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## COMMITTEE ON PARKS, ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

Tuesday, April 13, 2010 – 9:00 a.m.  
Milwaukee County Courthouse, Room 201-B

### REVISED MINUTES

**Scheduled Items:**

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

**EXCUSED:** Supervisor Coggs

#### Confirmation - 1

1. 10-146 From the County Executive appointing Attorney Avery Goodrich, Jr. to serve on the Milwaukee Public Museum Board of Directors, for a term ending January 1, 2013.

**APPEARANCES:**

Sherry Hill, County Executive, Director of Community Relations  
Avery Goodrich Jr., Appointee

Mr. Goodrich, Jr. provided brief comments to the Committee.

***MOTION BY: (Lipscomb) Confirm the appointment. (Vote 6-0)***

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

**NOES:** -0

#### Lakefront Development Advisory Committee

2. 10-R05 A. From the Lakefront Development Advisory Commission (LDAC), a verbal update on the LDAC process.

**APPEARANCE:**

William Lynch, Chairman, LDAC

Mr. Lynch provided information on the history of the Commission. The Advisory Commission was established in 2004 and provides a one-stop source of information related to lakefront development. This reduces duplication of efforts. The Commission is comprised of 17 members with 8 representing government agencies and 9 citizen members. All projects that have been

**Scheduled Items (Continued):**

recommended by LDAC and forwarded to the proper government agencies have been approved. Reports done by LDAC are available on their website.

**The Committee took no action on this informational report.**

- B. From the Lakefront Development Advisory Commission (LDAC), a presentation on the Veteran's Park conceptual plans.

**APPEARANCES:**

T. J. Morley, Eppstein Uhlein Architects  
Rich Tennessen, Eppstein Uhlein Architects

The representatives from Eppstein provided, at no cost to Milwaukee County, their rendering of possible enhancements to the area previously occupied by the old Coast Guard Station.

The goal is to make the area cohesive as well as accessible to the public for parkland activities and special events. The area could include a pavilion and enhanced lighting features. This area would need amenities that include restrooms and parking to have the capabilities to provide rentals for special events. The full project could be done in phases. Foremost, the Parks would need to find private and public funding and support.

**The Committee took no action on this informational report.**

- C. From the Lakefront Development Advisory Commission (LDAC), a verbal update on the Bradford Beach Bathhouse infrastructure renovations.

**APPEARANCE:**

Joe Roszak, Parks, Chief of Recreation and Business

Mr. Roszak updated the Committee on improvements that have been achieved by the lessee of Bradford Beach with \$46,000 of capital investments toward a goal of \$100,000 within three years.

**The Committee took no action on this informational report.**

**Resolution - 1**

- 3. 10-157 A resolution by Supervisor Weishan, opposing alternatives in both the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission's Regional Water Study and the City of Waukesha's Water Utility Plan that include discharge of wastewater treatment plant effluent into streams tributary to Lake Michigan.

## Scheduled Items (Continued):

### **APPEARANCES:**

Supervisor John Weishan, District 16

Supervisor Patricia Jursik, District 8

Daniel Duchniak, General Manager Waukesha Water Utility

Julie Esch, County Board Research Analyst

Supervisor Weishan presented his resolution to the Committee. In the last few years heavy early spring rains have resulted in flooding to neighbors of the Underwood Creek and Root River watercourses. The resolution is to protect surrounding waterways in Milwaukee County.

Supervisors Dimitrijevic, Jursik, Larson and Broderick asked to be cosponsors to the resolution.

Supervisor Jursik spoke to the Committee on the damage caused in the Oak Creek Parkway with the spring floods in the southern communities of Milwaukee County. She feels Waukesha is trying to return Lake Michigan water the cheapest way. Additionally, no dialogue has been initiated by Waukesha and Milwaukee County where these waterways reside. She introduced an amendment to the resolution with consent of the author.

A lengthy discussion ensued.

Supervisor Rice asked the Committee to lay the item over to provide SEWRPC and Waukesha an opportunity to present and weigh in on the plan.

Mr. Richard Bachman and Mr. Marty Wall appeared and provided comments regarding this item.

Mr. Duchniak informed the Committee that an application has been approved by the Common Council and forwarded to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR). The WDNR has 90 days to review the proposal and provide an environmental impact report and approval. Mr. Duchniak feels there were many false statements presented to this Committee. He requested the item be laid over to allow him time for a full presentation of the plan in the May cycle before this Committee takes any action.

