

**Parks and Recreation Board
of the City of Onalaska**

Monday, September 24, 2018

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1 The Meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board of the City of Onalaska was called to order at 5:15
2 p.m. on Monday, September 24, 2018 at City Hall. It was noted that the meeting had been
3 announced and a notice posted at City Hall.

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5 Roll call was taken with the following members present: Ald. Jim Binash, Dan Stevens, Andrea
6 Benco, Dennis Aspenson, Steven Nott

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8 Also Present: City Administrator Eric Rindfleisch, Parks and Recreation Director Dan Wick,
9 Omni Center Administrative Assistant Louann Keane

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11 Excused Absences: Brian Udermann, Ohbe Johnson

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13 **Item 2 – Approval of minutes from the previous meeting**

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15 Motion by Andrea, second by Jim Binash, to approve the minutes from the previous meeting as
16 printed and on file in the City Clerk’s Office.

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18 On voice vote, motion carried.

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20 **Item 3 – Public Input (Limited to 3 minutes/individual)**

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22 Steven called for anyone wishing to provide public input.

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24 Dan Wick read into the record the following letter from Pat Lamke, who resides in the Holiday
25 Heights subdivision in the City of Onalaska: “*Mr. Wick – I am writing this letter to address the*
26 *existing condition in the Holiday Heights park after continuing the floods of late. I understand*
27 *there is a regular Park[s] [and Recreation Board] meeting held monthly, and as much as I*
28 *would like to speak at one of the meetings to offer suggestions, my work schedule with the*
29 *railroad makes it difficult to make one of those meetings. Instead, I would like to share my*
30 *thoughts on paper. You listened to me once before when the park was being built, and that has*
31 *helped preserve the park in multiple occasions, so I am hoping you will take my advice again.*
32 *To all, my name is Pat Lamke. I live at 1593 East Young Drive, Onalaska, directly across the*
33 *street from Holiday Heights boat landing and park. I have the unique position of seeing this*
34 *area in use for the last 25 years, from the time people used the footbridge over the water until the*
35 *most current flood. I have a limited background in hydrology and erosion and natural forces. I*
36 *have an Earth Science degree that I earned from my 14 years of teaching Earth Science Studies.*
37 *I have watched the comings and goings of people in the park over the years, so I would say that I*
38 *have a much better idea than most people, including the Park Board, of what goes on in the park*
39 *area and how it needs to improve. Number one is control the flood. The park only floods during*
40 *extreme events. The events involve storm training when the typical narrow band of storms draw*
41 *precipitation along a narrow band when situated along the stationary front. We have had three*

Reviewed 9/26/18 by Dan Wick

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42 *events roughly the past six years where the water level far exceeds the confines of the La Crosse*
43 *River channel and flows through the park. The park is a bottleneck in the river basin, which*
44 *magnifies the event because water can't dissipate. The Neshonoc lake and dam system should*
45 *help mitigate the amount of flow down the river by providing a flood cushion. But the dam*
46 *operator does not begin draining the lake prior to such events even as they are occurring. The*
47 *dam operator waits to open the gates when the flood is upon them. The dam operator needs to*
48 *control the gates being drained into Lake Neshonoc to get ahead of the flood events. That would*
49 *help mitigate flooding downstream.*

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51 *Number two: Build a second berm in the park on the east side of the playground set. The berm*
52 *on the east end of the park next to the boat ranch has done a fantastic job. The berm was my*
53 *idea, and Dan Wick implemented it. The berm is located on the cut bank side of the river where*
54 *the current is the strongest and carries the heaviest sediment load. If you live here and saw the*
55 *results of the flood before and after the installation of the berm, you would notice a drastic*
56 *difference in the sediment load deposited in the park after the floodwater recedes. Before the*
57 *berm, sediment loads would over an inch thick. After the berm, sediment loads are light and*
58 *rinse away with the next rain. The low side of the park allows for soft flooding during the high-*
59 *water events, but because the current does not attack the park from the cut back side of the*
60 *current, the sediment load is greatly reduced due to vegetation filtering and reduction of current.*
61 *The secondary berm would ensure that any soft flood current through the park would mostly*
62 *direct around the playground equipment, thus protecting the base material located under the*
63 *equipment.*

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65 *Number three: Create drainage. When the park was first built, the park grounds were connected*
66 *via drain tile to the drainage along Medary Lane. The drainage flowed all the way to [State*
67 *Trunk] Highway 16, then parallel to Highway 16, where it drained into the La Crosse River.*
68 *The construction of the underpass for Highway 16/Holiday Heights cut off part of the drainage,*
69 *and the drainage was completely compromised when the City of Onalaska approved a driveway*
70 *to the northern natural gas PIG site without a culvert. To exacerbate the situation, storm water*
71 *drains were added to the street that is currently being completed in the subdivision, and the*
72 *outlets for the runoff drain directly into the park. Because of these conditions, the entire park*
73 *remains waterlogged throughout the year, and the area has become a mosquito habitat. I would*
74 *like to think the city would like to reduce the amount of potential Zika West Nile-bearing*
75 *mosquito habitat. I have a distinct and concise plan for that, but I would rather discuss those*
76 *details rather than typing them out.*

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78 *Number four: Get rid of the sand material under the playground equipment. I know there are*
79 *regulations for the type of material that can be used under playground equipment. Well, that is a*
80 *bunch of [expletive]. You are a government body, are you not? Get on the phone and get the*
81 *legislation changed. You can't use inexpensive wood mulch for a base because kids might get*
82 *slivers. What happens when a kid screws around on a swing and accidentally hangs themselves*

