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Committee Clerk: Carol Mueller, 278-4228
Research Analyst: Julie Esch, 278-4430

COMMITTEE ON PARKS, ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

Tuesday, May 18, 2010 – 9:00 a.m.

Milwaukee County Courthouse, Room 201-B

MINUTES

Scheduled Items:

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

*Supervisor Larson was not present at roll call but appeared shortly thereafter.

Appointment - 1

1. 10-163 From the County Executive, appointing Attorney Stephanie S. Mares to serve on the Milwaukee County Federated Library System Board. Attorney Mares is filling the vacancy of a Member of the Library Board last held by Mr. Ronald Tays whose term expired 12/31/09. The term of Attorney Mares will be for 3 years and will expire 12/31/12.

APPEARANCE:

Sherry Hill, County Executive, Director of Community Relations

Ms. Hill explained that the appointee was not able to make this meeting due to a mix-up in dates. Ms. Hill provided brief comments to the Committee.

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

AYES: Coggs, Sanfelippo, Dimitrijevic, Rice, Lipscomb and Broderick (Chair) – 6

NOES:

EXCUSED: Larson - 1

UW-Extension - 1

2. 10-189 From the Director, Milwaukee County Cooperative Extension, requesting authorization that the Chairman of the Committee on Parks, Energy and Environment, on behalf of Milwaukee County, enter into the annual contract between Milwaukee County and the University of Wisconsin-Extension for the period January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010.

Scheduled Items (Continued):

APPEARANCES:

Eloisa Gomez, Director, Milwaukee County Cooperative Extension
Carolyn Johnson, Assistant Director, Milwaukee County Cooperative Extension

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

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

NOES: - 0

EXCUSED: Larson - 1

Milwaukee Public Museum - 1

3. 10-28 From the Director, Milwaukee Public Museum, report on the financials for the second quarter of 2010. **(Also to the Committee on Finance and Audit) (INFORMATIONAL)**

APPEARANCES:

Daniel Finley, President, Milwaukee Public Museum (MPM)
Michael Bernatz, Chief Financial Officer, MPM

Mr. Finley noted this would be the last time he would appear before the Committee. He spoke to the Committee on the improvements and changes that have occurred the last five years. He thanked Milwaukee County for their support through these difficult years. Five years ago MPM was near bankruptcy. Now, MPM is on more stable ground with \$1.6 million in operating reserves, \$7 million in endowments a \$6 million loan from Milwaukee County repaid two years earlier than the due date. Additionally, the accounts payables are at a normal rate of \$350,000 to \$400,000 that is paid regularly. The current business model, having one blockbuster exhibit each year with smaller exhibits the balance of the year, has been a success. It is his hope that cultural facilities are allowed to be as entrepreneurial as possible. In other words, governments as a whole are not fundraisers. The entities need to be proactive in marketing and fundraising.

Mr. Bernatz first thanked Mr. Finley for his leadership and friendship over the years. He went on to give a review of MPM's current status. This fiscal year has mixed results whereby attendance is up 18% but revenues are down. MPM has managed expenses to offset the revenue downturn. Endowments total \$1 million. Capital projects have improved many infrastructure needs.

Members of the Committee thanked Mr. Finley for his dedication and oversight of the Museum under his tenure.

The Committee took no action on this informational item.

Scheduled Items (Continued):

Zoo - 1

4. 10-204 From the Zoo Director, requesting authorization to enter into an agreement with the Zoological Society of Milwaukee for the design and construction of the Bonobo Outdoor Exhibit.

APPEARANCE:

Chuck Wikenhauser, Director, Zoo

Milwaukee County policy requires an agreement between the Zoo and Zoological Society when capital improvement projects have Zoological funding.

