



MINUTES OF THE PARKS COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2022, 6:00 PM

Virtual Meeting. Public may join via Zoom.

PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE

**Immediately following Improvement and Services Committee
which begins at 5 P.M.**

A. ZOOM MEETING INFORMATION.

I. This item contains Zoom information, instructions, and a link to the Virtual Comment Form.

B. ROLL CALL.

Present: Randy Scannell - Parks Committee Chair, Chris Wery - Parks Vice-Chair-Excused, Jesse Brunette, Lynn Gerlach

Others Present: Director Dan Ditscheit, Deputy Director James Andersen, Attorney Lindsay Mather, Ald. Mark Steuer

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

Moved by Ald. Lynn Gerlach, seconded by Ald. Jesse Brunette to approve. Motion carried.
Yes- Jesse Brunette, Lynn Gerlach, Randy Scannell, No- None, Abstain- None

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Moved by Ald. Jesse Brunette, seconded by Ald. Lynn Gerlach to approve. Motion carried.
Yes- Jesse Brunette, Lynn Gerlach, Randy Scannell, No- None, Abstain- None

E. REGULAR BUSINESS.

I. Consideration with possible action on the request by Ald. Scannell to officially name the Fisk Park basketball courts, L.C. Green Courts, in memory/honor of L.C. Green, Civil Rights Activist and Pastor of Devine Temple.

Moved by Ald. Lynn Gerlach, seconded by Ald. Jesse Brunette to open the floor for discussion. Motion carried.

Yes- Jesse Brunette, Lynn Gerlach, Randy Scannell, No- None, Abstain- None

Moved by Ald. Jesse Brunette, seconded by Ald. Lynn Gerlach to close the floor for discussion. Motion carried.

Yes- Jesse Brunette, Lynn Gerlach, Randy Scannell, No- None, Abstain- None

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Yes- Jesse Brunette, Lynn Gerlach, Randy Scannell, No- None, Abstain- None

Moved by Ald. Jesse Brunette, seconded by Ald. Lynn Gerlach to approve the request by Ald. Scannell to officially name the Fisk Park basketball courts in memory/honor of L.C. Green, Civil Rights Activist and Pastor of Divine Temple. Motion carried.

Yes- Jesse Brunette, Lynn Gerlach, Randy Scannell, No- None, Abstain- None

2. Consideration with possible action on adopting a resolution in support of World Migratory Bird Day.

Moved by Ald. Lynn Gerlach, seconded by Ald. Jesse Brunette to approve adopting a resolution in support of World Migratory Bird Day. Motion carried.

Yes- Jesse Brunette, Lynn Gerlach, Randy Scannell, No- None, Abstain- None

3. Consideration with possible action on General Ordinance No. 5-22, creating Section 28-4(k)(1), Green Bay Municipal Code, relating to Ken Euers Natural Area hours.

Moved by Ald. Lynn Gerlach, seconded by Ald. Jesse Brunette to approve General Ordinance No. 5-22, creating Section 28-4(k)(1), Green Bay Municipal Code, relating to Ken Euers Natural Area hours. Motion carried.

Yes- Jesse Brunette, Lynn Gerlach, Randy Scannell, No- None, Abstain- None

4. Consideration with possible action on approving the purchase of 12 aluminum seat assemblies for the original Ferris Wheel at Bay Beach Amusement Park from Eli Bridge Company for a total cost of \$59,000 plus the cost of crates and delivery.

Moved by Ald. Lynn Gerlach, seconded by Ald. Jesse Brunette to approve the purchase of 12 aluminum seat assemblies for the original Ferris Wheel at Bay Beach Amusement Park from Eli Bridge Company for a total cost of \$59,000 plus the cost of crates and delivery. Motion carried.

Yes- Jesse Brunette, Lynn Gerlach, Randy Scannell, No- None, Abstain- None

5. Consideration with possible action on renewing the annual weed control contract with N.E.W. Landscapes & Lawn Care through February 28, 2023.

Moved by Ald. Lynn Gerlach, seconded by Ald. Jesse Brunette to approve renewing the annual weed control contract with N.E.W. Landscapes & Lawn Care through February 28, 2023. Motion carried.

Yes- Jesse Brunette, Lynn Gerlach, Randy Scannell, No- None, Abstain- None

F. INFORMATIONAL.

1. Director's Report on updates and recent activities of the Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department.

Moved by Ald. Jesse Brunette, seconded by Ald. Lynn Gerlach to receive and place on file the Director's Report on updates and recent activities of the Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department. Motion carried.

