



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes

Board of Park Commissioners

Thursday, July 15, 2021

5:30 PM

Virtual: Via Lifesize

In Person: South Side Neighborhood Center
1300 6th Street South, La Crosse, WI

Call to Order

Commissioner Todd Olson called the meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners to order at 5:36 p.m. and presided over the meeting.

Roll Call

Present: 8 - Jim Webb, Tracy Littlejohn, Robert Young, Sandy Cleary, Eileen Kirsch, Todd Olson, Jacqueline Marcou, Rebecca Schwarz

Absent: 1 - Chris Kahlow

Others Present

City Council Member(s): Mark Neumann

Park and Rec Staff Members: Jay Odegaard, Kerry Gloede, Dan Trussoni, Jim Flottmeyer, Leah Burns, Kate Kroll, and Christa Berg

Virtual Guests: Jean Ahrens, Andy Vang, Tiff Smith, Jillian Olson, and Marty Walleser

In-Person Guests: Mark Kienetz, Jordan Briskey, Sheryl Pederson, Johnny Briskey, Les Galeu, Louis Ferris, Zach Tomesch, Woodrow Fulcher, Mollee Fulcher, Robert Janoky, Dale Schermerhorn, and Stan Roellich

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Marcou, seconded by Cleary to approve the minutes from the June 17, 2021 meeting.
The motion carried by voice vote.

Agenda Items:

Open Public Hearing

A motion was made by Kirsch, seconded by Marcou to open a Public Hearing.
The motion carried by voice vote.

[21-1020](#) Request to serve alcohol at the Black River Beach North Pavilion on August 14, 2021, for a Retirement Party.

A motion was made by Marcou, seconded by Littlejohn, that this Request be APPROVED. The motion carried by voice vote.

[21-1019](#) Request to host an Enchanted Forest Event at Riverside Park on October 23, 2021 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; contingent on the required approvals and issuance of permits from all other city and county agencies.

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

[21-1016](#) Park & Rec Announcement: Bluff Bash on August 25, 2021 from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at the Upper Hixon Forest Pump Track.

NO ACTION TAKEN.

REVISED Roll Call

Present: 9 - Jim Webb, Tracy Littlejohn, Robert Young, Sandy Cleary, Chris Kahlow, Eileen Kirsch, Todd Olson, Jacqueline Marcou, Rebecca Schwarz

[21-1024](#) Request to host the Down Syndrome Awareness Walk in Myrick Park and the Marsh Trail Loop on September 26, 2021; contingent on the required approvals and issuance of permits from all other city and county agencies.

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Marcou, that this Request be APPROVED . The motion carried by voice vote.

[21-0878](#) Request to remove tree from the boulevard at 1019 Caledonia Street.

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Marcou, that this Request be DENIED. The motion carried by voice vote.

[21-1048](#) Request to remove tree from the boulevard at 1240 22nd Drive South.

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Marcou, that this Request be DENIED. The motion carried by voice vote.

[21-1023](#) Request to approve the Gateway 1.5 Connector Trail.

A motion was made by Cleary, seconded by Marcou, that this Request be APPROVED. The motion carried by voice vote.

[21-1028](#) Request to approve the World War II Memorial concept at Veterans Freedom Park.

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Marcou, that this Request be APPROVED. The motion carried by voice vote.

- [21-1017](#) Request to approve Phase II of the La Crosse Vietnam Veteran's Memorial.
- A motion was made by Littlejohn, seconded by Marcou, that this Request be APPROVED . The motion carried by voice vote.**
- [21-0698](#) Request to refer the Nii Hosto Art Park Plan for an additional 60 days, to the September 16, 2021, meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners.
- A motion was made by Marcou, seconded by Kahlow, that this Request be REFERRED to the Board of Park Commissioners, due back by 9/16/2021. The motion carried by voice vote.**
- [21-0708](#) Request to refer the approval of the selected members for the Nii Hosto project sub-committee for 60 days to the September 16, 2021 meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners.
- A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Marcou, that this Request be REFERRED to the Board of Park Commissioners, due back by 9/16/2021. The motion carried by voice vote.**
- [21-1018](#) Discuss the implementation of parking fees at City of La Crosse trailhead parking facilities.
- NO ACTION TAKEN.**
- [21-1047](#) Request to appoint a Park Board Commissioner to the Fish Hatchery lease negotiating committee.
- A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Marcou, that this Request be APPROVED AS AMENDED TO APPOINT TWO PARK BOARD COMMISSIONERS, JIM WEBB & SANDRA CLEARY TO THE FISH HATCHERY LEASE NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE . The motion carried by voice vote.**

Close Public Hearing

**A motion was made by Marcou, seconded by Kahlow to close the Public Hearing.
The motion carried by voice vote.**

Adjournment

**A motion was made by Marcou, seconded by Kahlow to Ajourn the meeting at 7:03 p.m.
The motion carried by voice vote.**

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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