MOTION BY: (Dimitrijevic) Approve. (Vote 7-0)

AYES: Coggs, Sanfelippo, Dimitrijevic, Rice, Larson, Lipscomb and Broderick (Chair) - 7

NOES: - 0

Transportation and Public Works – 1

5. 09-183 From the Interim Director, Transportation and Public Works and the Director, Parks, Recreation and Culture, requesting authorization to prepare, review, approve and execute all contract documents as required to hire AECOM to provide professional services to complete a stability analysis on the Estabrook Dam.
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APPEARANCES:

James Keegan, Parks, Chief of Planning and Development
Carl Stave, Contract Manager, AE&ES

Mr. Stave answered questions regarding the contract process and location of AECOM.

MOTION BY: (Lipscomb) Approve. (Vote 7-0)

AYES: Coggs, Sanfelippo, Dimitrijevic, Rice, Larson, Lipscomb and Broderick (Chair) - 7

NOES: - 0

Resolution – 1

6. 07-310 A resolution by Supervisor Schmitt, recognizing that the Friends of Hoyt Park and Pool has met Milwaukee County's Due Diligence requirements with the conditions contained in this resolution.
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Scheduled Items (Continued):

APPEARANCES:

Supervisor Luigi Schmitt, District 19
Paul Kuglitsch, Parks Contract Service Officer
Julie Esch, County Board, Research Analyst

Supervisor Schmitt explained the resolution before them has been previously approved except the last two be it resolved clauses. This addition provides final approval of the plans for the restaurant concept by the County Board and County Executive.

Supervisor Broderick asked to be a cosponsor. With no objections, it was so ordered.

MOTION BY: (Sanfelippo) Approve. (Vote 7-0)

AYES: Coggs, Sanfelippo, Dimitrijevic, Rice, Larson, Lipscomb and Broderick (Chair) - 7

NOES: - 0

Parks - 4

7. 10-200 From the Director, Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture (DPRC), requesting authorization to submit a 2010 State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Stewardship Program grant application for the acquisition of an abandoned Union Pacific Railroad corridor.

APPEARANCE:

Kevin Haley, Parks, Landscape Architect

Mr. Haley refreshed the Committee member's minds on Park's goal to annually request authority to apply for numerous grant funds. The acquisition of this parcel of land is a once in a lifetime event. This parcel would connect portions of the Oak Leaf Trail along the Milwaukee County lakefront to the Ozaukee County Trail to complete a system of trails. It looks favorable that the Parks Department will receive Congestion Mitigation Air Quality grant funding, to help finance 80% of this purchase. The Stewardship Program grant would be combined with Milwaukee County capital funding to provide the needed 20% match funding.

Questions and comments ensued on the estimated cost of the parcel, negotiations for the purchase, environmental issues and trail grade issues. The project is in the planning phase and is looking to local communities to help connect trails within the local neighborhoods and communities.

MOTION BY: (Larson) Approve. (Vote 7-0)

Scheduled Items (Continued):

AYES: Coggs, Sanfelippo, Dimitrijevic, Rice, Larson, Lipscomb and Broderick (Chair) - 7
NOES: - 0

8. 10-205 From the Director, Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture (DPRC), requesting authorization to grant a limited term easement to American Telephone and Telegraph, Inc. (ATT) to allow placement of a new conduit packet under the Honey Creek Parkway and Menomonee River.

APPEARANCE:

Kevin Haley, Parks, Landscape Architect

This is a limited term easement that allows ATT to remove a conduit that is in the bridge being reconstructed. The conduit will be replaced outside the bridge structure. The lease is for a 50-year term with an option for an additional 20 years.

MOTION BY: (Lipscomb) Approve. (Vote 7-0)

AYES: Coggs, Sanfelippo, Dimitrijevic, Rice, Larson, Lipscomb and Broderick (Chair) - 7
NOES: - 0

9. 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:

Paul Kuglitsch, Parks, Contract Service Officer
Guy Smith, Parks, Chief of Operations
Sue Black, Director, Parks, Recreation and Culture
Inspector Kevin Carr, Sheriff's Office
Molly Pahl, Sheriff's Office, Fiscal Operations Manger
Sherrie Tussler, Hunger Task Force