Yes- Jesse Brunette, Lynn Gerlach, Randy Scannell, No- None, Abstain- None

2. The next Parks Committee is scheduled for February 23, 2022.

G. ADJOURNMENT.

Moved by Ald. Lynn Gerlach, seconded by Ald. Jesse Brunette to adjourn. Motion carried.

Yes- Jesse Brunette, Lynn Gerlach, Randy Scannell, No- None, Abstain- None

VERBATIM MINUTES

- [Randy] All right then, hear ye, hear ye, hear ye, the Parks Committee Meeting for February 9th, 2022, is now in session. Roll call. Alder Gerlach is here, Alder Brunette is here, and I am here, Alder Scannell is here. Alder Wery is excused. And with that, I'll take a motion to approve our minutes from our last meeting?

- [Jesse] So moved.

- [Lynn] Second.

- [Randy] Motion by Alder Brunette, seconded by Alder Gerlach. All in favor?

- [Alders] Aye.

- [Randy] And before I get any further, let it be noted that everything we do here is just a recommendation to the Council. They have the final say and vote on everything and that will be happening next Wednesday at six o'clock. Are ready to begin?

- [Dan] Yes.

- [Lynn] Did you approve the agenda here?

- [Randy] Yeah, we did the agenda, and we did the minutes.

- [Dan] No. You didn't do the agenda yet.

- [Lynn] I didn't hear the agenda.

- [Randy] I thought we did the agenda.
- [Dan] You only approved the minutes.
- [Lynn] I don't think we did.
- [Randy] Oh, I just did the agenda? All right.
- [Jesse] I thought we just, we did the agenda, but not the minutes?
- No, we actually--
- We approved the minutes.
- [Dan] We actually approved the minutes. We did not approve the agenda.
- [Randy] Well...
- [Lynn] I move that we approve the agenda.
- [Randy] Thank you.
- [Jesse] Second.
- [Randy] Alder Gerlach makes the motion to approve the agenda, second by Alder Brunette. All in favor?
- [Alders] Aye.
- [Randy] Opposed? Okay. That passes unanimously. I gotta get this window out of my way so I can read the agenda and follow it along. Here we go. Are we ready for regular business?
- [Dan] Yes.
- [Randy] We are. Item number one. Consideration with possible action on the request by Alder Scannell to officially name the Fisk Park basketball courts L.C. Green Courts in memory, or honor, whichever we think is better of L.C. Green civil rights activist and Pastor of Divine Temple. Should we, staff, do you want to handle this first? Or should we open the floor? Or how would you like to proceed?
- [Dan] I would recommend, since this is your agenda item, that you start the meeting out, and then open the floor after that.
- [Randy] Okie-doke. Well, talking with a number of people from Divine Temple and the Mayor's Office and Director Ditscheit, we wondered if there was a way we could honor Pastor Green for all his civic service. Certainly he started out young. As a young man he marched with Martin Luther King Junior and Stokely Carmichael for the civil rights. And he stayed active in Green Bay in the community outreach and meeting with the police monthly. And so we decided and talked it all over

that perhaps we could name the basketball court after him, in his honor. So I'll take a motion if there's any questions for me.

- [Lynn] I would move to approve that.

- [Randy] Well, let's open the floor and then we'll speak as alders, okay? Let's open up the floor first.

- [Lynn] Move to open the floor.

- [Jesse] Second.

- [Randy] Motion to open the floor by Alder Gerlach. Seconded by Alder Brunette. All in favor?

- [Alders] Aye.

- [Randy] Opposed? Okay, the floor is now open. If there's anyone interested who would like to speak to this, please state your name and address?

- [Sharon] Is this when I can say something?

- [Randy] Now you can jump in there. Just give us your name and address.

- [Sharon] Okay. Sharon Harper, 2122 9th Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin, 54304.

- [Randy] Thanks, and what would you like to, may ask?

- [Sharon] Well, I think this is a great idea. First of all, we gotta spell the Divine Temple Church right. Not D-E, but D-I-V-I-N-E.

- [Randy] Did I miss the spelling?

- [Sharon] That's the first thing. But I think it's a great idea. I think what you said and what you wrote would be good. I think, from all the things he been here. He'd been here 26 years. First Black church. National historical church. Unified Church. Worked with the police, work with the alderman, worked with three chiefs, three mayors, three different fire departments, everybody. I think it's something that we can really do. And especially since I still do the Bring Your Own 5, which he helped me name, and we do that every year. It'll be eight years, Bring Your Own 5, that we brought that, based on the fact it was from a bad thing. That's what I love about God, the devil did, but evil that God made good. 'Cause him and Chief Tom Molitor talked and figured out that that was kind of bad for the kids here and they came up with the basketball court, and then I went and talked to him and said, how about letting the police play with the kids? And then that's how we came up with it. And Pastor was the ringleader, 'cause he said taking the rims down would mess our kids up. So I think, and now we have all, I started with five players and a little Discman. And now I have over 50 players of all colors and ages, boys and girls, young and old, fathers and sons, and some great-great-grandparents, German, we've got a couple of German players, and people come in the community. And because of that, the whole world watched us get together as the police, with Black people, minorities. So now they're playing with them everywhere. And now we've got the baseball and now we've got soccer with the police. And so based on the fact that everything that he did has brought about a lot of change here in

