

Chairperson: Supervisor Lynne De Bruin
Committee Clerk: Carol Mueller, 278-4228
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COMMITTEE ON PARKS, ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

Tuesday, January 29, 2008 – 9:00 a.m.
Milwaukee County Courthouse, Room 201-B

Minutes

Scheduled Items:

PRESENT: Supervisors Devine, Borkowski, Schmitt, Broderick, Clark*, Jursik and De Bruin (Chairperson) - 7

**Note Supervisor was not present at roll call but appeared shortly thereafter.*

Presentation

1. 07-R21 From the Milwaukee River Work Group a presentation on their organization and the status of the interim study on the Milwaukee River overlay. **(INFORMATIONAL UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE.)**

Appearance:

Ann Brummitt, Milwaukee River Work Group Coordinator (WRWG)
Kevin Haley, Parks, Planning and Development
Sue Black, Director, Parks, Recreation and Culture
Pieter Godfrey, P. Y. Godfrey LLC

Ms. Brummitt spoke of how approximately 70% of the land near the Milwaukee River is publicly owned. The WRWG is looking at added protection and managing the usage of this area. Municipalities need to establish zoning protections. The green space runs from the former North Avenue Dam to the city limits.

THE COMMITTEE TOOK NO ACTION ON THIS ITEM.

2. 08-R03 A discussion of the proposal from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, regarding their interest in a portion of Northeast Quadrant of the County Grounds in the City of Wauwatosa for the development of a school of engineering, and biomedical and advanced automation research and teaching campus. **(INFORMATIONAL UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE.)**

This item was removed from the agenda prior to the Committee coming to order. It will be rescheduled at a later date.

Scheduled Items (Continued):

Museum

3. 08-28(a) From Chief Financial Officer, Milwaukee Public Museum, Fiscal 2008 First Quarter Financial Update through November 2007. **(Also considered by the Committee on Finance and Audit)**

Appearances:

Daniel Finley, Director, Milwaukee Public Museum (MPM)

Michael Bernatz, Chief Financial Officer, Milwaukee Public Museum (MPM)

Mr. Finley updated the Committee noting they met the challenge to raise the \$5 million matching donor grant. MPM has also paid back \$2 million towards the debt owed Milwaukee County. The goal of the Museum is to pay back the remaining \$2.9 million within the first quarter of 2008.

Mr. Bernatz noted that they have finalized all bank agreements, received a clean audit and resolved the legal issues with the former CFO of the Museum. Attendance is up 9% from last year. The bottom line has a positive net change of \$866,000 in net assets. At the lowest point the Museum's accumulated net assets had a negative \$9.3 million, at this point it is at a positive \$600,000.

Attendance for the "Body Worlds" exhibit is averaging 10,000 on the first two weekends with a daily average of 2,400. Supervisor Borkowski suggested a stronger promotional campaign for both the Imax and the planetarium.

MOTION BY: (Schmitt) Receive and place on file a report dated December 31, 2007, titled "Fiscal 2008 1st Quarter Financial Update Through November 2007". **(Vote 7-0)**

AYES: Devine, Borkowski, Schmitt, Broderick, Clark, Jursik and De Bruin (Chair) - 7

NO: - 0

EXCUSED: - 0

Department of Administrative Services &
Architectural Engineering and Environmental Services

4. 04-267 (a) A. From the Director, Department of Administrative Services providing a report on the due diligence for Johnson Controls Inc., related to their work as a Guaranteed Energy Savings Performance Contractor. **(Also to the Committee on Transportation, Public Works and Transit.) (INFORMATIONAL UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE.)**

Items 4A and 4B were taken out of order before Item #3.

Scheduled Items (Continued):

Appearances:

Cynthia Archer, Acting Director Department of Administrative Services (DAS)
Chad Lillethun, Fiscal and Budget Analyst, DAS
Vince Masterson, Fiscal and Budget Analyst, DAS
Pamela Bryant, Capital Finance Manager, DAS

A lengthy discussion regarding the guaranteed savings ensued. DAS staff fielded questions. Through their analysis, DAS has a high level of confidence that energy savings will be recognized. Energy savings are calculated using a complicated engineering formula. Overall, by implementing this program savings will be realized, equipment will be updated and monitoring will take place. The Guaranteed Energy Savings Performance contracts are approximately \$6 million that equates to \$2 million per contractor.

