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COMMITTEE ON PARKS, ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

Tuesday, March 9, 2010 – 9:00 a.m.

Milwaukee County Courthouse, Room 201-B

MINUTES

Scheduled Items:

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

EXCUSED: Supervisors Dimitrijevic and Broderick

Parks-5

1. 10-126 From the Director, Parks Recreation and Culture, a report requesting authorization to grant permanent easements to the City of Oak Creek to allow the construction, operation, and maintenance of a storm sewer to discharge to Oak Creek across Oak Creek Parkway land at 9220 South Howell Avenue.

APPEARANCE:

Kevin Haley, Parks, Landscape Architect

The easement project will prevent residential flooding near Howell Avenue and Ryan Road. The storm sewer will intercept rainwater and discharge it further down stream. The construction, long-term maintenance and restoration of the sight will be done by the City of Oak Creek.

MOTION BY: (Rice) Approve. (Vote 5-0)

AYES: Coggs, Rice, Larson, Lipscomb and Sanfelippo (Chair) - 5

NOES: - 0

2. 10-127 From the Director, Parks Recreation and Culture, a report requesting authorization to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City of Glendale for the reconstruction of that portion of the Milwaukee River Parkway running from West Silver Spring Drive north to West Bender Road.

APPEARANCE:

Kevin Haley, Parks, Landscape Architect

Scheduled Items (Continued):

The Parkway needs reconstruction. The City of Glendale approached Milwaukee County and offered to provide 60% of the funding for this project with the understanding that reconstruction would be moved up to start this year. Milwaukee County will provide the matching funding of 40% once the project is completed.

MOTION BY: (Lipscomb) Approve. (Vote 5-0)

AYES: Coggs, Rice, Larson, Lipscomb and Sanfelippo (Chair) - 5

NOES: - 0

3. 10-128 From the Director, Parks Recreation and Culture, a report requesting authorization to enter into a mutually beneficial land exchange between Milwaukee County (County) and the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewage District (MMSD), consisting of the exchange of 13.3 acres of County owned Kinnickinnic River Parkway land and 15.5 acres of MMSD owned land.

APPEARANCES:

Kevin Haley, Parks Landscape Architect

Dennis Stefanic, MMSD Real Estate Agent

Glenn Bultman, County Board Research Analyst

This land exchange would provide small parcel fragments of land that run along the Kinnickinnic River Parkway between the river and residential dwellings. MMSD will remove the steeply sloped concrete liner. The area will be deepened and widened to provide a slow flow natural channel. MMSD would acquire some homes that are in the floodplain and encourage relocation within the neighborhood. The property is encumbered by storm sewer easements and is not available for sale to the public, however, could be conveyed to another government entity.

The property that would be conveyed to Milwaukee County is in the far northwestern section of the County. This property is mostly wooded and is adjacent to other already conveyed natural parkland property. This parcel contains a conservation easement that would prevent future sale of this land.

The Department noted the conveyed land is appraised at approximately \$300,000 but the value may be less due to the conservation easement. The property near the parkway has not been appraised. The maintenance cost of this area is time consuming and provides little functional recreational value to the Parks Department or the public.

Mr. Stefanic noted that the whole project is fully funded and consists of bridgework along with the removal of the concrete liners. Additional emphasis is to enhance the area to include vegetation and trees to support the

Scheduled Items (Continued):

river along with paths and bike trails.

Mr. Bultman informed the Committee that the Economic and Community Development Committee only gets involved in the disposal of property surplus to the County's needs, not on land that will continue to have a County use.

Questions and comments ensued.

MOTION BY: (Rice) Refer the item to the Committee on Economic and Community Development for an analysis of the resolution, to consider if an appraisal of the land should be conducted. (Vote 3-2)

AYES: Coggs, Rice and Sanfelippo (Chair)-3

NOES: Larson and Lipscomb-2

4. 09-391 (a) **2010 Adopted Budget Amendment 1A008**, requiring the Directors of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture and the DTPW-Highway Maintenance Division will prepare a plan that clearly defines what times of the year the 14.0 FTE Park Maintenance Worker 2 positions will be deployed to each department. **(01/10 Referred back to Departments for written report.) (Also considered by the Committee on Transportation, Public Works and Transit.) (INFORMATIONAL UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE.)**

APPEARANCES:

Guy Smith, Parks, Chief of Operations

Sue Black, Director, Parks, Recreation and Culture

Mr. Smith explained how the Departments met with the employees to discuss the positions that were available in TPW. There were enormous challenges regarding union bumping rights.

If this policy is to repeat itself in the fall, Supervisors want written details on how the issues of bumping rights, seasonal positions and interdepartmental transfers will be worked out prior to the actual deployment taking place. Additionally, the Departments need to provide a detailed report showing the savings in any follow up reports.

The Committee took no action on this informational item.

Scheduled Items (Continued):

5. 09-391 **2010 Adopted Budget Amendment 1A014**, requiring the Farm and Fish Hatchery program to begin to transition from the Sheriff's budget to the Parks Department budget. Beginning in January 2010, the Parks Director will meet with the Hunger Task Force, County Board staff, and the Sheriff's Office to develop a transition plan to move full operational oversight and support of the Farm and Fish Hatchery to the Parks Department by July 1, 2010. The Parks Director will provide a quarterly report on the progress of the transition plan to the Committee on Parks, Energy and Environment beginning in March 2010. **(INFORMATIONAL UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE.)**

APPEARANCES:

Sue Black, Director, Parks, Recreation and Culture
Inspector Kevin Carr, Office of the Sheriff

The information provided to the Committee relates to the numerous meetings that have taken place between the Office of the Sheriff and the Parks Department. It is a work in progress and has been broken down into three areas that include, wood, fish and farm. The Parks Department has been reaching out to community partners to try to find support.

Inspector Carr wanted to thank both teams involved in the discussions. They have worked well together. He said that funding for the half time post might be needed for the balance of 2010, if the transition is to be successful.

At this time, there has been no shortage of Huber inmates working with the program. The Hunger Task Force suggested a more efficient work schedule to lessen the need for more inmates.

It was noted that whether the Farm and Fish Hatchery is managed by the Parks or House of Correction, the fixed expenses for water and utilities remains constant.

The Committee took no action on this informational item.

Staff Present:

Mr. Kevin Haley, Parks, Landscape Architect
Ms. Sue Black, Director, Parks, Recreation and Culture
Mr. Glenn Bultman, County Board Research Analyst
Mr. Guy Smith, Parks, Chief of Operations
Inspector, Kevin Carr, Office of the Sheriff
Ms. Julie Esch, County Board, Research Analyst

Scheduled Items (Continued):

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 9:45 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 **April 13, 2010**. All items for the agenda must be in the Committee Clerk's possession by the end of the business day on **Tuesday, March 30, 2010**.

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