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COMMITTEE ON PARKS, ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

Tuesday, March 11, 2008 – 9:00 a.m.

Milwaukee County Courthouse, Room 201-B

MINUTES

Scheduled Items:

PRESENT: Supervisors Devine, Borkowski, Schmitt, Broderick, Jursik and De Bruin
(Chairperson) – 6
EXCUSED: Clark

Appointments

1. 08-77 From the Chairman of the County Board, appointing Mr. Oscar Tovar to serve on the Cultural Artistic and Musical Programming Advisory Council (CAMPAC) for a term to expire October 1, 2009.

Appearances:

Terry Cooley, County Board Chief of Staff
Mr. Oscar Tovar

MOTION BY: (*Borkowski*) Approve (**Vote 6-0**)

AYES: Devine, Borkowski, Schmitt, Broderick, Jursik and De Bruin (Chair) - 6

NO: - 0

EXCUSED: CLARK

2. 08-83 From the County Executive, appointing Mr. James C. Villa to serve on the Milwaukee Public Museum Board of Directors for a term expiring January 1, 2011.

Appearances:

Fran McLaughlin, County Executive-Director of Communications
James Villa
Supervisor Richard Nyklewicz, District 14

Supervisor Nyklewicz requested that the Committee make a motion to lay this nomination on the table.

Scheduled Items (Continued):

MOTION BY: (Broderick) Lay on Table **(Vote 4-2)**

AYES: Borkowski, Broderick, Jursik and De Bruin (Chair) - 4

NO: Devine and Schmitt - 2

EXCUSED: CLARK

3. 08-105 From the County Executive, appointing Ms. Pency Byhardt to serve on the Marcus Center Board of Directors for a term expiring April 1, 2010.

Appearances:

Fran McLaughlin, County Executive-Director of Communications

Paul Mathews, Director, Marcus Center for the Performing Arts

Pency Byhardt

MOTION BY: (Devine) Approve **(Vote 6-0)**

AYES: Devine, Borkowski, Schmitt, Broderick, Jursik and De Bruin (Chair) - 6

NO: - 0

EXCUSED: CLARK

4. 08-106 From the County Executive, appointing Mr. Pepi Randolph to serve on the Marcus Center Board of Directors for a term expiring April 1, 2010.

Appearances:

Fran McLaughlin, County Executive-Director of Communications

Paul Mathews, Director, Marcus Center for the Performing Arts

Mr. Mathews relayed to the Committee Mr. Randolph's sincere regrets for not being able to attend the meeting due to a scheduling conflict.

Supervisor Jursik wanted to recognize the service of Mr. Dominic Frinzi, whom Mr. Randolph is replacing.

Mr. Mathews informed the Committee that on Thursday there would be a service to honor Mr. Frinzi.

MOTION BY: (Devine) Approve **(Vote 6-0)**

AYES: Devine, Borkowski, Schmitt, Broderick, Jursik and De Bruin (Chair) - 6

NO: - 0

EXCUSED: CLARK

5. 08-107 From the County Executive, appointing Dr. Fred Crouther to serve on the Marcus Center Board of Directors for a term expiring April 1, 2011.

Appearances:

Fran McLaughlin, County Executive-Director of Communications

Paul Mathews, Director, Marcus Center for the Performing Arts

Dr. Fred Crouther

Scheduled Items (Continued):

MOTION BY: (Broderick) Approve (Vote 6-0)

AYES: Devine, Borkowski, Schmitt, Broderick, Jursik and De Bruin (Chair) - 6

NO: - 0

EXCUSED: CLARK

Mitchell Domes

6. 08-124 From the Director, Parks, Recreation and Culture, requesting authorization to accept the Mitchell Domes Lighting Project and negotiate, prepare and execute an agreement with the Greater Milwaukee Foundation to install the system.

Appearances:

Sue Black, Director, Parks, Recreation and Culture

Chris Abele, Greater Milwaukee Foundation

Supervisor Peggy West, District 12

Supervisor Devine is acting Chair for this Item.

Ms. Black thanked Mr. Chris Abele, Mr. Michael Cudahy and an anonymous donor for their support and gift of \$550,000 for the lighting project for the Mitchell Park Domes. Mr. Abele noted that this would provide efficient, more attractive lighting.

The Greater Milwaukee Foundation will be the conduit for the donations.

Members of the Committee voiced their genuine thanks to the donors for their generous support of this project.

