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## COMMITTEE ON PARKS, ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

Tuesday, January 25, 2011 – 9:00 A.M.

**Milwaukee County Courthouse, Room 201-B**

### MINUTES

**PRESENT:** Supervisors Sanfelippo, Dimitrijevic, Rice, Lipscomb and Broderick (Chair) - 5

#### **SCHEDULED ITEMS:**

1. 11-R-2 From Michael Cudahy, a verbal report regarding the future of O'Donnell Park. (**INFORMATIONAL ONLY**)

#### **APPEARANCE(S):**

Michael Cudahy  
Interim County Board Chairman Michael Mayo  
Supervisor Patricia Jursik, 8<sup>th</sup> District  
Dan Keegan, Director, Milwaukee Art Museum

Mr. Cudahy shared his ideas and vision relative to O'Donnell Park with the Committee. He indicated that to patch up O'Donnell Park would be a big mistake and requested that Milwaukee County not spend \$6.5 million to patch it up. He suggested that it be leveled and that the Milwaukee Public Museum be built there or a low profile hotel. He indicated that he would like to come back in 30 days with a plan.

Members of the Committee advised that the County has an existing obligation in their lease. Also, there is lost revenue to the Parks department. A decision today to demolish would jeopardize tenants.

Chairman Mayo provided comments relative to O'Donnell Park and the need for parking. He expressed his concerns relative to the residents and the need for them to be made whole. He advised that if there is a plan in the future, the County Board will review it.

**SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):**

Supervisor Jursik spoke on this issue as a member of the Milwaukee Art Museum Board and as someone who has reviewed this very carefully, starting with the original suggestion that the Hoan bridge be taken down and the link that the bridge has to the southshore communities.

Mr. Keegan commented that the O'Donnell garage does need to be reopened, due to parking issues. However, he commended Mr. Cudahy on his vision.

There are a lot of short term concerns that need to be addressed.

**The following individuals provided comments:**

Molly Gallagher, Betty Brinn Children's Museum  
Rick Wiederhock, Betty Brinn Children's Museum  
Fern Shupeck, Executive Director, Betty Brinn Children's Museum  
Colin Hutt, Betty Brinn Children's Museum  
Stewart Wangard, Vanguard Partners  
Paul Raasch, Zilli Hospitality Group

**The following individual registered, but did not provide comments:**

Mrs. Zilli, Zilli Hospitality Group  
Mr. Steph Zilli, Zilli Hospitality Group

The Committee took a five minute break and returned with the same members present as before.

The Committee took no action on this informational item.

2. 10-19 From the Director, Department of Transportation and Public Works,  
(a) submitting an informational report regarding O'Donnell Park parking structure repair options **(Also considered by the Committee on Finance and Audit) (9/15/10: Referred to Departmental staff and Audit for a follow-up report.) (12/1/10: Referred from the Committee on Transportation, Public Works and Transit to the Parks Committee) (INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

**APPEARANCE(S):**

Jack Takerian, Director, Department of Transportation and Public Works  
Greg High, Director, Division of Architecture, Engineering and Environmental Services, DTPW

Mr. High provided background information and comments relative to the subject item.

**SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):**

Discussion ensued, with questions and comments relative to funding for this project, the repairs being done by two firms instead of one and the timing for this project.

Concern was expressed as to why the lights are on during the day and if the design work for the replacement panels would be brought back before the committee.

The Committee took no action on this informational report.

3. 11-62 From the Director, Parks, Recreation and Culture, requesting authorization to execute and perform all the actions required to implement the proposed land exchanges and easements in and near Falk Park.

**APPEARANCE(S):**

Supervisor Patricia Jursik, 8<sup>th</sup> District  
Kevin Haley, Landscape Architect, Parks  
Dr. Reed, Chief Biologist, SEWRPC  
Kevin Kennedy, Northwestern Mutual  
John Lunz, Preserve Our Parks  
Doug Seymour, City of Oak Creek  
John Finnerty, Northwestern Mutual  
Brian Randall, Northwestern Mutual

Mr. Haley reviewed the subject report. He provided maps, via computer, of the proposed reconfiguration of Falk Park and vicinity and distributed information relative to environmental corridors and provided comments.

Discussion ensued, at length, with questions and comments.

***MOTION BY: (SANFELIPPO) Amend the resolution as follows: On line 89, insert the word "and" between the words prepare and review; on line 90, delete "execute and record"; on line 91, delete, "grant, execute and implement these" and insert "negotiate"; at the end of the BE IT RESOLVED clause, after the word "and", insert "report back back to the Committee on Parks, Energy and Environment and the Long Range Strategic Planning Committee"; delete lines 94 and 95.***

Discussion ensued regarding the motion.

