



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes

Board of Park Commissioners

Tuesday, May 29, 2018

5:30 PM

City Hall - Common Council Chambers
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse WI 54601

Rescheduled from May 17, 2018.

Approved at the June 21, 2018 Park Board Meeting.

Call to Order by President Paul Medinger at 5:30 pm.

Present: 8 - Paul Medinger, Marvin Wanders, Jim Webb, Sandy Cleary, Eileen Kirsch,
Todd Olson, Ashley Skoczynski, Jacqueline Marcou

Excused: 1 - Mark Terpstra

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Webb, second by Marcou to approve minutes.

Agenda Items:

[18-0725](#)

Art Fahey/La Crosse Center - Approval to continue design efforts, identify proposed limits of park engagement areas associated with the new building expansion, and agree to the general footprint of the proposed "River Lobby" (the portion of the Center that physically touches down within the Park boundary and provides access to and from the Center to the Park) and convention center addition overhang area.

A motion was made by Wanders, second by Marcou to approve to continue design efforts, identify proposed limits of park engagement areas associated with the new building expansion and agree to the general footprint of the proposed "River Lobby" (the portion of the Center that physically touches down within the park boundary and provides access to and from the Center to the Park) and convention center addition overhang area with the final design plan to come back to the Park Board for approval. The motion carried by voice vote.

The Park Board members still had concerns about the cost estimate/budget of the project, infringement of space in the park, does it enhance or detract from the park, board members were still hoping for a softer look to the design.

George Italiano did not speak in favor of the design and hoped the Council will look into how the design impacts the park further.

Art Fahey, Architects-Amanda Prosser/Will Kratt, Brent Smith, Council Member Jessica Olson, Council Member Gary Padesky, Director of Planning & Development Jason Gilman, A.J. Frels-La Crosse County Convention & Visitor Bureau, Robin Moses-Downtown Main Street spoke in favor of the current concept.

All thanked the La Crosse Center staff for staking out the design area in the park.

[18-0726](#)

Pheasants Forever - Approval of fundraiser at Myrick Park Center August 18, 2018 and to allow the sale of alcohol. Pending license is approved through the City Clerk's office.

A motion was made by Marcou, seconded by Kirsch, that this General Item be APPROVED . The motion carried by voice vote.

[18-0727](#)

Grow La Crosse - Approval of fundraiser July 26, 2018 at Myrick Park Center and to sell alcohol. Pending license is approved through the City Clerk's office.

A motion was made by Marcou, seconded by Kirsch, that this General Item be APPROVED . The motion carried by voice vote.

[18-0728](#)

Big Brothers Big Sisters - Approval to allow sale of alcohol at Food Truck and Movie Night event June 16, 2018 and to waive fee of \$426.54. Pending license is approved through the City Clerk's office.

A motion was made by Kirsch, seconded by Webb, that this General Item be APPROVED and the group pays half of the park reservation fee. The motion carried by voice vote.

[18-0729](#) Compassionate Community Faith Alliance - Approval to allow vendor sales for "People Fest" in Riverside Park July 29, 2018 and to waive picnic table fee of \$142.18.

A motion was made by Marcou, seconded by Webb, that this General Item be APPROVED and to refund the group half of the total reservation fee that was paid due to the event being a community event, free and open to the public . The motion carried by voice vote.

[18-0730](#) La Crosse County Convention & Visitors Bureau - Approval La Crosse Bike Festival and Pearl Street Brewery's End of Summer Concert in Riverside Park August 31 thru September 3, to allow the sale of alcohol and to waive the fee amount \$835.31. Pending license is approved through the City Clerk's office.

A motion was made by Kirsch, seconded by Olson, that this General Item be APPROVED and the group pays half of the park reservation fee . The motion carried by voice vote.

[18-0731](#) La Crosse Jazz Orchestra - Request to waive fee for June & July 2018 free Sunday concert series in Riverside Park and to approve waiver of fees for next three years.