Supervisor West commends the donors for this project. She also noted that attendance is up due to a variety of entertainment and special events being held at the Domes. The lighting project will attract more visitors to see the potential of this underutilized facility.

MOTION BY: (Schmitt) Approve (Vote 6-0)

AYES: De Bruin, Borkowski, Schmitt, Broderick, Jursik and Devine (Chair) - 6

NO: - 0

EXCUSED: CLARK

Zoo

7. 08-78 From the Director, Milwaukee County Zoo requesting approval to enter into a professional services contract with the World Bird Sanctuary for the 2008 and 2009 Bird Show at the Zoo.

Scheduled Items (Continued):

Appearance:

Chuck Wikenhauser, Director, Zoo

Mr. Wikenhauser noted that this is a free show for added value to visitors.

Supervisor De Bruin requested that Mr. Wikenhauser provide to Committee members prior to the County Board meeting, a brief written report on the Zoo's attempt to attract other vendors. Additionally, explain how the Zoo presented this program last year.

MOTION BY: (Schmitt) Approve (Vote 6-0)

AYES: Devine, Borkowski, Schmitt, Broderick, Jursik and De Bruin (Chair) - 6

NO: - 0

EXCUSED: CLARK

Transportation and Public Works

8. 08-79 From the Director, Department of Transportation and Public Works requesting an amendment to Chapter 39, Disposal of Refuse or Waste of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances in order to be consistent with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources' Wisconsin Pollutant Elimination Discharge System.

Appearances:

Stevan Keith, Acting Director, Environmental Services

Jack Takerian, Director, Facilities Management

The NR216 permit requires the creation of an ordinance. Amending Chapter 39 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances meets these requirements.

Any future identified deficiencies will need to be corrected. At this time those costs will be absorbed in the budget. As the need arises additional funding may be required to correct identified deficiencies. It is expected that future funding will come from capital budgets.

MOTION BY: (Devine) Approve (Vote 6-0)

AYES: Devine, Borkowski, Schmitt, Broderick, Jursik and De Bruin (Chair) - 6

NO: - 0

EXCUSED: CLARK

9. 08-R04 From the Director, Transportation and Public Works, an annual report to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) providing status updates on NR216 Storm Water Permit. **(Also considered by the Committee on Transportation, Public Works and Transit) (INFORMATIONAL UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE.)**

Scheduled Items (Continued):

Appearance:

Stevan Keith, Acting Director, Environmental Services

Supervisor Jursik wanted more information regarding Table 3 on street sweeping frequency. She asked the department to prepare a report on what criteria is used to determine where and at what frequency street sweeping should occur. Additionally, College Avenue needs to be swept.

Supervisor De Bruin wants the Department to submit a copy of the Pollution Prevention Plan to Committee members when it is available.

The Committee took no action on this Item.

10. 08-92 From the Director, Transportation and Public Works, requesting authorization to have the County Conservationist apply for and accept a grant from the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection for partial funding of the Conservationist Office for the 2009 fiscal year.

Appearance:

Stevan Keith, Acting Director, Environmental Services

MOTION BY: (Devine) Approve (Vote 6-0)

AYES: Devine, Borkowski, Schmitt, Broderick, Jursik and De Bruin (Chair) - 6

NO: - 0

EXCUSED: CLARK

Resolutions

11. 07-442(a) A report back on an adopted resolution directing the Director of Parks and the Director of Public Works and Transportation to work out an agreement transferring snow plowing operations of parks roads from the Department of Public Works to the Parks Department; and grass cutting of Highway medians from the Parks Department to the Department of Public Works. **(Also to the Committee on Transportation, Public Works and Transit)**

Appearances:

Jack Takerian, Director, Facilities Management

Chad Lillethun, Fiscal and Budget Analyst-DAS

Vince Masterson, Fiscal and Budget Analyst-DAS

Sue Black, Director, Parks, Recreation and Culture

A discussion ensued regarding the reallocation of duties. There are concerns regarding sufficient funding available in current departmental budgets to cover these changes. Both department representatives said they are comfortable with the financial agreements worked out for 2008.

Scheduled Items (Continued):

Supervisor De Bruin requested prior to County Board day written reports with the assistance from the Department of Administration.

The Department of Transportation should submit a report in regards to aligning the expected costs on mowing the county trunk medians beginning in April 2008, outlining if there are sufficient funds available and where the funds may be drawn from.

The Parks Department should submit a report regarding Parkway road repair, including pothole filling or resealing, and maintenance and necessary upkeep, again outlining the funding sources.