THE COMMITTEE TOOK NO ACTION ON THIS ITEM.

- 04-267 B. From the Director, Transportation and Public Works, requesting
(a)(e) authorization to prepare, review, approve and execute all contract documents as required to hire Johnson Controls Inc. to provide Guaranteed Energy Savings Performance Contracting (GESPC) to repair and renew Milwaukee County building infrastructures based on the energy audits performed. **(Also to the Committee on Transportation, Public Works and Transit.)**

Appearance:

Greg High, Director, Architecture Engineering and Environmental Services

MOTION BY: (Clark) Concur with the actions of Transportation, Publics Works and Transit Committee*. **(Vote 7-0)**

AYES: Devine, Borkowski, Schmitt, Broderick, Clark, Jursik and De Bruin (Chair) - 7

NO: - 0

EXCUSED: - 0

**Note: The Committee on Transportation, Public Works and Transit at its January 23, 2008 meeting approved the item (vote 6-1).*

Resolutions

- 5. 08-66 A resolution by Supervisors De Bruin, Borkowski, Jursik, Devine and Johnson authorizing and directing the Director of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture to develop a five-year and a ten-year capital improvements plan for the entire parks system including a prioritization of projects and associated costs.

Scheduled Items (Continued):

Appearances:

Supervisor Lynne De Bruin, District 15
James Keegan, Parks, Chief of Planning, Policy and Partnerships

Supervisor Devine was acting Chair for Items 5 and 6.

Supervisor De Bruin stated this is an opportunity to get the Park's perspective on capital projects and how they would prioritize them.

Mr. Keegan noted that this would be a major undertaking, but feels that staff is up to the challenge.

Supervisor Broderick would like the results shared with the Parks Advisory Commission.

MOTION BY: (De Bruin) Approve (Vote 7-0)

AYES: De Bruin, Borkowski, Schmitt, Broderick, Clark, Jursik and Devine (Chair) - 7

NO: - 0

EXCUSED: - 0

6. 08-67 A resolution by Supervisor De Bruin, authorizing and directing the Director of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture to develop recommendations on the display of United States flags in Milwaukee County parks.

Appearances:

Supervisor Lynne De Bruin, District 15
The following registered to speak on the item:
Kevin Hinkley, Kops Park Revitalization Team
Vera Rodda, Veteran
Bill Moore, Veteran

Proper flag etiquette was discussed at length noting any flag not lighted at night should be taken down daily. Ms. Esch relayed a response from the meeting of the Board of the War Memorial Corporation, saying the veterans requested the flags remain flying opposed to removal at this time.

The Parks Department will look into either having staff, volunteers from boy/girl scout troops, veterans or community residences raise and take down the flag daily until a solution can be made including the possibility of using solar power to light the flags.

Both Supervisors Borkowski and Clark requested to be added as co-sponsors to the resolution, there being no objections, it was so ordered.

Scheduled Items (Continued):

MOTION BY: (De Bruin) Approve (Vote 7-0)

AYES: De Bruin, Borkowski, Schmitt, Broderick, Clark, Jursik and Devine (Chair) - 7

NO: - 0

EXCUSED: - 0

Parks

7. 08-68 From the Engineering Director, City of Cudahy requesting a permanent easement and right-of-entry limits for construction access to accommodate a storm sewer in Sheridan Park.

Appearance:

Kevin Haley, Parks, Planning and Development

The City of Cudahy will pay for any restoration of parkland and roadways that may be disturbed during this upgrade to the storm sewer. All fees are waived in the City of Cudahy for Milwaukee County related to this project.

MOTION BY: (Jursik) Approve (Vote 7-0)

AYES: Devine, Borkowski, Schmitt, Broderick, Clark, Jursik and De Bruin (Chair) - 7

NO: - 0

EXCUSED: - 0

8. 08-R02 From the Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture, a status report on the Coast Guard Station and the seawall repairs. **(INFORMATIONAL UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE.)**

Appearances:

Kevin Haley, Parks, Planning and Development

James Keegan, Parks, Chief of Planning, Policy and Partnerships

Pieter Godfry, P. Y. Godfry (Registered to speak)

Mr. Keegan gave a power point presentation on the proposed demolition of the Coast Guard Station and construction of a 40 foot by 60 foot open-air pavilion along with the repairs to the seawall. The only salvageable piece of the station is the bridge. It will be incorporated into the new plans for the space.