A motion was made by Marcou, seconded by Kirsch, that this General Item be APPROVED . The motion carried by voice vote.

[18-0732](#) Myrick Park Community - Approval Family Fun Day fundraiser August 4, 2018 at Myrick Park and to waive fee of \$40.28.

A motion was made by Cleary, seconded by Wanders, that this General Item be APPROVED and further details be handled administratively by the Parks and Recreation Department . The motion carried by voice vote.

[18-0736](#) Burn Boot Camp - Approval of Muscular Dystrophy fundraiser "Be The Muscle" at Copeland Oktoberfest, June 16, 2018.

A motion was made by Kirsch, seconded by Cleary, that this General Item be APPROVED . The motion carried by voice vote.

[18-0737](#) La Crosse County Convention & Visitor Bureau - Approval of Second Extension of Use Agreement and Facility Management Agreement for use of Riverside Park-401 Veterans Memorial Drive.

A motion was made by Webb, seconded by Kirsch, that this General Item be APPROVED for 1 year . The motion carried by voice vote.

[18-0739](#) La Crosse Loggers - Approval of Sub-lease to the Northside Municipal Dock Lease-Hanke Terminals, Inc.
La Crosse Loggers - Approval of La Crosse Loggers Deck Expansion at Copeland Park.

A motion was made by Webb, seconded by Marcou, that this General Item be APPROVED . The motion carried by voice vote.

[18-0740](#)

Marvin Wanders - Approval of an "emergency" temporary reroute, which will remain in place until such time that biking is allowed on the tract land known as the Fitzpatrick Tract.

A motion was made by Webb, seconded by Cleary, that this General Item be APPROVED . The motion carried by voice vote.

[18-0741](#)

Pettibone Resort - Approval of Flood Evacuation Plan and Agreement 2018.

A motion was made by Kirsch, seconded by Wanders, that this General Item be APPROVED . The motion carried by voice vote.

[18-0772](#)

Charles Zauner/La Crosse County Bluffland Coordinator - Informational presentation Bluffland Plan for Conservation & Recreation throughout the La Crosse - La Crescent Region.

Charles Zauner, Charlie Handy, Sunshine Love, Maureen Freedland-La Crosse County Supervisor and citizen of La Crosse, A.J. Frels-La Crosse County Convention & Visitor Bureau, Carol Abramzon-MVC, Council Member David Marshall spoke in favor of the Bluffland plan for Conservation & Recreation throughout the La Crosse-La Crescent Region.

The Environmental Leadership Forum (ELF) group did not adopt the Bluffland Plan and felt there was some duplication within the plan of what the Parks and Recreation Department is currently developing within the city of La Crosse. Bill Reynolds, Forest Management expert, worked with the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department on reviewing the needs for the forest in our area.

There were concerns about the funding, how much the city is currently spending on trails and how much the county is requesting, the board would like to review larger and more defined images of the areas of development, the group felt the Legal Department may want to look over funding guidelines. Overall more information was needed and more time was needed to review the information presented. The board thanked Mr. Zauner for the presentation.

[18-0743](#)

Parks & Recreation Department - Approval of Hixon Forest: Comprehensive Forest Management Plan.

A motion was made by Wanders, seconded by Kirsch, that this General Item be APPROVED AS AMENDED . To approve the plan as is, the board will have 6 months to review and make recommendations of changes or to modify and Bill Reynolds, Forest Management Expert, will present the plan to the Park Board and hold a Public Hearing session. The motion carried by voice vote.

[18-0745](#)

Parks & Recreation Department - Update Park Projects bidding schedule.

No Action Taken.

Adjournment

Motion by Jim Webb, second by Jacqueline Marcou to adjourn. (Unanimous)

Notice is further given that members of other governmental bodies may be present at the above scheduled meeting to gather information about a subject over which they have decision-making responsibility.

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