Green Bay, positive, good, love everybody, everybody can come. Even the mayor did a little Holy Ghost dance, one time, Mayor Smith. So I think to do with, for the community, 'cause I'm always trying to represent, I wish he was here to see this, but I think this would be the next best thing.

- [Randy] Okay. Thank you. Any questions for Sharon? Is there anybody else here who would like to speak on that? I don't know if there's anybody else? Not seeing anybody else unless there's someone I'm not seeing in the window.

- [Dan] There is nobody else on.

- [Randy] Nobody else on. Okay. Alder Brunette?

- [Jesse] I just want it to be known that I appreciate the things you have done for the community as well. I know we're talking about Pastor Green. I didn't have an opportunity to meet him person, although I was on the phone with him a few times, we were talking about a mutual person that we knew, kind of helping him through certain things. So my impression of him was always favorable and his reputation in the community was incredible, especially a great man of God, but I don't want your efforts and your initiative to kind of be lost either in this moment. So I represent 1/12 of the City of Green Bay. Thank you for coming here and speaking on behalf of Pastor Green, in his memory, because I know it can be difficult after experiencing a loss, but thank you very much.

- [Sharon] It is. Thank you, I appreciate it.

- [Randy] Alder Steuer?

- [Mark] I'd like to piggyback on that as well and thank you, Sharon, for all you do in this community, and for Reverend Green and what he did. The park, Fisk Park is in my District 10, and I'm thankful that Alder Scannell brought this forward, but I just wanted to tell you that, Sharon, that I remember when we had the situation where we had taken the hoops down for a while, because there was some problems. And what I saw from the community and the police, from you, from Reverend Green, and Reverend Green said something to the effect of, "It's not a right to do this, it's a privilege." And when you have a privilege, you need to be respectful and treat others well. And that came out and that really came well, it really has resonated well in the community. So I'm very thankful that you're here for that and I appreciate everything you've done. Thank you.

- [Sharon] You're all gonna make me cry.

- [Mark] Oh boy. Sorry.

- [Sharon] Thank you. Well, I try my best. I just, I want to be the change that I see in the world, y'all, and I'm gonna do it while I'm here as much as I can. And I think the only way we can do that is showing love, 'cause everybody else has got, they all the hate and the jealousy, and I just gotta be able to show love. And I'm gonna be the change that I want to see in my world. I don't care what I have to do. And if that means that some people don't like it because I'm unified and I love everybody and I want everybody to be together, oh well. As the kids say, keep it moving. I'm still going to do me. I got to do. I got to. There's no other choice. Somebody's gotta step up.

- [Randy] Okay. Thank you, Sharon. Thank you. I'll take a motion to close the floor.

- [Jesse] So moved.
- [Lynn] Second.
- [Randy] Motion to close the floor by Alder Brunette, seconded by Alder Gerlach. All in favor?
- [Alders] Aye.
- [Randy] Opposed? Okay. That passes unanimously. Any ideas on what we would write in the plaque there? Memory, honor, any other, any thoughts on what's written there? Alder Brunette?
- [Jesse] Thank you, Chairman. I think it would be good to hear from Director Ditscheit, 'cause I know a few years back we had developed a policy and I know we're trying to stick with it. But I just want to make sure we're consistent in our recognition we can provide, if that includes naming basketball courts, although it seems like a small gesture based on the impact he had on the community. I look forward to keeping a lot of options on the table.
- [Dan] Yeah, and to answer your question, this does follow our Naming Rights Policy. So we do approve offering naming rights to individuals who have had a large impact in the community. So this definitely falls within the boundaries of that. Really, what I would recommend at this point is to just approve the naming rights and then the actual language on the plaque, I can work with the family and the church to determine the appropriate language moving forward. So all that we're really approving is the official name. And I guess that that's up for some discussion. What I proposed is L.C Green Courts. If that's something that others would have a preference to call it something different, we can entertain that.
- [Sharon] And I actually like what Randy--
- [Randy] Oh, Sharon, if you want to speak we can open the floor again. So, motion to open the floor?
- [Jesse] Yeah, so moved.
- [Sharon] Oh, okay. Okay, y'all.
- [Randy] Motion to open the floor by Alder Brunette. Is there a second?
- [Lynn] Oh, I thought you moved and he seconded it. Okay, second.
- [Randy] Okay, second by Alder Gerlach. All in favor?
- [Alders] Aye.
- [Randy] Opposed? Okay. The floor's open, go ahead, Sharon.