THE COMMITTEE TOOK NO ACTION ON THIS ITEM.

Scheduled Items (Continued):

The Committee may adjourn into closed session under the provisions of Section 110.08(b) of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances for the purpose of discussing the following matter and under the provisions of Section 19.85(1)(g), Wisconsin Statutes in order to confer with legal counsel about litigation in which the county might be involved. At the conclusion of the closed session, the Committee may reconvene in open session to take whatever actions it may deem necessary:

- 9. 08-R01 A. From Segway of Milwaukee, an appeal, pursuant to Chapter 110 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances, regarding the contract award for concessions at Veteran’s Park.

Appearances:

John Schapekahm, Corporation Counsel
Elroy Schneider, Parks Contract Services Officer
Dennis Wanless, Segway of Milwaukee
John Arakelian, Lawyer

Madam Chair explained the procedure for the hearing. Both individuals will be sworn in prior to the start of the hearing. The individual making the appeal will state his case first followed by questions from Corporation Counsel and then Committee members. The same procedure will be followed with the County Park’s representative.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the appeal. Both sides presented their case. With questions from both Corporation Counsel and members of the Committee. Advice from the appellant’s counsel was periodically requested.

The Committee adjourned for a break at 11:50 a.m. The Committee reconvened at 12:00 p.m. A roll was taken with all members present.

MOTION BY: (Devine) Adjourn into closed session under the provision of Wisconsin Statutes, Section 19.85(1)(g) for the purpose of discussing Item #9. At the conclusion of the closed session, the Committee may reconvene in open session to take whatever action(s) it may deem necessary on the aforesaid item. (Vote 6-1)

AYES: Devine, Borkowski, Schmitt, Broderick, Jursik and De Bruin (Chair) - 6
NO: Clark - 1
EXCUSED: - 0

The Committee adjourned into closed session at approximately 12:50 p.m. and reconvened into open session at 1:10 p.m. A roll call was taken with all members present.

Scheduled Items (Continued):

MOTION BY: (Schmitt) Deny the appeal, reaffirming the Department recommendation. **(Vote 7-0)**

AYES: Devine, Borkowski, Schmitt, Broderick, Clark, Jursik and De Bruin (Chair) - 7

NO: - 0

EXCUSED: - 0

- 07-464 B. From the Director, Parks, Recreation and Culture requesting authority to enter into new three-year agreements with the following concession vendors: Milwaukee Bike and Skate Rental, Juneau Park Paddleboats and Gift of Wings with two additional one-year periods to provide activities at Veterans Park.

MOTION BY: (Clark) Approve **(Vote 7-0)**

AYES: Devine, Borkowski, Schmitt, Broderick, Clark, Jursik and De Bruin (Chair) - 7

NO: - 0

EXCUSED: - 0

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The Committee adjourned at approximately 1:15 p.m.

Carol Mueller
Committee Clerk

Staff Present:

- Mr. Kevin Haley, Parks, Planning and Development
- Ms. Sue Black, Director, Parks, Recreation and Culture
- Mr. Cynthia Archer, Acting Director, Department of Administrative Services
- Mr. Chad Lillethun, Fiscal and Budget Analyst, DAS
- Mr. Vince Masterson, Fiscal and Budget Analyst, DAS
- Ms. Pamela Bryant, Capital Finance Manager, DAS
- Mr. Greg High, Director, Architecture Engineering and Environmental Services
- Mr. James Keegan, Parks, Chief of Planning, Policy and Partnerships
- Mr. John Schapekahm, Corporation Counsel
- Mr. Elroy Schneider, Parks Contract Services Officer
- Ms. Julie Esch, Research Analyst

Scheduled Items (Continued):

DEADLINE FOR THE PARKS, ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE:

The deadline for agenda items for the next regular meeting (**Tuesday, March 11, 2008**) is
Tuesday, February 26, 2008.

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