

**MINUTES OF  
LAKEFRONT DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION  
OF MARCH 5, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.  
at MILWAUKEE YACHT CLUB BOATHOUSE**

**Commissioners present:**

William Lynch, Chairman  
Thomas Frenn, Acting Secretary  
Susan Black, Milwaukee Co. Parks Director  
Ellen Brostrom, Acting Chairman  
Lauri Gorton  
Gloria Mc Cutcheon, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources  
Robert F. Spindell  
Gerry Broderick  
Katie Prichard  
Michael Maierle  
Members of the public  
Susan Becker  
Ed Purcell  
Charles Kamps

---

Various members of the general Public who did not register

Ellen Brostrom called the meeting to order as Acting Chairman.

Jim Keegan and Kevin Haley, from the Parks Department, gave a presentation on the plans for a new pavilion (just east of the present Coast Guard Station) along with plans for improvements of the seawall and additional paths connecting with the Brady Street bridge. Included in the plans is an open-air pavilion that could be used for a variety of functions. The plan includes retention and restoration of the pedestrian bridge over the inlet to the former Coast Guard station.

It was noted that the Lakefront Development Advisory Commission (LDAC) has no jurisdiction over the demolition of the former Coast Guard Station, determined to be unusable, nor of the repair of the seawall since the decision to demolish that structure and repair the seawall, had been made some time ago, prior to the formation of LDAC. It is also noted in photos shown that the structure has extensive damage. The last group to make a proposal regarding this site, HONOR/Loonsfoot, has failed in its fund raising efforts.

Discussion was held with the general public.

All persons present who spoke were in favor of the plan. Motion was made by Thomas Frenn, seconded by Robert Spindell to recommend approval of the plan of the Milwaukee County Parks Department. The specific motion stated that LDAC recommends approval of the Milwaukee County Parks' McKinley Park, former Coast Guard Station Plan, dated as of March, 2008 on the following grounds:

1. It conforms to the current laws and regulations and respects the current plans for the area near the Coast Guard Station.
2. Encourages active and passive uses of the site by the public and makes the current usage better and more convenient.
3. The project preserves and protects the natural beauty of the lakefront.
4. The new pavilion and walks will encourage public use by walkers, bikers and persons with disabilities from Milwaukee County and visitors.
5. This is a project that is compatible with the lakefront and will encourage lakefront usage by diverse groups of people.

These are all criteria that LDAC is required to apply that are complied with.

The LDAC approved the recommendation unanimously with instructions to forward it on to the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors and other appropriate government bodies.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted,

---

Thomas L. Frenn, Acting Secretary

May 6, 2008

TO: Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

**Re: *Report of Lakefront Advisory Commission***

Dear Sirs/Madams:

On Wednesday, March 5, 2008, the Lakefront Advisory Commission held a hearing at the Milwaukee Yacht Club Boathouse at 1700 North Lincoln Memorial Drive, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on the Milwaukee County Parks' Commission proposal for an open-air, picnic pavilion and pathways, pedestrian bridge renovation and other improvements to the site after demolition of the former Coast Guard Station and repair of the seawall at the McKinley Marina area of the lakefront.

The Lakefront Advisory Commission (LDAC) after hearing public comment and the presentation of the Milwaukee County Parks' Commission unanimously recommends the approval of the project by the County Board. The rationale for said approval follows the standards set forth for LDAC action. Specifically, the project:

1. as presented, conforms to current laws and regulations of the City of Milwaukee, Milwaukee County and the State of Wisconsin and respects current plans for the area.
2. encourages the active and passive use of the site by the public and will make the use better and more convenient and enable expansion.
3. preserves and protects the natural beauty of the lakefront
4. the pavilion and walks will encourage public use by bikers, walkers, persons with disabilities (Milwaukee County residents and visitors)
5. is compatible with the surrounding area and will encourage usage by diverse groups.

Respectfully submitted,

Lakefront Advisory Commission  
by:

William Lynch Chairman