***Supervisor Sanfelippo modified his motion to read as follows:***

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

***BE IT RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Parks Director, the Department of Transportation and Public Works, Risk Management, Corporation Counsel, and Register of Deeds to prepare and review all documents, and perform all actions as required to negotiate land transfers, related easements and Land and Water Conservation Fund (LAWCON) program procedures and requirements and report back to the Committee on Parks, Energy and Environment for final approval; and***

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon approval by the County Board, the County Executive and County Clerk are authorized to execute the deeds, easements and any other required documents.***

Discussion continued relative to the motion. Several individuals who registered to speak provided comments.

Supervisor Jursik, who is the Chair of the Long Range Strategic Planning Committee provided comments.

***MOTION BY (RICE) Approve, as amended. (Vote 5-0)***

***AYES:*** Sanfelippo, Dimitrijevic, Rice, Lipscomb and Broderick (Chair) – 5  
***NOES:*** 0

4. 11-57 A resolution by Supervisors Dimitrijevic, Lipscomb, Harris, Broderick and Weishan, creating an Office of Sustainability under the Office of the County Executive's and a new, full-time position of Director of Sustainability that would directly report to the County Executive, retitling the existing position of Sustainability and Environmental Engineer to Managing Environmental Engineer and funding the new position with funds from the Appropriation for Contingencies account. **(Also to the Committee on Finance and Audit)**

***APPEARANCE(S):***

Jim Goulee, Milwaukee Environmental Consortium

Supervisor Dimitrijevic provided comments relative to the subject resolution.

***MOTION BY: (DIMITRIJEVIC) Approve the resolution.***

Mr. Goulee provided comments in support of the resolution.

Questions and comments ensued.

**SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):**

***MOTION BY: (RICE) Refer to Personnel Committee (Vote 2-3)***

***AYES:*** Sanfelippo and Rice - 2

***NOES:*** Dimitrijevic, Lipscomb and Broderick (Chair) – 3

**Motion failed.**

**Vote on the motion to approve: 3-2**

***AYES:*** Dimitrijevic, Lipscomb and Broderick – 3

***NOES:*** Sanfelippo and Rice – 2

5. 11-70 A resolution by Supervisor Broderick, authorizing and directing the Director of the Department of Transportation and Public works to conduct an inventory of decorative art, furniture or other articles of historic or aesthetic significance owned by Milwaukee County.

**THIS ITEM WAS WITHDRAWN.**

6. 11-71 A resolution by Supervisor Thomas, requesting that the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, as the official area-wide regional planning agency and designated metropolitan transportation planning agency for Southeastern Wisconsin, monitor and review the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources air quality planning process and provide regular briefings to the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors.

***MOTION BY: (SANFELIPPO) Layover (Vote 5-0)***

***AYES:*** Sanfelippo, Dimitrijevic, Rice, Lipscomb and Broderick (Chair) – 5

***NOES:*** 0

7. 11-61 From the Director, Parks, Recreation and Culture, requesting authorization to submit a proposal for, and accept if granted, funding through the U.S. Forest Service State & Private Forestry Redesign Competitive Allocation RFP FY 2011 for the naturalization of selected DPRC parkland.

**APPEARANCE(S):**

Kevin Haley, Landscape Architecht, Parks

Brian Russart, Natural Areas Manager, Parks

Sue Black, Director, Parks

Mr. Haley reviewed the subject report.

**SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):**

Questions and comments ensued.

Mr. Russart commented that the preliminary map shows that naturalized areas fall between Brown Deer Rd. on the north and Rawson Avenue on the south.

Supervisor Lipscomb requested that the Committee be provided a more detailed map showing the areas.

Chairman Broderick requested that the map be provided prior to Board Day (February 3, 2011).

Ms. Black advised that she would make sure that the Committee received a detailed map before Parks execute.

***MOTION BY: (DIMITRIJEVIC) Approve. (Vote 5-0)***

***AYES:*** Sanfelippo, Dimitrijevic, Rice, Lipscomb and Broderick (Chair) – 5

***NOES:*** 0

8. 11-R-1 From the Director, Parks, Recreation and Culture, an informational report regarding citation authority for the director of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture. **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

**APPEARANCE(S):**

Laura Schloesser, Training & Safety Manager, Parks

Paul Kuglitsch, Parks

Ms. Schloesser reviewed the subject report.

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

**SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):**

**Staff Present:**

Julie Esch, Research Analyst, County Baord  
Dan Keegan, Director, Milwaukee Art Museum  
Jack Takerian, Director, Department of Transportation and Public Works  
Greg High, Director, Division of Architecture, Engineering and Environmental Services, DTPW  
Kevin Haley, Landscape Architect, Parks  
Brian Russart, Natural Areas Manager, Parks  
Sue Black, Director, Parks  
Paul Kuglitsch, Parks  
Laura Schloesser, Training & Safety Manager, Parks  
Jim Keegan, Parks

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 am until 12:30 pm.

*Linda K. Durham*

Linda K. Durham, Committee Clerk

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

The next regular meeting for the Parks Committee is **March 8, 2011**. All items for the agenda must be in the Committee Clerk's possession by the end of the business day on **Tuesday, February 22, 2011**.

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