



Milwaukee County

Meeting Minutes

Committee on Parks and Culture

Chairperson: Supervisor Sheldon A. Wasserman

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Tuesday, May 7, 2024

9:00 AM

Room 203-R and Microsoft Teams
County Legislative Information Center

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.aspx>

Call To Order

Roll Call at 9:03 a.m.

Present 5 - Taylor (17), Martin, Martinez, Eckblad and Wasserman

APPOINTMENT - 1

- 1 [24-404](#) From the County Executive, appointing Clayborn Benson to the Milwaukee County Historical Society Board of Directors for a term expiring on May 1, 2028.

Attachments: [24-404 APPOINTMENT LETTER](#)

[24-404 BIOGRAPHY/RESUME](#)

APPEARANCE:

Tim Schabo, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the County Executive

Clayborn Benson, Executive Director, Wisconsin Black Historical Society/Museum, and Appointee, appeared virtually and spoke in favor of this Appointment.

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

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

Aye: 5 - Taylor (17), Martin, Martinez, Eckblad and Wasserman

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

- 2 [24-470](#) 2024 Adopted Budget Amendment 39: From the Economic Development Director, Department of Administrative Services, an informational report outlining options for the future of the Charles Allis Art Museum and the Villa Terrace Decorative Arts Museum. **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

Attachments: [24-470 REPORT](#)
[24-470 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MEMORANDUM \(received 05/06/24\)](#)
[24-470 POWERPOINT](#)
[24-470 2024 ADOPTED BUDGET AMENDMENT 39](#)
[24-470 CHARLES ALLIS APPRAISAL REPORT \(150 pages\)](#)
[24-470 VILLA TERRACE APPRAISAL REPORT \(156 pages\)](#)
[24-470 CHARLES ALLIS REQUIREMENT FORECAST REPORT](#)
[24-470 VILLA TERRACE REQUIREMENT FORECAST REPORT](#)
[24-470 WPF REPORT: A NEW CANVAS \(42 pages\)](#)
[24-470 SARAH ALLIS WILL \(31 pages\)](#)
[24-470 CAVT PROGRAMS](#)
[24-470 CAVT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE LETTER](#)
[24-470 ALLIS ART LIBRARY STUDY COMMITTEE - 1977 \(24 pages\)](#)

APPEARANCES:

Erica Goblet, Project Manager, Economic Development, Department of Administrative Services
Supervisor Steven Shea, District 8 (virtually)
Isaac Rowlett, Director of Strategy, Strategy Division, Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance

The following people appeared and spoke in favor of this Informational Report:
Jaymee Harvey Willms, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer, Charles Allis and Villa Terrace Art Museums
Barbara Velez, Board Member, Board of Directors, The Friends of Villa Terrace
Douglas W. Rose, Secretary, Board of Directors, The Friends of Villa Terrace
Mara Lisa Wierschke, Vice President, Board of Directors, The Friends of Villa Terrace
Marilyn Knode, Board Member, Board of Directors, The Friends of Villa Terrace

Megan Holbrook, President, Board of Directors, The Friends of Villa Terrace, registered in favor, but not speaking, regarding this Informational Report.

Suzanne Holton appeared virtually and spoke against this Informational Report.

This Informational Report was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION, AND CULTURE - 10

- 3 [24-437](#) From the Executive Director of Parks providing an informational report regarding The Parks Departments lifeguard recruitment efforts and anticipated facility openings. **(Considered by the Committees on Parks and Culture; and Personnel) (INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

Attachments: [24-437 REPORT](#)
 [24-437 POWERPOINT](#)
 [24-437 COUNTY BOARD RESOLUTION](#)

APPEARANCES:

Andrea Wallace, Assistant Chief of Recreation and Business Operations,
Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC)
Peter Bratt, Director of Operations and Skilled Trades, DPRC
Supervisor Steven Shea, District 8 (virtually)
Supervisor Patti Logsdon, District 9 (virtually)

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

- 4 [24-442](#) From the Executive Director of Parks, requesting authorization to enter into a permanent easement with the City of Wauwatosa

Attachments: [24-442 REPORT](#)
 [24-442 RESOLUTION](#)
 [24-442 FISCAL NOTE](#)
 [24-442 DRAFT EASEMENT](#)
 [24-442 POWERPOINT](#)

APPEARANCE:

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

Bill Wehrley, City Engineer, City of Wauwatosa, appeared and spoke in favor of this Action Report.