For both reports only include the top priority items pertaining to repairs required for public safety. The goal is to keep the roads and medians at the 2007 levels or better as necessary.

Ms. Black noted that there are long-term liabilities regarding the parkways. There is a debate if these roads should be considered arterial roads or truly parkways, based on traffic use.

Supervisor Borkowski stated that the County must make the best utilization of equipment and staff to get the job done. Either way the County will need to expend the funds no matter which department has the responsibility. The public doesn't care how, just that the job gets done.

MOTION BY: (Devine) Concur with the Committee on Transportation and Public Works adopting a resolution approving the Department's recommendations. **(Vote 6-0)**

AYES: Devine, Borkowski, Schmitt, Broderick, Jursik and De Bruin (Chair) - 6

NO: - 0

EXCUSED: CLARK

12. 08-96 A resolution by Supervisors Johnson and Schmitt, commemorating the Negro Baseball League's Milwaukee Bears by placing a historic marker in Clinton and Bernice Rose Parks at the intersection of North Martin Luther King Drive and West Burleigh Street.

Appearance:

Supervisor Willie Johnson, District 13

Supervisor Schmitt explained that the authors were in discussion with all parties involved including the Historical Society, the Milwaukee Brewers organization and the Parks Department. There was a request by Supervisor Borkowski to delete the word last on line 11 of the resolution for clarity.

Supervisors De Bruin, Devine, Borkowski, Broderick and Jursik requested being added as cosponsors. There being no objection it was so ordered.

Scheduled Items (Continued):

MOTION BY: (Schmitt) Approve with corrected copy. **(Vote 6-0)**

AYES: Devine, Borkowski, Schmitt, Broderick, Jursik and De Bruin (Chair) - 6

NO: - 0

EXCUSED: CLARK

13. 08-R06 **A.** From the Director, Parks, Recreation and Culture, a report regarding the stabilization and re-vegetation of the Wahl Avenue Bluff with assistance from the Friends of Lake Park. **(INFORMATIONAL UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE.)**

The Committee took no action on this Item.

- 08-98 **B.** A resolution by Supervisor Broderick, authorizing and directing the Director, Department of Parks Recreation and Culture to execute a contract with the Lake Park Friends for the stabilization and re-vegetation of the Wahl Avenue Bluff in Lake Parks.

Appearances:

Chuck Ward, Parks Chief of Operations

Sue Black, Director, Parks, Recreation and Culture

Dave O'Brien, President Lake Park Friends

Mr. Ward said according to a study done by the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC), the bluff is the most challenged area in Lake Park. The stabilization project includes an eight-year program. Year one is for the removal of invasive species and planting of native grasses and shrubs. Years two through six will be the active management of the growth of these plants. The last two years will be for monitoring.

Mr. O'Brien noted this is a very long-standing project that the Lake Park Friends (LPF) has taken on. The residents have worked with a sought after landscape architect to provide a well thought out plan. In addition, the residents have agreed to raise the \$135, 000 to cover the eight-year program. Both the LPF and the Parks Department agreed not to proceed until the entire funds are raised.

Supervisor Broderick gave kudos to the LPF group as stewards of the area and thanked the resident donors.

MOTION BY: (Broderick) Amend the resolution in the last Whereas clause to include: not proceed until \$135,000 has been deposited into an account dedicated to completion of the work, and in the Be It Resolved clause to include the words negotiate and execute a contract **(Vote 6-0)**

AYES: Devine, Borkowski, Schmitt, Broderick, Jursik and De Bruin (Chair) - 6

NO: - 0

EXCUSED: CLARK

Scheduled Items (Continued):

Parks

14. 08-97 From the Director, Parks, Recreation and Culture, regarding Wangard Properties, requesting permission to lease parking spaces at O'Donnell Park during the construction of an existing parking structure at 875 East Wisconsin Avenue with all costs of this project being handled by Wangard. **(Also to the Committee on Finance and Audit.)**

This was taken out of order after Item 6.

Appearances:

Chuck Ward, Parks-Chief of Operations
Wayne Wiertzema, Wangard Properties

Mr. Ward explained how Wangard Properties contacted the Parks Department regarding the possible linking of the two structures. All the appropriate County departments along with an engineering consultant are working together on the specifics of this request. During the construction to the 875 Building, Wangard will be leasing approximately 175-200 parking spaces at O'Donnell Park. The leasing of parking space will continue upon completion of the project.

