



Milwaukee County

Meeting Minutes

Committee on Parks and Culture

Chairperson: Supervisor Sheldon A. Wasserman

Vice Chairperson: Supervisor Steve F. Taylor

Supervisor Felesia A. Martin

Supervisor Priscilla E. Coggs-Jones

Supervisor Juan Miguel Martinez

Supervisor Jack Eckblad

Supervisor Anne O'Connor

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Tuesday, May 6, 2025

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 9:00 a.m.

Present 6 - Taylor (17), Martin, Martinez, Eckblad, O'Connor and Wasserman

Absent 1 - Coggs-Jones

Supervisor Priscilla E. Coggs-Jones was not present at the time the roll was called, but appeared virtually later in the meeting.

Supervisors Priscilla E. Coggs-Jones and Juan Miguel Martinez appeared virtually for today's meeting.

MILWAUKEE COUNTY - EXTENSION - 1

- 1 [25-337](#) From the Area Extension Director of the University of Wisconsin - Madison Extension providing an update on its educational outreach programs in Milwaukee County in 2024 (**INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE**)

Attachments: [25-337 REPORT](#)
 [25-337 2024 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS](#)
 [25-337 POWERPOINT \(05/06/25\)](#)

There were no appearances for this item.

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

Jerold "Jerry" Braatz, Director, Milwaukee County - Extension (Extension)
Athena Mayes, Head, Heart, Hands, and Health Program Associate Educator, Extension
Martin Ventura, Urban Agriculture Program Coordinator, Extension
Jill VanAirdale, Nutrition Education Administrator, Extension
Tahnee Aguirre, Financial Security Educator, Extension
Erica Carter, Community Development Educator, Extension

Mr. Braatz provided an electronic presentation, which is attached to this file as "25-337 POWERPOINT (05/06/25)."

This Informational Report was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

OFFICE OF CORPORATION COUNSEL - 1

- 2 [25-268](#) From the Office of Corporation Counsel requesting approval of a resolution authorizing Milwaukee County, Department of Parks, to enter into a Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release with Grandview Management, Inc. d/b/a Zilli Hospitality Group resolving certain disputes under the 2013 Boerner Catering and Facility Management Services Agreement, as amended by the May 2, 2019 First Amendment. **(Referred to the Committees on Judiciary, Law Enforcement, and General Services; Finance; and Parks and Culture) (JLEGS 04/15/25 Meeting: Laid Over for One Meeting)**

Attachments: [25-268 REPORT](#)
 [25-268 RESOLUTION](#)
 [25-268 FISCAL NOTE](#)
 [25-268 SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT](#)

APPEARANCES:

Karen Tidwall, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Office of Corporation Counsel
James "Jim" Tarantino, Deputy Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture

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

Aye: 4 - Taylor (17), Eckblad, O'Connor and Wasserman

No: 3 - Martin, Coggs-Jones and Martinez

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION, AND CULTURE - 1

- 3 [25-246](#) From the Executive Director of Parks providing an update regarding Wehr Nature Center's 5 year site improvement plan **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

Attachments: [25-246 REPORT](#)
 [25-246 POWERPOINT](#)

APPEARANCES:

Andrea Wallace, Assistant Director of Recreation and Business Services, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC)
Carly Hintz, Horticultural Director, Wehr Nature Center, DPRC

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

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

- 4 [25-335](#) From the Director of Economic Development providing an Informational Report on the Future of Trimborn Farm **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

Attachments: [25-335 REPORT](#)
 [25-335 POWERPOINT](#)

APPEARANCES:

Celia Benton, Director, Economic Development (ED), Department of Administrative Services (DAS)
Erica Goblet, Project Manager, ED, DAS

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

E-COMMENTS - 1

- 5 [25-50](#) eComments submitted to the Committee on Parks and Culture via the County Legislative Information Center (CLIC).

*The Office of the County Clerk collects eComments submitted via CLIC, and appends these official public records to Reference File No. 25-50 at the conclusion of each meeting.

There were no appearances for Item 5.

There were no eComments for the May 6, 2025, meeting.

The May 6, 2025, record of eComments was **DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.**

Length of Meeting: 9:00 a.m. to 10:51 a.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 10, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

Approval Tracking System review must be completed in Legistar on or before WEDNESDAY, May 21, 2025, at 5:00 p.m., for the June meeting cycle.