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MILWAUKEE COUNTY CHAIRWOMAN REACTS TO PARKS DIRECTOR DEPARTURE

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Board Chairwoman Marina Dimitrijevic released the following statement upon learning of the departure of Milwaukee County Parks Director Sue Black:

“First, I would like to thank Sue Black for her many years of devoted service to the Milwaukee County Parks and to the taxpayers of Milwaukee County. Black secured several national awards and accolades for the Parks that we all cherish, especially in our urbanized area.”

“While I am sorry to see Black go, I recognize that such a personnel decision is solidly in the purview of County Executive Chris Abele. Black became the public face of the Milwaukee County Parks, and I thank her for her efforts to tell the Parks’ story.”

“I commend Black for her achievements in developing private-public partnerships and corporate sponsorships in the face of diminished public support.

“Black would most certainly be at the top of any national search for the director of a parks system, and I wish her the very best in her future endeavors.”

“Additionally, I am disappointed in the timing of this situation, as the Milwaukee County Board prepares for delivery of the Milwaukee County Executive 2013 Recommended Budget. The absence of a Parks leader will certainly make it more difficult to respond to constituents who have voiced their support for Parks. I look forward to a report on how the Milwaukee County Executive’s office plans to proceed on major Parks initiatives currently in the works.”

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