- [Sharon] Okay. I'm sorry. I just, I like how, what you said, civil rights activist, this and that, and I like that, Dan, what you said, the L.C. Green Courts. I think that's beautiful. I think what y'all saying is perfect. It says it all.

- [Randy] Okay. Thank you. Yeah. Motion to close the floor?

- [Jesse] So moved.

- [Lynn] Motion to close the floor.

- [Randy] Motion to close the floor by Alder Gerlach, second by Alder Brunette. All in favor?

- [Alders] Aye.

- [Randy] Okay. Alder Brunette?

- [Jesse] Yeah, I guess my only thought was L.C. Green Courts, if Director Ditscheit talks to the community group, the church, pastors, friends, and whatnot, do we want to give a little leeway with a view that maybe Pastor or Reverend L.C. Green or something that conveys his title, as a person connected deeply with faith? I would just hate to have just a very black and white, this is the name when there should be a little lenience based on Director's conversations with his--

- [Dan] Okay. What the motion could be is to simply say that we would name the courts, the basketball courts at Fisk Park in honor or remembrance of L.C. Green, and not put an official name to it, and we can with the family and the church to select that at a later date.

- [Jesse] Sure.

- [Randy] And it's my understanding that we can also have a little plaque or something to explain, just with a little more on it for--

- [Dan] Yeah. The plaque can have a little more detailed information.

- [Randy] That's where you get the civil rights and the pastor. But whatever. Yep, I'm fine. Whatever you come up with. So I'll take a motion?

- [Jesse] Yeah, I'll make a motion, what Director Ditscheit just said, assuming you have it written down, Director?

- [Dan] Yes.

- [Jesse] I'll make a motion to that effect.

- [Lynn] Second.

- [Randy] Okay, motion to approve the naming rights, seconded by Alder Gerlach. All in favor?

- [Alders] Aye.

- [Randy] Opposed? That passes unanimously. Thanks, Sharon. Really do appreciate all you've done. Got more work ahead of ya.

- [Sharon] All right.

- [Randy] It's open for another two years, we'll see.

- [Sharon] Okay. I'm looking forward to y'all coming to the Black History exhibit. Bring your kids and family, friends. You're gonna learn something. And you're gonna enjoy it. And you know I'm gonna have my Motown music and seventies music, some of the good music that we grew up with and enjoy.

- [Randy] Okay, thanks, Sharon.

- [Sharon] Thank you. And y'all stay in touch. God bless y'all. Have a great rest of your evening, everybody. It was nice to talk to y'all and I see y'all later.

- [Randy] Okay. We ready for item two?

- [Dan] Yes.

- [Randy] Item two. Consideration with possible action on adopting a resolution to support a World Migratory Bird Day. Staff?

- [Dan] Bird City Wisconsin, they're a statewide group that encourages all communities in Wisconsin to implement sound bird conservation practices by offering public recognition to those that succeed in enhancing the environment for birds and also educate the public about interaction between birds and people, and about the contributions that birds make to a healthy community. So that's written right in their website. That's kind of their mission statement. So the City of Green Bay, we've been a member of Bird City for quite a number of years. And the Wildlife Sanctuary has taken the lead to satisfy all of the educational components that are required activities as part of being listed as a Bird City entity. So there's currently a local group that coordinates the required activities along with the Wildlife Sanctuary. And they also fundraise annually to continue to support the City of Green Bay with our endeavors to remain a member. So the City doesn't pay the fee for this designation. That's all fund-raised by a private entity. So there's only a few requirements on the City's end to retain membership. One of those is for the municipality to officially adopt a resolution in support of World Migratory Bird Day. So this resolution provides statements indicating that the City Council supports the importance of migratory birds and also recognizes the value that they bring to the city. So the resolution also proclaims that the City officially recognizes both May 14th of this year and October 8th of this year as World Migratory Bird Day for the City of Green Bay. So every year we bring a similar resolution forward, this was brought forward last year and approved. The only difference between last year's resolution and this year's resolution is we did add the second day of October 8th. In the past we only recognized one day, which was the second, I believe the second Saturday in May and that was the only day we recognized. But on the Bird City's website they encourage municipalities to also recognize the second Saturday in October, which I think is October 8th. So that's the only difference between the two years. So in the past the Sanctuary does hold an annual event promoting this day on that day. So this year it would be on May 14th. And our intention this

year is to continue with that practice. We haven't planned the event yet, but we will be planning that event. And then we'll have other events on October 8th. So we did have the Law Department draft this resolution that you see before us. Assistant City Attorney Mather is here if you have questions in regards to that resolution. But I would recommend approving it.