A motion was made by Supervisor Taylor (17) that this Action Report be **RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION**. The motion **PREVAILED** by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Taylor (17), Martin, Martinez, Eckblad and Wasserman

- 5 [24-434](#) From the Executive Director of Milwaukee of County Parks, requesting authorization to execute a temporary easement with Everstream GLC Holding Company for underground telecommunications on 0.1 acres of Honey Creek Parkway

Attachments: [24-434 REPORT](#)
 [24-434 RESOLUTION](#)
 [24-434 FISCAL NOTE](#)
 [24-434 DRAFT EASEMENT AGREEMENT](#)
 [24-434 AS-BUILT UTILITY SCHEMATICS](#)
 [24-434 POWERPOINT](#)

APPEARANCES:

Jeremy Lucas, Director of Administration and Planning, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC)
Robert Senglaub, Contracts Manager, DPRC

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

Aye: 5 - Taylor (17), Martin, Martinez, Eckblad and Wasserman

- 6 [24-432](#) From the Executive Director of Parks requesting authorization to accept funding of up to \$195,000 from the Milwaukee Parks Foundation & Pat Connaughton Foundation for improvements to Meaux Park basketball courts. **(Referred to the Committees on Parks and Culture; and Finance)**

Attachments: [24-432 REPORT](#)
 [24-432 RESOLUTION](#)
 [24-432 FISCAL NOTE](#)
 [24-432 PAT CONNAUGHTON FOUNDATION MISSION SUMMARY](#)

APPEARANCE:

Guy Smith, Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture

Rebecca Stoner, Executive Director, Milwaukee Parks Foundation, appeared and spoke in favor of this Action Report.

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

Aye: 5 - Taylor (17), Martin, Martinez, Eckblad and Wasserman

- 7 [24-438](#) From the Executive Director Parks providing an update on the Milwaukee Parks Foundation Projects (**INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE**)

Attachments: [24-438 REPORT](#)
 [24-438 IMPACT MAP 2022-2023](#)

APPEARANCE:

Guy Smith, Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture

Rebecca Stoner, Executive Director, Milwaukee Parks Foundation, appeared and spoke for information only regarding this Informational Report.

This Informational Report was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

The Committee recessed from 11:19 a.m. to 11:31 a.m. Upon reconvening at 11:31 a.m., the roll was taken, and all members were present.

Roll Call at 11:31 a.m.

Present 5 - Taylor (17), Martin, Martinez, Eckblad and Wasserman

- 8 [24-443](#) From the Executive Director of Parks, requesting authorization to enter into a Lease Agreement with UW-Extension for community gardens within Oak Creek Parkway, Kohl, Rainbow, Cupertino, and Underwood Parkway Parks.

Attachments: [24-443 REPORT](#)
 [24-443 REVISED REPORT \(received 05/03/24\)](#)
 [24-443 RESOLUTION](#)
 [24-443 FISCAL NOTE](#)
 [24-443 DRAFT LEASE AGREEMENT](#)
 [24-443 EXHIBITS / AERIAL MAPS OF LEASE PREMISES](#)
 [24-443 POWERPOINT](#)

APPEARANCE:

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

Martin Ventura, Urban Agriculture and Community Gardens Outreach Specialist, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Extension - Milwaukee County, appeared virtually and spoke in favor of 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: 5 - Taylor (17), Martin, Martinez, Eckblad and Wasserman

