



# 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*

*Committee Coordinator: Kelsey A. Evans, (414) 278-4013*

*Research Analyst: Ciara Miller, (414) 257-4742*

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Tuesday, December 12, 2023

9:00 AM

Room 203-R and 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.aspx>

#### Call To Order

Roll Call at 9:01 a.m.

**Present** 4 - Taylor (17), Martin, Martinez and Wasserman

**Excused** 1 - Shea

Supervisor Steven Shea was not present at the time the roll was called, but appeared shortly thereafter.

**EXTENSION - MILWAUKEE COUNTY - 1**

- 1      [23-922](#)      From the Director, Extension - Milwaukee County (UW Extension,) requesting authorization to enter into a Professional Services Contract between Milwaukee County and the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin - Madison, Division of Extension (Extension) for professional staffing services for the period effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024. The multi-year total for these annual contracts is over \$300,000 and is therefore subject to County Board approval.

Attachments:      [23-922 REPORT](#)  
                              [23-922 RESOLUTION](#)  
                              [23-922 FISCAL NOTE](#)  
                              [23-922 CONTRACT](#)

**APPEARANCE:**

Jerold "Jerry" Braatz, Director, Extension-Milwaukee County (virtually)

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

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

**Excused:** 1 - Shea

**MILWAUKEE PUBLIC MUSEUM - 1**

- 2      [23-46](#)      From the President and Chief Executive Officer, Milwaukee Public Museum, 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:      [23-46 DECEMBER REPORT \(received 11/07/23\)](#)  
                              [23-46 POWERPOINT \(received 12/04/23\)](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

Dr. Ellen Censky, President and Chief Executive Officer, Milwaukee Public Museum (MPM)

Thomas "Tom" O'Brien, Vice President of Finance and Operations, MPM

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

**MILWAUKEE COUNTY ZOO - 2**

- 3      [23-913](#)      From the Executive Zoo Director requesting authorization to allow Zoo employees free admissions to the Milwaukee County Zoo

**Attachments:**      [23-913 REPORT](#)  
                                 [23-913 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                 [23-913 FISCAL NOTE](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

Amos Morris, Director, Milwaukee County Zoo (Zoo)

Vera Westphal, Deputy Director, Administration, Finance, and Operations, Zoo

A motion was made by Supervisor Martinez 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      [23-1041](#)      From the Executive Zoo Director submitting the Milwaukee County Zoo's 2012 Master Plan, 2024 Association of Accreditation Standards, and 2024 Master Plan update (**INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE**)

**Attachments:**      [23-1041 REPORT](#)  
                                 [23-1041 2013 MASTER PLAN \(160 pages\)](#)  
                                 [23-1041 2013 MASTER PLAN APPENDICES \(44 pages\)](#)  
                                 [23-1041 2024 AZA ACCREDITATION STANDARDS \(121 pages\)](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

Amos Morris, Director, Milwaukee County Zoo (Zoo)

Vera Westphal, Deputy Director, Administration, Finance, and Operations, Zoo, appeared but did not speak regarding this Informational Report.

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

**DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION, AND CULTURE - 6**

- 5      [23-957](#)      From the Executive Director of Parks requesting authorization to recognize surplus revenues and corresponding expenditures to effectuate major maintenance and capital projects in parks. **(Referred to the Committees on Park and Culture; and Finance)**

**Attachments:**      [23-957 REPORT](#)  
                                 [23-957 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                 [23-957 FISCAL NOTE](#)  
                                 [23-957 P&C AMENDMENT I \(Adopted; Vote 4-1\)](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

Guy Smith, Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC)  
Jeremy Lucas, Director of Administration and Planning, DPRC  
Supervisor Peter Burgelis, District 15  
Kelsey A. Evans, Committee Coordinator, Legislative Services Division, Office of the County Clerk  
Steve Cady, Director of Research and Policy, Research Services Division, Office of the Comptroller

Supervisor Burgelis presented Parks and Culture (P&C) Amendment I, which is attached to this file.

