



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

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Tuesday, May 16, 2023

9:00 AM

Room 203-R & 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 5 - Shea, Taylor (17), Martin, Martinez and Wasserman

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

WAR MEMORIAL CENTER - 1

- 1 [23-47](#) From the Executive Director, War Memorial Center, providing an informational report regarding financial statements. **(Considered by the Committees on Parks and Culture; and Finance)**
(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)

Attachments: [23-47 MAY REPORT \(received 04/20/23\)](#)
 [23-47 MAY REVISED REPORT \(received 05/02/23\)](#)

APPEARANCE:
Dan Buttery, Executive Director, War Memorial Center

The May 2023 Revised Report for this Reference File was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

RESOLUTION - 1

- 2 [23-571](#) A resolution authorizing and directing an amendment to the Lease and Management Agreement with the Milwaukee County War Memorial Center to provide a new funding schedule starting in 2024 through 2033 **(05/16/23: Laid Over to the Call of the Chairperson)**

Sponsors: Burgelis

Attachments: [23-571 RESOLUTION](#)
 [23-571 FISCAL NOTE](#)

APPEARANCES:

Supervisor Peter Burgelis, District 15

Supervisor Patti Logsdon, District 9 (virtually)

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

Joe Lamers, Director, Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance

Margaret C. Daun, Corporation Counsel, Office of Corporation Counsel (virtually)

Michael Grebe, Chairman, War Memorial Center Board of Trustees, appeared and spoke for information only regarding this Resolution.

Dan Buttery, Executive Director, War Memorial Center, appeared but did not speak regarding this Resolution.

Supervisors Martin and Logsdon requested unanimous consent to be removed as cosponsors of this Resolution. There being no objections by Committee members, it was so ordered by the Chairman.

A motion was made by Supervisor Martin that this Resolution be LAID OVER FOR ONE MEETING. The motion was later amended, therefore no vote was taken.

A motion was made by Supervisor Martin that this Resolution be LAID OVER TO THE CALL OF THE CHAIRPERSON. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

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

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION, AND CULTURE - 5

- 3 [23-521](#) From the Executive Director of Parks requesting authorization to enter into agreements with American Family Insurance, the Milwaukee Parks Foundation, and J&M Displays, Inc. for the sponsorship and presentation of the July 3rd fireworks. **(Referred to the Committees on Parks and Culture; and Finance)**

Attachments: [23-521 REPORT](#)
 [23-521 RESOLUTION](#)
 [23-521 FISCAL NOTE](#)

APPEARANCE:

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

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 - Shea, Taylor (17), Martin, Martinez and Wasserman

- 4 [23-523](#) From the Executive Director of Parks, requesting authorization to grant a permanent easement to WE Energies to allow updated and new electrical service to the Urban Ecology Center building and service yard.

Attachments: [23-523 REPORT](#)
 [23-523 RESOLUTION](#)
 [23-523 FISCAL NOTE](#)
 [23-523 DISTRIBUTION EASEMENT UNDERGROUND & MAP](#)
 [23-523 AERIAL MAP](#)

APPEARANCE:

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

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

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

- 5 [23-515](#) From the Executive Director of Parks providing an informational report regarding Parks' lifeguard recruitment efforts and anticipated aquatic facility openings for the 2023 summer season. **(Considered by the Committees on Personnel; and Parks and Culture)**
(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)

Attachments: [23-515 REPORT](#)
 [23-515 COUNTY BOARD RESOLUTION](#)

APPEARANCES:

Jeffrey Orłowski, Director of Recreation and Business Services, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC)

Jodi Wendt, Recreation and Aquatics Program Manager, DPRC

Peter Bratt, Director of Operations and Skilled Trades, DPRC

This Informational Report was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

- 6 [23-522](#) From the Executive Director of Parks providing an informational report on the plans for operating Red Arrow Park Ice Rink as a roller-skating facility from Memorial Day to Labor Day. **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

Attachments: [23-522 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.

- 7 [23-530](#) From the Executive Director of Parks providing an informational report on the activities, programs, and fundraising efforts of the Milwaukee Parks Foundation. **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

Attachments: [23-530 REPORT](#)
 [23-530 POWERPOINT \(05/16/23\)](#)

APPEARANCES:

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

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

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

Ms. Stoner provided an electronic presentation, which is attached to this file as "23-530 POWERPOINT (05/16/23)."

This Informational Report was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

E-COMMENTS - 1

- 8 [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.

APPEARANCE:

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

The following people appeared and offered remarks under this Reference File:

Tamara E. Fabian

Eloise Bell

There were no eComments for the May 16, 2023, meeting.

The May 16, 2023, record of eComments was **DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.**

Length of Meeting: 9:00 a.m. to 10:18 a.m.

Adjourned,

Kelsey A. Evans

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 Friday, June 16, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.

Approval Tracking System review must be completed in Legistar on or before Friday, May 19, 2023, at 5:00 p.m., for the June meeting cycle.