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5 **A RESOLUTION**
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7 requesting the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture provide an informational
8 report to the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors for the October 2021 committee
9 cycle outlining their current processes for community engagement, soliciting feedback
10 from the public, and keeping the community and policymakers updated on ongoing
11 projects and initiatives
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14 WHEREAS, the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC) is one of
15 the most visible and interactive Milwaukee County departments, with more than 150
16 parks, 174 miles of trails, more than 15,000 acres of park land, and several pools, dog
17 parks, beaches, and recreation opportunities; and
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19 WHEREAS, DPRC staff includes one, full-time, dedicated staff person to lead
20 engagement efforts, the Engagement Manager, and, depending upon budget and staff
21 availability, seasonal staff workers assist in special projects on an as-needed basis; and
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23 WHEREAS, DPRC is involved in many projects, updates, and changes to the
24 park system that directly affect the public and it is important to not only provide
25 adequate notice to users, but to request feedback that can be shared internally and to
26 policymakers to aid in decision-making; and
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28 WHEREAS, community members and policymakers should be able to easily
29 access updates and developments to the park system and DPRC should create and
30 maintain a robust system for engaging the community and soliciting feedback; and
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32 WHEREAS, DPRC's capacity to effectively engage the community during
33 planning and implementation can and should be weighed by policymakers as part of
34 deliberations related to future capital improvements; and
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36 WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks, Energy, and Environment, at its meeting of
37 July 20, 2021, recommended adoption of File No. 21-554 (vote 5-0); now, therefore,
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39 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby requests
40 the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture provide an informational report for the
41 October 2021 committee cycle outlining their current processes for community
42 engagement, soliciting feedback from the public, and keeping the community and
43 policymakers updated on ongoing projects and initiatives; and
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45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
46 hereby requests the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture either affirm or raise
47 concerns to the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors and the Capital Improvements
48 Committee about its capacity to effectively engage appropriate audiences as part of
49 scheduled meetings.

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