Additional questions and comments ensued.

***MOTION BY: (Rice) Lay over to May cycle to allow a presentation of the plan. (Vote 3-3)***

**AYES:** Sanfelippo, Rice, and Broderick (Chair) - 3

**NOES:** Dimitrijevic, Larson and Lipscomb - 3

**Motion fails**

Scheduled Items (Continued):

**MOTION BY: (Larson) Approved an amendment from Supervisor Jursik, beginning on line 46 add the following: WHEREAS, future planning could further impact other lake shore communities that have water utilities including Cudahy, South Milwaukee and Oak Creek as well as other tributaries such as Oak Creek Parkway among others. Add the following beginning on line 58, BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED, that Milwaukee County Board opposes current or future plans involving selling of Lake Michigan water including planning for return of such water without proper input from Milwaukee County and SEWRPC. (Vote 5-1)**

**AYES:** Sanfelippo, Dimitrijevic, Larson, Lipscomb and Broderick (Chair) - 5

**NOES:** Rice -1

Supervisor Rice requested a temporary lay over of the item. Chairman Broderick asked if anyone was opposed to the temporary lay over. Two members of the Committee voiced opposition. Thereafter, the Chairman disallowed the temporary layover.

**MOTION BY: (Dimitrijevic) Approve as amended. (Vote 4-2)**

**AYES:** Dimitrijevic, Larson, Lipscomb and Broderick (Chair) - 4

**NOES:** Sanfelippo and Rice -2

Transportation and Public Works – 3

4. 10-147 From the Interim Director, Transportation and Public Works requesting authorization to apply for and accept a Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection support grant.

**APPEARANCE:**

Stevan Keith, Managing Engineer

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

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

**NOES:** - 0

5. 10-R04 From the Interim Director, Transportation and Public Works, an annual report to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) providing status updates on NR216 Storm Water Permit. **(INFORMATIONAL UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE.)**

**APPEARANCE:**

Stevan Keith, Managing Engineer

## Scheduled Items (Continued):

Mr. Keith explained this annual report meets the requirements of the permit and provides updates on accomplishment thus far.

Supervisor Dimitrijevic would like to see plans and more progress on other lake front parks, specifically South Shore.

Without the proper resources to do these projects the program can't be expanded. He noted that the permit expires in 2011. At that time the WDNR may make additional requirements that will force Milwaukee County to progress further. Grant money was used for some of the rainwater projects at Bradford Beach.

**The Committee took no action on this informational report.**

6. 07-111 From the Interim Director, Transportation and Public Works, a status report  
(a) regarding an adopted resolution creating an environmental and conservational Green Print. **(INFORMATIONAL UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE.)**

### **APPEARANCES:**

Stevan Keith, Managing Engineer

Julie Esch, County Board Research Analyst

Jerry Heer, Director of Audits

Mr. Keith provided the Committee with a brief overview of the report.

Supervisor Lipscomb raised questions on the compliance of the original resolution that called for the review and retrofit 20% of all County public buildings annually with high-performance and energy efficient technology.

Mr. Keith explained that numerous buildings in Milwaukee County are neither heated nor cooled and don't qualify for the program. The department has proceeded into phase 2 of the Guaranteed Energy Savings Contracts. The budget doesn't provide funding to study all county buildings to meet the aggressive goals of the legislation. The Department has an internal timeframe to have a 10% reduction in energy consumption within five years.

Mr. Heer spoke to the Committee on the completion of the Audit on recycling. Some Supervisors are underwhelmed at the progress directed in this legislation.

**The Committee took no action on this informational report.**

Scheduled Items (Continued):

Parks-8

7. 10-51 From the Director, Parks, Recreation and Culture, requesting authorization for a storm sewer easement with the City of Milwaukee through the Menomonee River Parkway near the Hartung Quarry, with all costs associated with construction, improvements and future maintenance covered by the City.

**APPEARANCE:**

Kevin Haley, Parks, Landscape Architect

In reality, this easement is a replacement of the existing system. The vendor will provide all future maintenance and is paying a \$5,000 fee.