Mr. Wiertzema expects the project to last approximately one and a half years. He also noted that there would be some security cameras installed.

Supervisor Jursik requested that agreements include priority to ongoing lakefront events and include consideration for any disruption of parking for these events.

Supervisor De Bruin confirmed that all temporary permits have been discussed with the City of Milwaukee.

MOTION BY: (Broderick) Approve (Vote 6-0)

AYES: Devine, Borkowski, Schmitt, Broderick, Jursik and De Bruin (Chair) - 6

NO: - 0

EXCUSED: CLARK

15. 08-67(a) A report back on an adopted resolution 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. **(INFORMATIONAL UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE.)**

Appearance:

Chuck Ward, Parks-Chief of Operations

Scheduled Items (Continued):

The Department has concluded a survey of all Park flagpoles. They have been classified into groups. A solar light that costs approximately \$100 each, and works well for flags 3x5 feet and 4x6 feet, will light forty-two of these flagpoles. At this time there is backlog in production of these lights. Large flagpoles that have access to buildings with electricity will use that source. The remaining flagpoles will be raised and lowered daily until they can be transitioned into having a light source.

Ms. Vera Roddy, a Veteran is contacting veterans and scout groups to assist with the raising and lowering of flags. She is also actively working with these groups to raise funds to help defray the cost of the solar lights. In areas where Park's staff is available, they will raise and lower the flags.

The Committee took no action on this Item.

16. 08-117 From the Director, Parks, Recreation and Culture, requesting authorization to apply for one or more State of Wisconsin Lake Management Planning grants in calendar year 2008.

Appearances:

Kevin Haley, Parks, Planning and Development

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

MOTION BY: (Devine) Approve Items 16-22 together. **(Vote 6-0)**

AYES: Devine, Borkowski, Schmitt, Broderick, Jursik and De Bruin (Chair) - 6

NO: - 0

EXCUSED: CLARK

17. 08-118 From the Director, Parks, Recreation and Culture, requesting authorization to apply for one or more State of Wisconsin Urban Non-point Source & Storm Water Management (UNPS&SW) or Targeted Runoff Management (TRM) grants in calendar year 2008.

See Item 16 for Committee Actions.

18. 08-119 From the Director, Parks, Recreation and Culture, requesting authorization to apply for one or more State of Wisconsin Recreational Boating Facilities Program grants in calendar year 2008.

See Item 16 for Committee Actions.

19. 08-120 From the Director, Parks, Recreation and Culture, requesting authorization to apply for a State of Wisconsin Root-Pike Watershed Initiative Network (Root-Pike WIN) grant in calendar year 2008.

See Item 16 for Committee Actions.

Scheduled Items (Continued):

20. 08-121 From the Director, Parks, Recreation and Culture, requesting authorization to apply for one or more Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program grants in calendar year 2008.

See Item 16 for Committee Actions.

21. 08-122 From the Director, Parks, Recreation and Culture, requesting authorization to apply for one or more Statewide Multi-modal Improvement Program (SMIP) Transportation Enhancement (TE) grants in calendar year 2008.

See Item 16 for Committee Actions.

22. 08-123 From the Director, Parks, Recreation and Culture, requesting authorization to apply for one or more State of Wisconsin Stewardship Program grants in calendar year 2008.

See Item 16 for Committee Actions.

This meeting was recorded. Committee files contain copies of the subject reports, communications, resolutions, and ordinances, which may be reviewed upon request to the Chief Committee Clerk. The official copy of these minutes, along with the audio recording of this meeting, are available in the County Board Committee Services Division.

The Committee adjourned at approximately 10:50 a.m.

Carol Mueller
Committee Clerk

Staff Present:

Mr. Terry Cooley, County Board Chief of Staff
Ms. Fran McLaughlin, County Executive- Director of Communications
Ms. Sue Black, Director, Parks, Recreation and Culture
Mr. Chuck Wikenhauser, Director, Zoo
Mr. Stevan Keith, Acting Director, Environmental Services
Mr. Jack Takerian, Director, Facilities Management
Mr. Chad Lillethun, Fiscal and Budget Analyst, DAS
Mr. Vince Masterson, Fiscal and Budget Analyst, DAS
Mr. Chuck Ward, Parks Chief of Operations
Mr. Kevin Haley, Parks, Planning and Development
Mr. James Keegan, Parks, Chief of Planning, Policy and Partnerships
Ms. Julie Esch, Research Analyst