



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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Thursday, January 12, 2023

1:00 PM

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 1:00 p.m.

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

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

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE - 2

- 1 [22-1195](#) From the County Executive, appointing Danielle Berger to the Southeast Wisconsin Professional Baseball Park District Board for an indefinite term due to the resignation of Alec Fraser.

Attachments: [22-1195 APPOINTMENT LETTER](#)

[22-1195 BIOGRAPHY/RESUME](#)

APPEARANCE:

Schinika Fitch, Director of Community Relations, Office of the County Executive (virtually)

Attorney Danielle Bergner, Appointee, appeared virtually and spoke regarding this Appointment.

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

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

- 2 [22-1204](#) From the County Executive, appointing Kristen Hardy to the Milwaukee Public Museum Board of Directors for a term expiring February 2, 2026.

Attachments: [22-1204 APPOINTMENT LETTER](#)
 [22-1204 REVISED APPOINTMENT LETTER \(received 12/16/22\)](#)
 [22-1204 BIOGRAPHY/RESUME](#)
 [22-1204 REVISED BIOGRAPHY/RESUME \(received 12/16/22\)](#)

APPEARANCE:

Schinika Fitch, Director of Community Relations, Office of the County Executive (virtually)

Attorney Kristen Hardy, Appointee, appeared virtually and spoke regarding this Appointment.

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

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

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION, AND CULTURE - 8

- 3 [23-103](#) From the Executive Director of Milwaukee County Parks Requesting Approval to Release Funding From 2023 Adopted Budget Amendment 01. (**Referred to the Committees on Parks and Culture; and Finance**)

Attachments: [23-103 REPORT](#)
 [23-103 RESOLUTION](#)
 [23-103 FISCAL NOTE](#)
 [23-103 FUNDING OVERVIEW](#)
 [23-103 POWERPOINT \(01/12/23\)](#)

APPEARANCE:

Jim Tarantino, Deputy Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture

Mr. Tarantino provided an electronic presentation, which is attached to this file as "23-103 POWERPOINT (01/12/23)."

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

- 4 [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)**

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](#)

APPEARANCES:

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

Mr. Matt Michael, General Manager and Chief Operating Officer, Milwaukee Yacht Club, appeared virtually, and spoke in favor of this Action Report.

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

A motion was made by Supervisor Martin that this Action Report 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

5 [23-106](#) From the Executive Director of Parks requesting authorization to approve a request by the South Milwaukee School District to renovate a baseball diamond it leases from the County

- Attachments:** [23-106 REPORT](#)
 [23-106 RESOLUTION](#)
 [23-106 FISCAL NOTE](#)
 [23-106 SMSD 2002 LEASE AGREEMENT & EXHIBITS](#)
 [23-106 EXHIBIT A - AERIAL MAP](#)
 [23-106 GRAEF CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS](#)
 [23-106 BASEBALL DIAMOND - AERIAL MAP](#)

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

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

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

- 6 [23-108](#) From the Executive Director of Parks requesting authorization to grant a permanent easement to WE Energies to allow for the replacement of a gas main in and across certain portions of parkland in the City of South Milwaukee by Manitoba Avenue and Oak Creek Parkway. **(01/12/23: Laid Over to the Call of the Chairperson)**

Attachments: [23-108 REPORT](#)
 [23-108 RESOLUTION](#)
 [23-108 FISCAL NOTE](#)
 [23-108 GAS DISTRIBUTION EASEMENT & EXHIBITS](#)
 [23-108 AERIAL MAP](#)

APPEARANCE:

Erica Goblet, Contracts Manager, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (virtually)
Steve Cady, Director of Research and Policy, Research Services Division, Office of the Comptroller
Supervisor Peter Burgelis, District 15

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

Kurt Van Dulm, Right-of-Way Agent, Wisconsin Electric Power Company (WE Energies)
Joseph Thom, System Operations Supervisor, WE Energies

A motion was made by Supervisor Martinez that Item 6 be **RECOMMENDED FOR REJECTION**. The motion was later withdrawn, therefore no vote was taken.

A motion was made by Supervisor Shea that this Action Report be **LAI D O V E R T O T H E C A L L O F T H E C H A I R P E R S O N**. The motion **P R E V A I L E D** by the following vote:

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

- 7 [23-105](#) From the Executive Director of Parks requesting authorization to grant waivers to various special event organizers for events that impede access to Lincoln Memorial Drive on various dates in 2023.

Attachments: [23-105 REPORT](#)
 [23-105 RESOLUTION](#)
 [23-105 FISCAL NOTE](#)
 [23-105 2023 LINCOLN MEMORIAL DRIVE CLOSURE REQUESTS](#)

APPEARANCE:

Jeff Orłowski, Director of Recreation and Business Services, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture

A motion was made by Supervisor Martin that this Action Report be **RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION**. The motion **P R E V A I L E D** by the following vote:

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

- 8 [23-102](#) From the Executive Director of Parks requesting authorization to allow Milwaukee County Parks employees the benefit of playing golf on Milwaukee County Parks golf courses without paying standard rates. **(Referred to the Committees on Parks and Culture; and Finance)**

Attachments: [23-102 REPORT](#)
 [23-102 RESOLUTION](#)
 [23-102 FISCAL NOTE](#)

APPEARANCE:

Jim Tarantino, Deputy Director, 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: 5 - Shea, Taylor (17), Martin, Martinez and Wasserman

- 9 [23-104](#) From the Executive Director of Parks providing an update on the use of goats for landscaping in Milwaukee County Parks **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

Attachments: [22-104 REPORT](#)
 [23-104 POWERPOINT](#)

APPEARANCES:

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

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

Brian Russart, Natural Areas Supervisor, DPRC (virtually)

Steve Cady, Director of Research and Policy, Research Services Division, Office of the Comptroller

Gail M. Milbrath appeared, and spoke in favor of this Informational Report.

This Informational Report was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

- 10 [23-107](#) From the Executive Director of Parks providing an informational report on the Milwaukee County Parks Safety, Security & Training division for 2022. **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

Attachments: [22-107 REPORT](#)
 [23-107 POWERPOINT](#)

APPEARANCES:

Jeremy Lucas, Director of Administration and Planning, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC)
Todd Pisarski, Safety, Security, and Training Manager, DPRC
Chairwoman Marcelia Nicholson, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

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 January 12, 2023, meeting.

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

Length of Meeting: 1:00 p.m. to 3:43 p.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, March 14, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

Approval Tracking System review must be completed in Legistar on or before Friday, February 17, 2023, at 5:00 p.m., for the March meeting cycle.