



# Milwaukee County

## Meeting Minutes

### Committee on Parks and Culture

*Chairperson: Supervisor Sheldon A. Wasserman*

*Vice Chairperson: Supervisor Steven Shea*

*Supervisor Steve F. Taylor*

*Supervisor Felesia A. Martin*

*Supervisor Juan Miguel Martinez*

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Tuesday, September 12, 2023

9:00 AM

Room 203-R & Microsoft Teams  
County Legislative Information Center

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#### HYBRID MEETING

This meeting was held in Room 203-R, and was live-streamed on the County Legislative Information Center: <https://milwaukeecounty.legistar.com/Calendar.as>

#### Call To Order

#### Roll Call at 9:00 a.m.

**Present** 4 - Shea, Martin, Martinez and Wasserman

**Excused** 1 - Taylor (17)

**Supervisor Juan Miguel Martinez appeared virtually for today's meeting.**

**DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION, AND CULTURE (DPRC) - 3**

- 1      [23-784](#)      From the Executive Director of Milwaukee of County Parks, requesting authorization to enter into any and all contracts and take all actions necessary to effectuate a \$3,000,000 grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for the Little Menomonee River Parkway Restoration - Design, Implementation and Oversight project in the Milwaukee Estuary Area of Concern. **(Referred to the Committees on Parks and Culture; and Finance)**

**Attachments:**      [23-784 REPORT](#)  
                                  [23-784 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                  [23-784 FISCAL NOTE](#)  
                                  [23-784 DRAFT AGREEMENT](#)  
                                  [23-784 EPA GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS](#)  
                                  [23-784 SCOPE OF WORK](#)  
                                  [23-784 COUNTY BOARD RESOLUTION](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

Erica Goblet, Contracts Manager, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC)

Natalie Dutack, Area of Concern Program Supervisor, DPRC (virtually)

Sarah Toomsen, Assistant Director of Planning and Development, DPRC

A motion was made by Supervisor Shea that this Action Report be **RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION**. The motion **PREVAILED** by the following vote:

**Aye:** 4 - Shea, Martin, Martinez and Wasserman

**Excused:** 1 - Taylor (17)

- 2      [23-851](#)      From the Executive Director of Milwaukee of County Parks, requesting authorization to enter into any and all contracts and take all actions necessary to effectuate a \$8,000,000 grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for the South Shore Beach Rehabilitation project in the Milwaukee Estuary Area of Concern. **(Referred to the Committee on Parks and Culture for INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY per Section 59.52(31)(d), Wisconsin State Statutes; Referred to the Committee on Finance)**

**Attachments:**      [23-851 REPORT](#)  
                                 [23-851 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                 [23-851 FISCAL NOTE](#)  
                                 [23-851 DRAFT SCOPE OF WORK](#)  
                                 [23-851 BASIS OF DESIGN \(9/12/23\)](#)  
                                 [23-851 POWERPOINT \(09/14/23\)](#)  
                                 [23-851 MAP \(09/14/23\)](#)  
                                 [23-851 COUNTY BOARD RESOLUTION](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

Sarah Toomsen, Assistant Director of Planning and Development, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC)  
Natalie Dutack, Area of Concern Program Supervisor, DPRC (virtually)  
Supervisor Peter Burgelis, District 15

Ms. Toomsen provided an electronic document, which is attached to this file as "23-851 BASIS OF DESIGN (09/12/23)."

This Action Report was considered by the Committee on Parks and Culture for INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY, per Section 59.52(31)(d), Wisconsin State Statutes, and DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

- 3      [23-786](#)      From the Executive Director of Milwaukee County Parks providing an informational report on the Milwaukee Estuary Area of Concern sediment clean-up and design phases. **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

**Attachments:**      [23-786 REPORT](#)  
                                 [23-786 KEY PROJECT MAPS](#)  
                                 [23-786 2021 FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT \(102 pages\)](#)  
                                 [23-786 FOCUSED FEASIBILITY STUDY REPORT \(257 pages\)](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

**Sarah Toomsen, Assistant Director of Planning and Development, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC)**

**Natalie Dutack, Area of Concern Program Supervisor, DPRC (virtually)**

**Heather Williams, Contaminated Sediment Project Lead, United States Environmental Protection Agency, appeared virtually and spoke for information only regarding this Informational Report.**

**This Informational Report was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.**

**MILWAUKEE COUNTY ZOO - 1**

- 4      [23-781](#)      From the Executive Zoo Director, requesting approval to enter into an agreement with the Zoological Society of Milwaukee for the construction of a new Rhino habitat for the Milwaukee County Zoo. **(Referred to the Committee on Parks and Culture for INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY per Section 59.52(31)(d), Wisconsin State Statutes; Referred to the Committee on Finance)**