**MOTION BY: (Lipscomb) Approve. (Vote 6-0)**

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

**NOES:** - 0

8. 10-52 A. From the Director of Audits, submitting an audit: A Tale of Two Systems: Three Decades of Declining Resources Leave Milwaukee County Parks Reflecting the Best and Worst of Times, dated December 2009. **(1/28/10 Referred to the Parks Committee from Finance and Audit.) (Previously distributed/available on website.)**
- B. From the Director of Audits, a status report on Audit regarding Parks Infrastructure. **(Informational)**

**APPEARANCE:**

Jerry Heer, Director of Audits

Chairman Broderick congratulated Mr. Heer on receiving an award from the United States Government Accountability Office for Excellence in Government Auditing related to this Audit.

Mr. Heer spoke to the Committee on the need to dig deeper for the details to quantify the cost of deferred maintenance with the Parks System. The Parks system has some exceptional facilities and some eyesores. The infrastructure demands action. In the 1960's and 1970's Milwaukee County built up the Parks but since then has failed to maintain that same infrastructure. There is clear evidence that the cost of deferred maintenance is over \$200 million. The County Board needs to make decisions regarding which types of structures should be repaired, replaced or demolished. The current preventive maintenance is to fix it when it breaks. This is not good stewardship of the Parks. He recommends the Audit be received and placed on file and have the

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Parks Department provide a written response in six months with policy options.

The ideal situation would be for the Parks Department to review each building and provide a recommendation to repair, replace or remove it. This is not a realistic solution since the labor force needed to do the evaluation and maintenance is not available with the reductions in money and employees in the Parks budget.

***MOTION BY: (Lipscomb) Receive and place on file both the Audit titled "A Tale of Two Systems: Three Decades of Declining Resources Leave Milwaukee County Parks Reflecting the Best and Worst of Times" and the report titled "Status Report-Audit of Parks Infrastructure (File No. 10-52)" dated March 30, 2010. Additionally, have the Parks Department provide a written response to the Audit Recommendations within 6 months. (Vote 6-0)***

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

**NOES:** - 0

9. 10-128 From the Director, Parks Recreation and Culture, 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. **(3/10 Response from referral to the ECD Committee for review regarding an appraisal.)**

**APPEARANCE:**

Kevin Haley, Parks Landscape Architect

The Committee on Economic and Community Development approved the said request as amended by adding the following: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this 15.5 acres shall be designated as County park land (vote 6-0)

***MOTION BY: (Dimitrijevic) Concur with the Committee on Economic and Community Development. (Vote 6-0)***

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

**NOES:** - 0

10. 10-142 From the Director, Parks Recreation and Culture, requesting authorization to grant a permanent easement for underground transmission lines on the Oak Leaf Trail and a portion of Estabrook Park to American Transmission Company (ATC) who will construct, operate and maintain these improvements on

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adjacent parklands.

**This item was withdrawn from the agenda prior to the start of the meeting.**

11. 10-152 From the Director, Parks Recreation and Culture, requesting authorization to enter into a ten-year agreement with East Town Association, Inc. (East Town) to provide free jazz concerts in Cathedral Square Park every Thursday night during June, July, August and September for the years of 2011 through 2021.

**APPEARANCES:**

Paul Kuglitsch, Parks, Contract Services Officer  
Kate Borders, East Town Association

This new agreement will provide for \$1,000 in revenue to Milwaukee County per concert for 2011 with a 4% increase for additional years. East Town will install fencing and provide cleanup by the day after the event.

Ms. Borders thanked the Committee for this relationship opportunity that has grown the concert series. The events have a no carry-in policy

***MOTION BY: (Sanfelippo) Introduce and approve an amendment starting on line 35 add the following: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Parks Director shall use a portion of the proceeds from this agreement for turf management at Cathedral Square, estimated to cost \$1,500 annually, to ensure proper maintenance. (Vote 6-0)***

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

**NOES:** - 0

***MOTION BY: (Rice) Approve as amended. (Vote 6-0)***

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

**NOES:** - 0

12. 10-153 From the Director, Parks, Recreation and Culture, requesting authorization to amend the current lease agreement (the Lease) with Mary-Bart, LLD, (Mary-Bart) for a ten year extension to continue its restaurant operation, d/b/a Lake Park Bistro, located in the Lake Park Pavilion.