- [Randy] Anything from my fellow alders?

- [Lynn] I'm ready to approve it. I think it's beautiful. And I like the punctuation please.

- [Randy] Well, I was hoping we'd all be birds of feather here and flock to it.

- [Lynn] Yes.

- [Randy] I'll take a motion to approve.

- [Lynn] Move to approve the resolution.

- [Jesse] Second.

- [Randy] Motion by Alder Gerlach, seconded by Alder Brunette. All in favor?

- [Alders] Aye.

- [Randy] Opposed? Okay, the resolution passes unanimously. Onto three? Item number three. Consideration with possible action on General Ordinance Number 5-22, creating Section 28-4, subsection K, subsection one, Green Bay Municipal Code, relating to Ken Euers Natural Area hours.

- [Dan] So if you recall, at the last Parks Committee meeting, we discussed this in detail. And the desire was for the City to amend the hours of operations at Ken Euers Natural Area to coincide roughly with the hours of operation from dusk till dawn. And we explained at the last meeting the reasons for that. The motion at the meeting was to approve this, modifying the hours, and to direct staff to modify the City Ordinance accordingly and bring it back to the Parks Committee for review. So the Law Department did take a closer look at this amendment to the ordinance, and they did create a draft ordinance, which you see attached to the agenda packet. So the Law Department did recommend that we set certain times in the ordinance, instead of stating from dusk till dawn. It's easier to enforce specific times, for the Police Department, if we can do that. So what we're recommending is from May 1st to October 31st, Ken Euers would be closed from 8:00 PM to 6:00 AM. And then from November 1st to April 30th, Ken Euers would be closed between 5:00 PM and 6:00 AM. So we selected these times partially because they're approximately the average hours for sun up to sun down within those dates. It is gonna vary, obviously, 'cause we're only doing summer and winter hours. But then, in addition, those hours were selected because those hours would align with the times that our staff would be available to lock and unlock the entrance gates, which we'll also be installing in the near future. So that's how we selected those times. So that being said, Assistant City Attorney Mather is here if you have questions and I'd be happy to answer any other questions you have.

- [Randy] Any questions, any comments?

- [Lynn] Ready to approve.

- [Mark] I just wanted to make one quick statement, Chair?

- [Randy] Alder Steuer?

- [Mark] That used to be in your district., now it will be in my district--

- [Randy] As of April 5th.

- [Mark] As of April 5th. It's a beautiful area. And we have had some issues in the past about various activities that are not all that great. So I'm glad that we're doing this. So I approve of it as well. Thank you.

- [Randy] And I'd just like to thank staff, over years, for all the work that's been going into this park. I know we've partnered with a number of people, how some of them did, and you've got PD and so on, and done a lot of work out there. And it really, from when I first was alder and first saw the park to now, it's made some wonderful changes, and whole heartedly approve this. I'll take a motion.

- [Lynn] Move to approve.

- [Randy] Just nod, Alder Brunette?

- [Jesse] Second. Second.

- [Lynn] Are you having Tourette's?

- [Randy] Motion by Alder Gerlach, second by Alder Brunette. Good job, Attorney Mather, on the written parts, well done. All in favor?

- [Alders] Aye.

- [Randy] Opposed? Okay. That passes unanimously. Onto the next item? Yep? Okie-doke. Consideration with possible action on approving the aluminum seat assemblies for the original Ferris Wheel at Bay Beach Amusement Park from Eli Bridge, from Eli? Eli Bridge Company, for a total cost of \$59,000 plus the cost of crates and delivery. Staff?

- [Dan] So as many of you recall, we have two Ferris wheels at Bay Beach Amusement Park. The larger one along the bay, that's the new Ferris wheel that was installed just a few years ago. And then we also have a second smaller Ferris wheel near the bumper cars that's been at Bay Beach for many years. So we were recently contacted by the manufacturer of the smaller, older Ferris wheel, that they're requiring that all of the steel seats be replaced with aluminum seats. So this is being mandated for all similar Ferris wheels that they've produced over the years that are still in operation, so it's not specific to our ride necessarily. So in order to make the change, we are required to replace all 12 seat assemblies on the entire ride, and we cannot operate the ride until these modifications are completed. So we're recommending to purchase these seat assemblies from Eli Bridge Company, as they're the original manufacturer of the ride. And it will have to be a sole source purchase because we can only put equipment on rides that are supplied by the manufacturer. So there is no alternate