**Attachments:**      [23-781 REPORT](#)  
                                  [23-781 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                  [23-781 FISCAL NOTE](#)  
                                  [23-781 DRAFT ADVENTURE AFRICA PHASE III AGREEMENT](#)  
                                  [23-781 DISTRICT 15 CORRESPONDENCE \(received 09/13/23\)](#)  
                                  [23-781 ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF MILWAUKEE RESPONSE \(received 09/13/23\)](#)  
                                  [23-781 POWERPOINT \(09/14/23\)](#)  
                                  [23-781 COUNTY BOARD RESOLUTION](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

Amos Morris, Director, Milwaukee County Zoo (Zoo) (virtually)  
Vera Westphal, Deputy Director, Administration, Finance, and Operations, Zoo (virtually)  
Supervisor Peter Burgelis, District 15  
Allyson R. Smith, Committee Coordinator, Legislative Services Division, Office of the County Clerk

This Action Report was considered by the Committee on Parks and Culture for INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY, per Section 59.52(31)(d), Wisconsin State Statutes, and DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

**DPRC - 8**

- 5        [23-673](#)        From the Executive Director of Parks requesting permission to enter into a Lease Agreement for the use and repair of the Loomis Barn and Guest House located in the Root River Parkway Corridor in Greendale, WI.  
**(Referred to the Committees on Parks and Culture; and Finance)**

**Attachments:**    [23-673 REPORT](#)  
                          [23-673 RESOLUTION](#)  
                          [23-673 FISCAL NOTE](#)  
                          [23-673 LEASE AND DEVELOPMENT TERM SHEET](#)  
                          [23-673 POWERPOINT \(09/14/23\)](#)  
                          [23-673 COUNTY BOARD RESOLUTION](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

James Tarantino, Deputy Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture  
Supervisor Kathleen Vincent, District 11 (virtually)

James Halverson, Legislative Assistant, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors, appeared but did not speak regarding this Action Report.

Virginia Emmons, Two Weathervanes, LLC, appeared and spoke for information only regarding this Action Report.

Item 5 was temporarily laid over until later in the meeting by unanimous consent of Committee members.

A motion was made by Supervisor Martin that this Action Report be **RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION**. The motion **PREVAILED** by the following vote:

**Aye:** 4 - Shea, Martin, Martinez and Wasserman

**Excused:** 1 - Taylor (17)

- 6      [23-789](#)      From the Executive Director of Parks requesting authorization to revise the scope of WP069401-Oak Creek Parkway-S MKE Mill Pond.

**Attachments:**      [23-789 REPORT](#)  
                                  [23-789 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                  [23-789 FISCAL NOTE](#)  
                                  [23-789 MILL POND DAM COST SUMMARY \(received 09/12/23\)](#)  
                                  [23-789 COUNTY BOARD RESOLUTION](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

Jeremy Lucas, Director of Administration and Planning, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC)  
Sarah Toomsen, Assistant Director of Planning and Development, DPRC

Ms. Toomsen provided an electronic document, which is attached to this file as " 23-789 MILL POND DAM COST SUMMARY (09/12/23)."

A motion was made by Supervisor Shea that this Action Report be **RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION**. The motion **PREVAILED** by the following vote:

**Aye:** 4 - Shea, Martin, Martinez and Wasserman

**Excused:** 1 - Taylor (17)

- 7      [23-790](#)      From the Executive Director of Milwaukee County Parks, requesting authorization to grant a 20-year conservation easement to the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District for the grant-funded green infrastructure project located at Moss Universal Park

**Attachments:**      [23-790 REPORT](#)  
                                  [23-790 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                  [23-790 FISCAL NOTE](#)  
                                  [23-790 GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING AGREEMENT](#)  
                                  [23-790 COUNTY BOARD RESOLUTION](#)

**APPEARANCE:**

Erica Goblet, Contracts Manager, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture

A motion was made by Supervisor Shea that this Action Report be **RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION**. The motion **PREVAILED** by the following vote:

**Aye:** 4 - Shea, Martin, Martinez and Wasserman

**Excused:** 1 - Taylor (17)

- 8      [23-793](#)      From the Executive Director of Parks, requesting authorization to grant to the City of Wauwatosa a permanent storm sewer easement across the Oak Leaf Trail by 115th Street and Underwood Creek so that the City may construct, operate, and maintain a storm sewer and related improvements.

**Attachments:**      [23-793 REPORT](#)  
                                  [23-793 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                  [23-793 FISCAL NOTE](#)  
                                  [23-793 DRAFT STORM SEWER EASEMENT](#)  
                                  [23-793 STORM SEWER EASEMENT EXHIBIT](#)  
                                  [23-793 MAP](#)  
                                  [23-793 COUNTY BOARD RESOLUTION](#)

**APPEARANCE:**

Erica Goblet, Contracts Manager, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture

Bill Wehrley, Engineer, City of Wauwatosa, appeared and spoke for information only regarding this Action Report.