- 9 [24-435](#) From the Executive Director of Milwaukee County Parks, requesting removal of Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances 47.24 “Improper Use of Park Furniture”.
- Attachments:** [24-435 REPORT](#)
 [24-435 RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE](#)
 [24-435 FISCAL NOTE](#)
- APPEARANCE:**
James Tarantino, Deputy Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture
- A motion was made by Supervisor Martinez that this Resolution/Ordinance be **RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION**. The motion **PREVAILED** by the following vote:
Aye: 5 - Taylor (17), Martin, Martinez, Eckblad and Wasserman
- 10 [24-436](#) **2024 Adopted Budget Amendment 07:** From the Executive Director of Parks providing an informational report regarding strategies to deter illegal dumping in Milwaukee County Parks (**INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE**)
- Attachments:** [24-436 REPORT](#)
 [24-436 POWERPOINT](#)
 [24-436 MAP](#)
- APPEARANCE:**
Peter Bratt, Director of Operations and Skilled Trades, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture
- This Informational Report was **DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN**.
- 11 [24-439](#) From the Executive Director of Parks providing an informational report on the Holler Park Easter Seals Building use by Office of Emergency Management (**INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE**)
- Attachments:** [24-439 REPORT](#)
 [24-439 POWERPOINT](#)
- 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 [24-431](#) From the Executive Director of Parks providing an informational report regarding updated internal tools developed by the Parks Department to improve equity-based decision-making practices. **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

Attachments: [24-431 REPORT](#)
 [24-431 POWERPOINT](#)
 [24-431 REVISED POWERPOINT \(05/07/24\)](#)
 [24-431 EQUITY INDEX SCORE BY RANK](#)
 [24-431 EQUITY INDEX SCORE BY ALPHA](#)
 [24-431 EQUITY INDEX SCORE MAP 2024](#)

APPEARANCE:

Sarah Toomsen, Principal Landscape Architect and Assistant Director of Planning, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture

Ms. Toomsen provided an electronic presentation, which is attached to this file as "24-431 REVISED POWERPOINT (05/07/24)."

This Informational Report was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION /
SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION - 1**

- 13 [24-454](#) From the Director, Department of Transportation, and the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission providing an Informational Report regarding the Regional Natural Areas Plan Update. **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

Attachments: [24-454 REPORT](#)
 [24-454 POWERPOINT](#)

APPEARANCE:

Donna Brown-Martin, Director, Department of Transportation (virtually)

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

Jennifer Sarnecki, Deputy Chief Transportation Planner, Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) (virtually)

Thomas Slawski, Chief Biologist, SEWRPC (virtually)

This Informational Report was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

E-COMMENTS - 1

- 14 [24-49](#) 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. 24-49 at the conclusion of each meeting.

APPEARANCE:

Kelsey A. Evans, Committee Coordinator, Legislative Services, Office of the County Clerk

There were no eComments submitted for the May 7, 2024, meeting.

The May 7, 2024, record of eComments was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION, AND CULTURE - 1

- 15 [24-433](#) From the Executive Director of Milwaukee County Parks providing an Informational report on Climate Impacts at Grant Park. **(Considered by the Committees on Parks and Culture; and Community, Environment, and Economic Development) (INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE) (05/07/24 P&C Meeting: Laid Over to the Call of the Chairperson)**

Attachments: [24-433 REPORT](#)

[24-433 CLIMATE RESILIENCY PLAN FOR GRANT PARK](#)

APPEARANCE:

Kelsey A. Evans, Committee Coordinator, Legislative Services, Office of the County Clerk

A motion was made by Supervisor Taylor (17) that this Informational Report be LAID OVER TO THE CALL OF THE CHAIRPERSON. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Taylor (17), Martin, Martinez and Wasserman

Excused: 1 - Eckblad

The foregoing items were not considered in agenda order.

Length of Meeting: 9:03 a.m. to 1:08 p.m.

Adjourned,

Kelsey A. Evans
Committee Coordinator
Legislative Services, 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, June 4, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

Approval Tracking System review must be completed in Legistar on or before THURSDAY, May 16, 2024, at 5:00 p.m., for the June meeting cycle.