vendor that we can go to without replacing the entire ride. So the quote is attached to the agenda packet for your reference. So what we're proposing to do is buy 12 new aluminum seat assemblies, and those would have the foot bottoms, the cushions, decals, lap bars, and seat belts. And so the total cost for all 12 is \$59,000. And then there's an approximate delivery date. I don't have an exact dollar amount for that. They're estimating \$720 for delivery, plus 12 crates at \$250 a crate. So the cost for wood is pretty expensive now, so they're charging us for the crates also. So the total cost for the equipment, plus the delivery and crates, would be about \$62,720, but that's approximate, but it's gonna be very close to what the end dollar amount is. So the funding for this purchase would come directly from the Bay Beach Operational Account, and there is money available in our 2022 budget to accommodate the purchase. So we do have a line item in there for ride repairs, and it would just come out of that budget line item. So the delivery time for these parts is 12 weeks. And we are hopeful that our mechanics at the Parks Department will be able to install the seats prior to Memorial Day when we open full time. But we can't promise that at this point. We'll do our best effort, but a lot of it depends on when we actually receive the delivery of the seats. So I would recommend approval of the purchase.

- [Randy] Alder Brunette?

- [Jesse] Could you, Director Ditscheit, explain a little more detail why this is required? I kind of didn't understand the reasoning.

- [Dan] Sure.

- [Jesse] And then the second question is, what if we do nothing?

- [Dan] Sure. So if we do nothing, we cannot operate the ride. So this is a safety mandate by the ride manufacturer. So you can compare it to a safety recall for a car where you get a note in the mail and they tell you something's wrong with the car, potentially, not necessarily your car, but there's a potential flaw, and here's the fix for it. And usually you have to bring your car into the dealer and have it fixed. So it's comparable to that. So the reason that they're making this change is because our seats are made out of steel, and all of the bolts and hardware within the seats are made out of steel. And over time, steel can corrode. I'm assuming, and this is just an assumption, that they've had that problem with other rides in other locations. So their recommended fix is to replace it with aluminum seats and new parts.

- [Jesse] Boy, so many thoughts, so I'll try to be succinct. Don't we have safety inspectors look at the rides? Because you basically have the manufacturer saying to us, you need to spend \$60,000 or your ride is shut down. Essentially, that if we have a safety inspection, who is this company to come to us and say, well, you now have to do this. Is it insured by them? Is it guaranteed by them? Can you give me a little more detail? 'Cause I don't, a cynical person could be, I mean, safety's important, so don't take this outta context, a cynical person could be, well, why are they doing this to us? They're benefiting quite a bit from something that could go through other safety inspections?

- [Dan] Yeah, and we do, we do regular safety checks on all of our rides. So we document that. We have log books showing that we do that. And we have not documented any problems on our ride. But the manufacturers, if they do come across a safety concern for these amusement park rides, they can require fixes to the rides, and in essence, say that the rides are not operable until the changes are modified.

- [Jesse] Just, Director, I see the answer. I just finish my line of questioning before I give up the floor. But again, the question, though, is, the manufacturer, we have insurance, and we have independent safety inspections. Is it part of the contract? Like our agreement with them when they manufacture the ride, that this is something that needs to be done? And perhaps Attorney Mather would answer that question, Chairman?

- [Randy] Yep, that's--

- [Jesse] Getting into legal territory there, so.

- [Randy] Yep. Thank you. Director or Legal?

- [Jesse] General thoughts here a little bit, okay?

- [Lindsay] So, if something had happened with one of the seats and there was some kind of incident prior to the manufacturer notifying us about it, yes, we have insurance, but we could have also gone to, potentially, depending on a lot of different variables, but we potentially could have gone to, like joint to the manufacturer, in any lawsuit that may or may not arise from it and say, look, manufacturer, there was a defect in your seats and that caused the rot, the incident, and so you are partially liable for this. Now that they've told us, if we run the ride and something happens, we no longer have that option. They have fulfilled their legal obligation by saying, this is a safety concern, and if you continue to operate the rides, you do so at your own risk, essentially. And from the Law Department's perspective, we would certainly want to take a very close look at incurring any kind of potential liability by running something, a ride or anything like that, after anybody has told us there's a serious safety concern, and we have to look into that.

- [Jesse] Yeah. And don't get me wrong. And I know you know that safety is important, so I don't want to skimp and do something that is recommended for us to do. But I guess the question is, how much did we kind of speak with them to get this price reduced? 'Cause it's their ride, they manufactured it. That seems like a lot of money, potentially, five or \$6,000 per cart. And I know building costs have gone up, material costs have gone up, but was there a bit of a give and take, a negotiation? Was this just, this is your price, you need to move forward with it or else?

