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PARKS, ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 27, 2009 - 9:00 A.M.

Milwaukee County Courthouse - Room 201-B

MINUTES

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

PRESENT: Supervisors Sanfelippo, Coggs Rice, Larson, Lipscomb and Broderick (Chair)

EXCUSED: Supervisor Dimitrijevic

Milwaukee Public Museum– 1

1. 09-28 From the Chief Financial Officer of the Milwaukee Public Museum, a quarterly
(a)(b) report for fiscal year 2009. **(Also to the Committee on Finance and Audit)**

APPEARANCES:

Dan Finely, President, Milwaukee Public Museum (MPM)

Mike Bernatz, Chief Financial Officer, MPM

Mr. Bernatz gave a brief overview of the MPM last financial fiscal year. Attendance for all venues, the Museum, Titanic and IMAX was approximately three quarters of a million. Numerous cost saving initiatives were undertaken including employee furloughs to address deficit concerns. This effort resulted in MPM having \$400,000 surplus prior to audit adjustments. MPM had a half million dollars deficit due to pension obligation costs.

Mr. Finely spoke to the Committee on the success of the Titanic exhibit and promoted "Dead Sea Scrolls," the next exhibit to start in January 2010.

MOTION BY: (Sanfelippo) Receive and place on file the said report. (Vote 6-0)

AYES: Sanfelippo, Coggs, Rice, Larson, Lipscomb and Broderick (Chair) -6

NOES: - 0

Zoo - 1

2. 09-396 From the Director of the Milwaukee County Zoo, requesting authorization to enter into an exhibition agreement with Billings Productions, Inc. for a presentation of a robotic dinosaur exhibit at the Zoo during the summer of 2010.

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

APPEARANCE:

Chuck Wikenhauser, Director, Zoo

This exhibit has been very popular with the public since 1994. Approximately 35% of visitors attend this exhibit.

MOTION BY: (Coggs) Approve. (Vote 6-0)

AYES: Sanfelippo, Coggs, Rice, Larson, Lipscomb and Broderick (Chair) -6

NOES: - 0

Transportation and Public Works – 2

3. 07-111 From the Interim Director, Transportation and Public Works regarding an adopted
(a) resolution creating an environmental and conservation "Green Print" initiative for Milwaukee County. (Status Report) **(INFORMATIONAL UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE.)**

APPEARANCES:

Stevan Keith, Director of Sustainability

Nancy Frank, Southeast Wisconsin Water Trust

Sue Black, Director, Parks, Recreation and Culture

Some programs that have been started in Milwaukee County include the reduction of energy use in our buildings with energy savings performance contracts and capital improvement projects. Additional savings were related to water consumption. A small-scale project included the Park's bathroom renovation and included installation of waterless urinals. On a larger scale the Zoo updated systems that control the water for the animals exhibits and bathroom fixture upgrades that provided a savings of 100 million gallons of water annually. This is equal to a 20% reduction in water purchased from the City of Milwaukee. Additional initiatives included in the report were provided to the Committee.

Ms. Frank from the non-profit organization, Southeast Wisconsin Water Trust (Sweetwater), provided insight into the works and makeup of this organization.

Supervisor Coggs suggested more partnerships with youth groups and community centers and initiating projects in the urban areas of Milwaukee County.

Ms. Black will bring a report to the Committee in December regarding youth partnership projects in the Parks including Kids In Environment.

The Committee took no action on this informational item.

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

4. 07-111 From the Interim Director, Transportation and Public Works regarding an adopted
(a) resolution creating an environmental and conservation "Green Print" initiative for Milwaukee County. (Use of Gray Water) **(INFORMATIONAL UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE.)**

APPEARANCE:

Stevan Keith, Director of Sustainability

Mr. Keith gave a brief overview of the gray water initiative.

The Committee took no action on this informational item.

Parks - 2

5. 09-394 From the Director, Parks, Recreation and Culture, requesting authorization for a permanent easement with the Village of Shorewood, to install a storm sewer and related improvements and all future maintenance and repairs, at the intersection of Estabrook Park and Capitol Drive as part of the State Highway 290 reconstruction.

APPEARANCES:

Kevin Haley, Parks, Landscape Architect
Chris Swartz, Shorewood Village Manager

Mr. Haley provided a brief background on the proposed project. A drawing of the finished bridge project was presented showing street cape and pedestrian improvements. Once this project is completed, it will provide street level access ramps for the Oak Leaf Trail.

Mr. Swartz thanked Milwaukee County for their assistance with the Village of Shorewood in getting this easement.

MOTION BY: (Sanfelippo) Approve. (Vote 6-0)

AYES: Sanfelippo, Coggs, Rice, Larson, Lipscomb and Broderick (Chair) - 6

NOES: - 0

6. 09-R10 From the Director, Parks, Recreation and Culture, a report on a proposal from the Southeastern Hockey Association of Wisconsin (SHAW) for a "practice sheet" of ice near the Wilson Park Recreation Center. **(INFORMATIONAL UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE.)**

APPEARANCES:

Joe Roszak, Chief of Recreation and Business
Sue Black, Director, Parks, Recreation and Culture

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

Chuck Smalley, SHAW

A discussion ensued regarding the construction and location of the practice sheet and the building used to house it. Concerns on affects to other sport and senior venues at Wilson Park were addressed.

Future updates regarding this proposal will come back to the Committee including other possible uses for the building in the off-season.

Concerns regarding operating expenses, upkeep and rental income need to be negotiated.

The Committee took no action on this informational item.

Staff Present:

Mr. Chuck Wikenhauser, Director, Zoo
Mr. Stevan Keith, Director of Sustainability
Ms. Sue Black, Director, Parks, Recreation and Culture
Mr. Kevin Haley, Parks, Landscape Architect
Mr. Joe Roszak, Chief of Recreation and Business
Ms. Julie Esch, County Board, Research Analyst

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.

Length of meeting: Approximately 9:05 a.m. until 10:10 a.m.

Carol Mueller

Carol Mueller, Committee Clerk

DEADLINE FOR THE PARKS, ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE:

The next regular meeting for the Parks Committee is **December 8, 2009**. **All items for the agenda must be in the Committee Clerk's possession by the end of the business day on Tuesday, November 24, 2009.**

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