**APPEARANCES:**

Paul Kuglitsch, Parks, Contract Services Officer  
Jerry Heer, Director of Audits  
Sue Black, Director, Parks, Recreation and Culture  
Joe Bartolotta, President Bartolotta Management Group

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A lengthy discussion ensued on comparable rental rates that include lake views and parking.

Mr. Heer clarified that areas on Downer and downtown Milwaukee were considered for comparison purposes. The closest comparison was "Pieces of Eight". The lease agreement includes a maintenance fund that provides maintenance to the building and grounds.

Ms. Black said the selection of future improvements would be at the discretion of the Parks Department.

***MOTION BY: (Sanfelippo) Introduce and approve an amendment starting on line 42 add the following: 5. Any other changes by Corporation Counsel and Risk Management deemed necessary to comply with current Milwaukee County policy; and amend the Whereas clause on line 47 by adding the word "draft" before copy. (Vote 6-0)***

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

**NOES:** - 0

***MOTION BY: (Sanfelippo) Approve as amended. (Vote 5-1)***

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

**NOES:** Dimitrijevic - 1

13. 09-391 (a) **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.)**

**APPEARANCE:**

Guy Smith, Parks, Chief of Operations

The Parks and Sheriff's Departments have been meeting monthly. There have been numerous discussions with private entities on partnerships for financial support. Mr. Dave Miller is currently handling the duties of the fish hatchery. His position is being considered for a reclassification to the Parks Department. There is a definite division of operations for the "farm" and the "fish hatchery". The Hunger Task Force operates the farm, with labor provided from Huber

**Scheduled Items (Continued):**

inmates.

**The Committee took no action on this informational report.**

14. 10-R06 From the Director, Parks Recreation and Culture, a verbal report on Park Operations. **(INFORMATIONAL UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE.)**

**APPEARANCES:**

Joe Roszak, Parks, Chief of Recreation and Business

Guy Smith, Parks, Chief of Operations

Sue Black, Director, Parks, Recreation and Culture

Mr. Roszak, responsible for revenue generating operations within the Parks, provided information on a vast array of programs, projects and events that are currently in preparation to get the summer season started including softball fields, Wilson ice rink, swimming and wading pools, community centers, restaurant and concession operations, rentals of parks and buildings, in addition to events such as the Domes light show and concert series, the Air Show, a bike tournament, Al's Run.

Supervisor Rice would like the Department to keep the Committee abreast of developments that affect operations at O'Donnell Park due to the new US Bank structure.

Mr. Smith, responsible for field, golf and land operations, provided information on the work in progress to ensure a safe and pleasant experience while using Milwaukee County Parks and golf courses. The Department is working with the Sheriff's Targeted Enforcement Unit and park rangers to cleanup and deter vandalism and graffiti. The annual safety fair is scheduled along with time management, customer service programs and spring park cleanups. Grooming of ball diamonds, golf courses and bike trails are in full swing.

Supervisors requested the Department provide the County Board with pool openings, time schedules and fees before the May cycle to include in their monthly newsletters.

The Parks Department was presented with a Feddy Award from the Bike Federation for the Alpha Trail at Whitnall Park with most of the credit going to the Metro Mountain Bikers.

**The Committee took no action on this informational report.**

**Scheduled Items (Continued):**

Staff Present:

Ms. Sherry Hill County Executive, Director of Community Relations  
Mr. Joe Roszak, Parks, Chief of Recreation and Business  
Supervisor John Weishan, District #16  
Supervisor Patricia Jursik, District #8  
Mr. Stevan Keith, Managing Engineer  
Mr. Jerry Heer, Director of Audits  
Mr. Kevin Haley, Parks, Landscape Architect  
Mr. Paul Kuglitsch, Parks, Contract Services Officer  
Ms. Sue Black, Director, Parks, Recreation and Culture  
Mr. Guy Smith, Parks, Chief of Operations  
Ms. Sara Jankowski, Fiscal and Budget Analyst, DAS  
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 9:02 a.m. until 12:17 p.m.

*Carol Mueller*

Carol Mueller, Committee Clerk

**DEADLINE FOR THE PARKS, ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE:**

The next regular meeting for the Parks Committee is **May 18, 2010**. All items for the agenda must be in the Committee Clerk's possession by the end of the business day on **Tuesday, May 4, 2010**.

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