A motion was made by Supervisor Shea that this Action Report be **RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION**. The motion **PREVAILED** by the following vote:

**Aye:** 4 - Shea, Martin, Martinez and Wasserman

**Excused:** 1 - Taylor (17)

- 9      [23-794](#)      From the Executive Director of Parks requesting authorization to apply for and accept a State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Urban and Community Forestry Grant

**Attachments:**      [23-794 REPORT](#)  
                                  [23-794 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                  [23-794 FISCAL NOTE](#)  
                                  [23-794 CORRECTED FISCAL NOTE](#)  
                                  [23-794 COUNTY BOARD RESOLUTION](#)

**APPEARANCE:**

Peter Bratt, Director of Operations and Skilled Trades, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture

A motion was made by Supervisor Martin that this Action Report be **RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION**. The motion **PREVAILED** by the following vote:

**Aye:** 4 - Shea, Martin, Martinez and Wasserman

**Excused:** 1 - Taylor (17)



- 10      [23-792](#)      From the Executive Director of Parks requesting authorization to submit to the grant programs for Transportation Alternatives Program, and, if applicable, to accept a related grant award, for the Oak Leaf Trail bridge over I-43. **(Referred to the Committees on Parks and Culture; and Finance)**

**Attachments:**      [23-792 REPORT](#)  
                                  [23-792 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                  [23-792 FISCAL NOTE](#)  
                                  [23-792 GOOGLE MAPS](#)  
                                  [23-792 COUNTY BOARD RESOLUTION](#)

**APPEARANCE:**

Sarah Toomsen, Assistant Director of Planning and Development, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture

A motion was made by Supervisor Martin that this Action Report be **RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION**. The motion **PREVAILED** by the following vote:

**Aye:** 4 - Shea, Martin, Martinez and Wasserman

**Excused:** 1 - Taylor (17)

- 11      [23-791](#)      **2023 Adopted Budget Amendment No. 1:** From the Executive Director of Parks providing an informational report on the operations of Red Arrow Park Ice Rink as a Roller-Skating facility since May 1, 2023. **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

**Attachments:**      [23-791 REPORT](#)

**APPEARANCE:**

Peter Bratt, Director of Operations and Skilled Trades, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture

This Informational Report was **DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN**.

- 12      [23-110](#)      From the Executive Director of Parks requesting authorization to transfer funds out of the contingency account in WP037201-McKinley Park Flushing Channel to proceed with the project. **(Referred to the Committees on Parks and Culture; and Finance) (01/12/23 Parks and Culture Meeting: Laid Over to the Call of the Chairperson) (01/26/23 Finance Meeting: Laid Over to the Call of the Chairperson)**

**Attachments:**      [23-110 REPORT](#)  
                                  [23-110 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                  [23-110 REVISED RESOLUTION \(received 01/03/23\)](#)  
                                  [23-110 FISCAL NOTE](#)  
                                  [23-110 EXISTING FLUSHING CHANNEL WALL AERIAL MAP](#)  
                                  [23-110 MILWAUKEE YACHT CLUB OPPOSITION LETTER](#)  
                                  [23-110 FLUSHING CHANNEL ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS \(received 06/22/23\)](#)  
                                  [23-110 POWERPOINT \(09/14/23\)](#)  
                                  [23-110 COUNTY BOARD RESOLUTION](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

Sarah Toomsen, Assistant Director of Planning and Development, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC)  
Supervisor Peter Burgelis, District 15 (virtually)

James Tarantino, Deputy Director, DPRC, appeared but did not speak regarding this Action Report.

A motion was made by Supervisor Shea that this Action Report be **RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION**. The motion **PREVAILED** by the following vote:

**Aye:** 4 - Shea, Martin, Martinez and Wasserman

**Excused:** 1 - Taylor (17)

The Committee recessed from 10:33 a.m. to 10:41 a.m. Upon reconvening at 10:41 a.m., the roll was taken, and 4 members were present.

