's recommendations.

**7 Public Comment**

Sally Sullivan, Executive Director, Friends of the Domes, appeared and spoke for information only.

Beverly Smiley, Friends of the Domes, registered comments for information only, but did not appear before the Task Force.

**8 Discussion regarding next meeting**

This item was not discussed.

**Length of Meeting: 5:33 p.m. to 7: 24 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 to be announced.

**Please note that the minutes from the September 5, 2018, meeting is not final  
until formally approved at the subsequent meeting of the Milwaukee County  
Task Force on the Mitchell Park Conservatory Domes.**