A motion was made by Supervisor Martinez that this Action Report be **AMENDED** with P&C Amendment I. The motion **PREVAILED** by the following vote:

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

**No:** 1 - Taylor (17)

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

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

- 6      [23-950](#)      From the Executive Director of Milwaukee County Parks Requesting Authorization to revise the Scope of WY012305-Parks Golf Course Irrigation & Cart Path Construction to include additional Golf infrastructure. **(Referred to the Committees on Parks and Culture; and Finance)**

**Attachments:**      [23-950 REPORT](#)  
                                 [23-950 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                 [23-950 FISCAL NOTE](#)  
                                 [23-950 ADOPTED FILE NO. 22-592 REPORT](#)

**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

- 7      [23-960](#)      From the Executive Director Parks, requesting authorization to execute all contracts, agreements, deeds, easements, and any other documents necessary with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, WE Energies, and the City of Wauwatosa, to improve roadways and bridges and provide efficient bicycle and pedestrian travel in the area of STH 100 and the Upper Menomonee River Parkway

**Attachments:**      [23-960 REPORT](#)  
                                 [23-960 REVISED REPORT \(received 12/08/23\)](#)  
                                 [23-960 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                 [23-960 REVISED RESOLUTION \(received 12/08/23\)](#)  
                                 [23-960 FISCAL NOTE](#)  
                                 [23-960 REVISED FISCAL NOTE \(received 12/08/23\)](#)  
                                 [23-960 CITY OF WAUWATOSA FINANCIAL AGREEMENT](#)  
                                 [23-960 DRAFT DISTRIBUTION EASEMENT GAS & EXHIBITS](#)  
                                 [23-960 CONCEPT RENDERINGS \(12/12/23\)](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

Jeremy Lucas, Director of Administration and Planning, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC)  
Saji Villoth, Interim Contracts Manager, DPRC  
Guy Smith, Director, DPRC  
Kelsey A. Evans, Committee Coordinator, Legislative Services Division, Office of the County Clerk  
Supervisor Peter Burgelis, District 15 (virtually)

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

William "Bill" Wehrley, City Engineer, City of Wauwatosa  
James "Jim" Schumacher, Design Project Manager, Department of Transportation, State of Wisconsin (virtually)

Mr. Schumacher provided an electronic image deck, which is attached to this file as "23-960 CONCEPT RENDERINGS (12/12/23)."

A motion was made by Supervisor Martinez that this Action Report be LAID OVER TO THE CALL OF THE CHAIRPERSON. The motion was later withdrawn, therefore no vote was taken.

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

**Aye:** 2 - Martin and Martinez

**No:** 3 - Shea, Taylor (17) and Wasserman

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

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

No: 1 - Martinez

- 8      [23-959](#)      **2023 Adopted Budget Amendment 69:** From the Executive Director of Parks providing an informational report in response to 2023 Adopted Amendment 69, whereas the amendment requested the Parks Department engage with the Lake Park Friends and neighbors on Wahl Avenue regarding obligations of bluff maintenance in Lake Park. **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

Attachments:      [23-959 REPORT](#)  
                                 [23-959 CORPORATION COUNSEL OPINION & EXHIBITS](#)

**APPEARANCE:**  
Guy Smith, Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture

This Informational Report was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

- 9      [23-951](#)      **2023 Adopted Budget Amendment 63:** From the Executive Director of Milwaukee County Parks providing an informational report in response to 2023 Adopted Amendment 63. **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

Attachments:      [23-951 REPORT](#)  
                                 [23-951 2023 ADOPTED BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 63](#)  
                                 [23-951 2020-2023 CAMPAC AWARDS TABLE](#)

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

This Informational Report was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

- 10      [23-952](#)      From the Executive Director of Parks providing an informational report on the Parks Departments reforestation initiatives. **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

Attachments:      [23-952 REPORT](#)  
                                 [23-952 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.

**E-COMMENTS - 1**

- 11      [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.

There were no appearances for Item 11.

There were no eComments submitted for the December 12, 2023, meeting.

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

**Length of Meeting: 9:01 a.m. to 11:45 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 Tuesday,  
January 23, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

Approval Tracking System review must be completed in Legistar on or before  
Thursday, December 28, 2023, at 5:00 p.m., for the January meeting cycle.