**Roll Call at 10:41 a.m.**

**Present** 4 - Shea, Martin, Martinez and Wasserman

**Excused** 1 - Taylor (17)

**Supervisor Juan Miguel Martinez appeared virtually for today's meeting.**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION /  
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES - 1**

- 13**      [23-813](#)      An Action Report Requesting Authorization to Enter Into a New Five-Year Cooperation Agreement Between The Milwaukee County War Memorial, Inc., The Milwaukee Art Museum, Inc., And Milwaukee County. **(Referred to the Committees on Parks and Culture; and Finance)**

**Attachments:**      [23-813 REPORT](#)  
[23-813 RESOLUTION](#)  
[23-813 FISCAL NOTE](#)  
[23-813 2023 DRAFT COOPERATION AGREEMENT](#)  
[23-813 2013 MILWAUKEE ART MUSEUM LEASE AGREEMENT \(42 pages\)](#)  
[23-813 2013 WAR MEMORIAL LEASE AGREEMENT \(34 pages\)](#)  
[23-813 2013 COOPERATION AGREEMENT](#)  
[23-813 2013 DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT \(54 pages\)](#)  
[23-813 2013 NORTH TRACT ACCESS, USE & FUTURE DEV. AGREEMENT](#)  
[23-813 2017 AMENDMENT TO COOPERATION AGREEMENT](#)  
[23-813 COUNTY BOARD RESOLUTION](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

**Celia Benton, Director, Economic Development, Department of Administrative Services**

**Supervisor Peter Burgelis, District 15 (virtually)**

**Daniel Buttery, President and Chief Executive Officer, War Memorial Center, appeared virtually and spoke for information only regarding this Action Report.**

**A motion was made by Supervisor Martin that this Action Report be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 4 - Shea, Martin, Martinez and Wasserman

**Excused:** 1 - Taylor (17)

**DPRC - 2**

- 14      [23-863](#)      From the Executive Director of Milwaukee County Parks requesting approval of 2023 CAMPAC allocations

**Attachments:**      [23-863 REPORT](#)  
                                  [23-863 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                  [23-863 FISCAL NOTE](#)  
                                  [23-863 2020-2023 ALLOCATION HISTORY](#)  
                                  [23-863 COUNTY BOARD RESOLUTION](#)

**APPEARANCE:**

Jeremy Lucas, Director of Administration and Planning, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture

**A motion was made by Supervisor Martin that this Action Report be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 4 - Shea, Martin, Martinez and Wasserman

**Excused:** 1 - Taylor (17)

- 15      [23-787](#)      From the Executive Director of Parks providing an information report on the Mitchell Park Domes Future State Planning and Cost Estimating Update #2. **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

**Attachments:**      [23-787 REPORT](#)  
[23-787 STAKEHOLDER STUDY EXECUTIVE SUMMARY](#)  
[23-787 DOMES COST ESTIMATE Appendix B \(151 pages\) \(received 09/11/23\)](#)  
[23-787 DOMES CONSTRUCTION COSTS DRAFT \(received 09/11/23\)](#)  
[23-787 DOMES TAX CREDIT REPORT \(received 09/11/23\)](#)  
[23-787 POWERPOINT \(received 09/11/23\)](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

Guy Smith, Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC)  
James Tarantino, Deputy Director, DPRC  
Steve Cady, Director of Research and Policy, Research Services Division,  
Office of the Comptroller

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

Jim Joehnk, The Concord Group, LLC  
Larry Witzling, Senior Planner, GRAEF  
Emma Rudd, Milwaukee Preservation Alliance

Therese Hanson, Architect, The Kubala Washatko Architects, appeared virtually and spoke for information only regarding this Informational Report.

Bill Lynch appeared and spoke against this Informational Report.

Fran Backus registered in favor of this Informational Report, but did not speak.

This Informational Report was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

**The Committee recessed from 12:37 p.m. to 12:51 p.m. Upon reconvening at 12:51 p.m., the roll was taken, and four members were present.**

**Roll Call at 12:51 p.m.**

**Present**    4 - Shea, Martin, Martinez and Wasserman

**Excused**    1 - Taylor (17)

**Supervisor Juan Miguel Martinez appeared virtually for today's meeting.**

**E-COMMENTS - 1**

16      [23-45](#)      eComments submitted to the Committee on Parks and Culture via the County Legislative Information Center (CLIC).

\*The Office of the County Clerk collects eComments via CLIC, and appends these official public records to Reference File No. 23-45 at the conclusion of each meeting.

**Attachments:**      [23-45 eComments \(09/12/23\)](#)

**APPEARANCE:**

**Allyson R. Smith, Committee Coordinator, Legislative Services Division, Office of the County Clerk**

The September 12, 2023, record of eComments is attached to this file as "23-45 eComments (09/12/23)."

The September 12, 2023, record of eComments was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

**The foregoing items were not considered in agenda order.**

**Length of Meeting: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

**Adjourned,**

**Allyson R. Smith  
Committee Coordinator  
Legislative Services Division, Office of the County Clerk  
Committee on Parks and Culture**

Deadline for the next meeting:  
The next regular meeting for the Committee on Parks and Culture is Tuesday, December 12, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

Approval Tracking System review must be completed in Legistar on or before WEDNESDAY, November 8, 2023, at 5:00 p.m., for the December meeting cycle.