- [Dan] We asked for a quote and they provided one. And that's what you see before us.

- [Jesse] A sole source quote, okay. I think I laid out my concerns quite well, but again, don't take me outta context. Anybody, the media, or anybody else who's listening to this in the future, I'm not saying skimp on safety. I just don't like how a company can kind of dictate this to the city. We have no options other than to move forward with that high expense or shut on our rides. It just doesn't seem the right way to do business.

- [Randy] Alder Gerlach?

- [Lynn] As someone who rode that Ferris wheel when it was new, I would like to say that this to me is a no brainer. It's a legal necessity. And there is tremendous historical value in that Ferris wheel, just as there's tremendous historical value in those people who rode it when it was new. And I absolutely believe that we need to do this. And as Director Ditscheit has pointed out, the Bay Beach revenue

will pay for it. So I don't see any reason to even not consider it. Whenever you will entertain motion, I will move to approve.

- [Randy] Alder Brunette, and I have a few comments myself.

- [Jesse] Yeah, my wife is always nervous when I take my kids on that ride. So the last thing I'm gonna have to tell her is, hey, by the way, I voted down replacing these carts. Possible safety defects." So I support the motion. I'll second that motion, Chairman.

- [Randy] Okay. Well, a motion by Alder Gerlach, second by Alder Brunette. Before we vote, though, I would like to know, have the seats ever been changed?

- [Dan] Not that I'm aware of. I haven't looked into that though.

- [Randy] One of those buckets, a couple of those buckets, have got my imprint on them. Do we know, I was wondering, what are we gonna do with the old seats? That might be something that could even be used as a fundraiser to auction off. That might be kinda a neat thing to have and offset some of the costs and everything. I don't know if Friends of Bay Beach are interested in anything like that or not, but I think it'd be kind of cool to own one of those seats from the ride.

- [Dan] That's a good idea. From a nostalgic standpoint, it could make a little bit of revenue for the park.

- [Randy] Yeah.

- [Dan] We will look into that. I think that's a great idea.

- [Randy] Yeah. I can tell, Alder Gerlach, when you were thinking about this, just going round and round and round.

- [Lynn] They could make like swings, like lawn swings.

- [Randy] There you go. All kinds of stuff. Yeah.

- Yeah.

- [Lynn] Baby beds. Rock-a-bye.

- [Randy] Okay. So we got a motion to approve and seconded. All in favor?

- [Alders] Aye.

- [Randy] Opposed? Okay. That passes unanimously. Onto, okay, we're ready to go onto, last but not least, oh, I lost my agenda item, hang on. Come back here. Consideration with possible action on renewing the annual weed control contract with N.E.W. Landscapes and Lawn Care through February 28th, 2023. Staff?

- [Dan] So on an annual basis, the Parks Department quotes out weed control through a vendor that specializes in that type of work. And last year, the Purchasing Department quoted this out. And so three companies provided quotes last year and it was awarded to N.E.W. Landscape and Lawn Care. The terms of the contract last year were not to exceed a certain dollar amount for the 2021 season. And then it offered extended terms of five one-year renewal options upon mutual agreements by both parties. Because it was a new contractor last year that the city had never worked with, last year the Parks Committee and Council only approved the contract for one season in 2021, and we were going to review it for subsequent years. So last year they did the work. Parks Department was satisfied with their work. They did a good job. And we are recommending just renewing their contract for one more additional year. So what we would do is extend the contract through February 28th, which is one additional year. And then next year we would reevaluate the contract again. And at that point we would make a determination depending on how they did this year, whether or not we would quote it out again or just renew the contract for a subsequent year.

- [Randy] Is there comments? Otherwise, I'll take a motion?

- [Lynn] Move to approve the contract.

- [Jesse] Second.

- [Randy] Move to approve by Alder Gerlach, seconded by Alder Brunette. And I appreciate my fellow alders not getting stuck in the weeds in this. All in favor?

- [Alders] Aye.

- [Randy] Opposed? That passes unanimously. Director's Report?