Mr. Kuglitsch reviewed their numerous efforts to find financial partners with organizations, private partnerships and nonprofits to no avail. Time is running out on the transition period from the Sheriff's Office to the Parks Department. The Department doesn't have the staffing needed for oversight and operation

Scheduled Items (Continued):

of the fish hatchery, farm and nursery. One individual, that is currently responsible for feeding and maintaining the fish, would need to be transferred from the Sheriff's into the Park's budget, before the July 1, 2010, deadline. With the reduction in the staff and furlough days, the Department would need to discontinue another program to staff the farm and fish hatchery operations. There are no funds available in the Park's current budget for the fish food, utilities and maintenance of the facility.

Supervisor Broderick informed the Committee that a resolution for a transfer of \$150,000 for the Park's to continue the operations of the farm and fish hatchery, is on the agenda for Finance and Audit this cycle.

A lengthy discussion ensued on different scenarios including splitting the three operations included in this initiative and review if any operation can be continued. Other concerns pertained to the use of Huber eligible inmates, and the possibility of selling fish or products from the operations aided with inmate labor.

Supervisor Sanfelippo suggested before more discussions pursue, that members review the Audit done on the Farm and Fish Hatchery in June 2009, to have a reasonable picture of the true cost associated with each piece of this program.

Supervisor Coggs suggested the possible need for a joint meeting after consideration of this item by the Finance and Audit Committee. A decision needs to be made before July 1, 2010, when the transition is to take place. She offered an idea for the possibility of using a paid workforce from participants in the Workgroup for Men of Color.

Staff was directed to get additional information including; what exactly was adopted in the 2010 Budget, the true cost of operations, inmate labor, an opinion from Corporation Counsel regarding the use of Huber inmate labor regarding sales of goods and the possibility of inmates receiving a day-for-day reduction in their sentence for working with the Hunger Task Force on the farm.

The Committee took no action on this informational item.

10. 10-R07 From the Director, Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture (DPRC), a verbal report on vandalism within the Parks. **(INFORMATIONAL UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE.)**

APPEARANCE:

Laura Schloesser, Parks Safety and Training Manager

Scheduled Items (Continued):

Ms. Schloesser provided the Committee with a graph, pie chart and pictures of the damage incurred within various County Parks (attached to the original of these minutes). Since 2006 she has been tracking vandalism types and occurrences. The incidents of vandalism/property damage have more than doubled from 2006 to 2009. Graffiti and vandalism account for the majority of the incidents.

Comments and questions ensued regarding any correlations for the increases, due to economic conditions and the reduction in staffing levels. The Department has made great strides increasing the number of Friends groups and encourages the public to report any damage immediately to the Parks.

Supervisor Larson asked to provide him with more history of vandalism from years previous to this report.

The Committee took no action on this informational item.

Staff Present:

Ms. Sherry Hill County Executive, Director of Community Relations
Ms. Eloisa Gomez, Director, Milwaukee County Cooperative Extension
Ms. Carolyn Johnson, Assistant Director, Milwaukee County Cooperative Extension
Mr. Chuck Wikenhauser, Director, Zoo
Mr. Jim Keegan, Parks, Chief of Planning and Development
Mr. Carl Stave, Contract Manager, AE&ES
Supervisor Luigi Schmitt, District #19
Mr. Paul Kuglitsch, Parks Contract Service Officer
Mr. Kevin Haley, Parks, Landscape Architect
Mr. Guy Smith, Parks, Chief of Operations
Ms. Sue Black, Director, Parks, Recreation and Culture
Inspector Kevin Carr, Sheriff's Office
Ms. Molly Pahl, Sheriff's Office, Fiscal Operations Manger
Ms. Laura Schloesser, Parks Safety and Training Manager
Ms. Sara Jankowski, Fiscal and Budget Analyst, DAS
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 11:35 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 **June 15, 2010**. All items for the agenda must be in the Committee Clerk's possession by the end of the business day on **Tuesday, June 1, 2010**.

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