- [Dan] So I just have a few bullet points here, just a few items to point out. So Park carpenters, we've begun renovations to the sanctuary gift shop to construct a welcome counter at the entrance to the Nature Center. So the Friends of Bay Beach donated \$35,000 towards the cost of materials for this renovation. So it'll be nice to have somebody at that counter when people walk in. The staff that are working the gift shop will also be staffing the counter. So there's no additional cost to staff the person at this counter, but it'll be a lot friendlier from a customer service standpoint. So then secondly, with the Wildlife Sanctuary, we were chosen again to be one of the 45 selected local nonprofits for the 5th Annual Give Big Green Bay Day, that is being sponsored by the Packers organization. And so we're now planning for that event and that programming. This is a fundraiser event that will be held from noon on February 24th to noon on February 25th. So this is the third year in a row we've been selected as a nonprofit. So we're excited to hopefully generate some good donations at this event. So it's always been successful previously. And then finally, I do want to add, talk a little bit about our snow situation. So we have not had very good snow this year as it relates to winter activities. So to date, we've not been able to open the ski hill or tubing hill at Triangle Hill. There just has not been enough snow to operate the ski lift or the tube lift that's out there. We need more of a base in order to operate that system. And then, in addition, our cross country ski trails have really been in very poor condition all winter 'cause we just haven't gotten very good snow opportunities throughout the years. But on the plus side, we've had great sledding. Our sledding hills are really being actively used. And we've gotten a number of compliments on our ice quality this year. So our staff takes great pride in doing a good job and spending adequate time on creating good ice for our hockey and recreational skating. And the public has noticed that, and we have gotten some good

comments and feedback. So that's really all I have to mention at this point. There is, per your request, Alderman Brunette, there is a summary in the Director's Report, about He-Nis-Ra Park and the trail system regarding He-Nis-Ra and the issues and problems that have come up over there, which has been pretty minimal, because we have had a lack of snow. So that's all that I have for updates for you.

- [Randy] Anyone have any questions, comments? Okay, I've got two questions and a comment. One, the Eagle Scout with Colburn Park replacing ash trees. Do we know what sort of trees will be replacing the ashes?

- [Dan] We don't have that yet. Our City Forester will work with that individual, the Eagle Scout, to select the trees. We are gonna select a variety of trees. And I've already had some preliminary discussions, and there will be some evergreens, but primarily deciduous.

- [Randy] Okay. And then, I think it'd be kinda cool, if we ask the Eagle Scout, whoever he is, if he wouldn't mind giving a little report to the committee about his badge and what he's doing there. If he doesn't want to, let me know. We shouldn't pressure him, but I think it'd be really cool if he talked to us about his--

- [Dan] Yeah, I can mention that. I guess that's something that you and I can discuss in the future for future agenda items. One thing we've done in the past historically is whenever a scout, an Eagle Scout came forward with a project, we did recommend that they come and give a presentation to the Parks Committee, talking about that project, how they're going to be safe, how the fundraising was going to be achieved. It's something that we're not required or mandated to do in order to approve the project. But we always viewed it as a good life experience for the Eagle Scout and a good step for them to tackle their Eagle Scout badge process. And over the last few years, we've gotten away from that. But if you would like us to do that for all Eagle Scout projects, we can bring that back. It would just be more agenda items to fit in, which I'm okay with that if you are. And you can talk about that as a committee, and we can make a decision at a later date.

- [Randy] Okay. I think as long as, I don't want to pressure them to do it, but if they wouldn't mind, I think it'd be kind of a neat thing for them and us. But we can talk about that later. Just then the other question I have is, the Shipyard kayak launch. I remember several years ago, I don't know how long it was, when the Shipyard was first being pitched, talking to some kayakers and they were concerned that in the area, not necessarily Green Bay, but in the area, there had been kayak launches put in that really weren't user friendly to kayakers. I'm just wondering if we reached out to kayaker groups to get their input on how we're putting in these launches.

- [Dan] The Planning Department has taken the lead on the construction drawings, but I don't think that they reached out to avid kayak users as part of the planning process. But I can have a discuss with them. And I know, James probably has a few contacts that we can reach out to and just get there, maybe they can take a quick look at it before the project goes out to bid. I do know that the construction drawings are, and engineering plans and specifications, are nearly completed and they do want that to go to bid fairly soon. So there's not a lot of time to make any changes, but we can reach out to a few individuals and see if what we designed is adequate per their opinion.

- [Randy] I'm thinking, yeah, that'd be great. And then just a last comment on, I think its way cool the Sergeant Edinger trail there is gonna be connecting up to other trails. I've been really looking forward

to that, and it looks like it's finally gonna start happening, so that's great. Super things. That's it for me. If there's nothing from anybody else, I'll take a motion to receive and place on file?

- [Jesse] So moved.

- [Lynn] Second.

- [Randy] All in favor?

- [Alders] Aye.

- [Randy] Opposed? Okay, that's received and placed on file. Our next Parks Committee meeting is scheduled for February 23rd, 2022. I'll take a motion to adjourn.

- [Lynn] I would like to just make one comment before we adjourn.

- Sure.

- [Lynn] How nice it was to have James join us in person this time. And now I move to adjourn.

- [Randy] I'll second, both your comments. So all in favor?

- [Alders] Aye.

- [Randy] Opposed? Okay. Thanks, staff. Good job, everyone.