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83 *with a support chain, or gets a plastic burn because they slid down the slide without a shirt on?*
84 *Get your attorneys on it. Change the legislation. Put cheap woodchips down, then put up a sign*
85 *that says: ‘Playground – Multiple Hazards Present. Enter at Your Own Risk.’ Quit protecting*
86 *us from ourselves because you can’t. Second, when you do have woodchips, sure, they float*
87 *away in the big floods like the park picnic tables and the trash receptacles, and you had to*
88 *replace them. But the difference was the woodchips drain after small floods and regular rain*
89 *events. The sand you have now is only growing a nice crop of weeds, but still washes out during*
90 *big flood events, and also retains water close below the surface so that the area remains a mud*
91 *pit after heavy rains and light floods, which is also perpetuated because of the lack of drainage.*
92 *Get rid of the sand and go back to cheap chips.*

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94 *These are four hefty items for you to consider. If you listen to me – the person who lives next to*
95 *the park, sees it every day, and sees it being used every day – then we can return the park to a*
96 *state of being the little jewel in the city’s park repertoire. If you would like me to elaborate on*
97 *any of these points I would be glad to do so. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, Pat Lamke.”*

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99 Dennis suggested that perhaps at its October 22 meeting the Parks and Recreation Board might
100 want to consider passing on Pat Lamke’s concerns to the Board of Public Works.

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102 Steven called three times for anyone else wishing to provide public input and closed that portion
103 of the meeting.

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105 **Consideration and possible action on the following items:**

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107 **Item 4 – Appointment to Blufflands Coalition**

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109 Dan Wick told board members the Blufflands Coalition had met September 19, and its attendees
110 included Mayor Joe Chilsen, who was elected Chair of the coalition. Dan said the initial thought
111 was to appoint a member of the Parks and Recreation Board to the Blufflands Coalition, but he
112 offered to serve as Mayor Chilsen’s alternate in the Mayor’s absence. Dan noted the Blufflands
113 Coalition’s meetings will be quarterly and held the third Wednesday of the month, adding that
114 the city only has one voting member. Dan said he understands that board members are
115 employed, and he reiterated he does not object to serving as Mayor Chilsen’s alternate.

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117 Motion by Dan Stevens, second by Andrea, to appoint Dan Wick as the City of Onalaska’s
118 alternate to the Blufflands Coalition.

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120 On voice vote, motion carried.

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122 **Item 5 – Possible use options for the house at the Great River Landing**

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124 Dan Wick said he had received a report from the city's Building Inspection Department, and he
125 then approached the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. The Wisconsin DNR
126 provided staff with information stating that the city needed to refer to its Zoning Code. Dan said
127 he worked with Planner/Zoning Inspector Katie Aspenson, whose email detailing the city's
128 options has been included in board members' packets. The options Katie presented are:

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- 130 1. The structure is considered nonconforming. In order to determine the amount of funding
131 that may go into the structure, an appraisal would need to be completed and up to 50
132 percent of the value may be rehabilitated. Building permit(s) would be required prior to
133 construction activities.
 - 134 2. The existing structure may be removed with a Demolition Permit, and another structure
135 may be installed, providing the following occur:
 - 136 • Obtain a Conditional Use Permit.
 - 137 • Obtain a Building Permit prior to construction.
 - 138 • The building may not be located in the floodway. It may only be constructed in
139 the Flood Fringe District.
 - 140 • The first floor of the structure would need to be filled to floodplain elevation, and
141 any mechanicals would need to be installed at 2 feet above floodplain elevation.
 - 142 • The building would be considered an accessory structure for use of storage of
143 materials, provided they are not flammable (kayak, fishing equipment, et cetera).
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145 Dan said, "We have a lot of flexibility down there regarding the house and what can be done, and
146 what we can do moving forward. I think the best approach, rather than trying to throw
147 something together right now, that we as a staff work with this board and present something with
148 this board as part of the 2020 budget. Do we take the house down? If we do take the house
149 down, what kind of facility would work down there? Now that we kind of have a better
150 understanding of exactly what we can do, I think that would be the best approach moving
151 forward. Then we can keep it and start looking at it as a staff."

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153 Andrea asked if the structure is located in the floodway or the Flood Fringe District.

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155 Dan Wick said it is located in the Flood Fringe District, adding the location does not have to be
156 changed.

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158 Dennis asked if the location of the line is known.

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160 Dan Wick said yes.

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162 Dennis asked where it is located in relation to the structure.

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164 Dan Wick said the building is located in the Flood Fringe District.

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Dennis asked, “How far up the bank do you have to go before you’re out?”

Dan Wick told Dennis he does not have that information with him and said, “We were looking just strictly at the current location of the house and what we could do with it.”

Dennis asked if it would be ideal to construct a new building in the same location.

Dan Wick said, “I think that’s for us to look at and to see what we could do. What would you want to construct down there? We would want to have some storage. Do you close it? Do you have open-air? I think that’s for us to look at and see what would be the best location to put it in.” Dan referred to past conversations with Wisconsin DNR officials who initially told him the city’s options were very limited, “[but] now as we really honed in on it, it gives us the flexibility to do more.”

City Administrator Rindfleisch told board members the building would need to be demolished if the cost to modify it would exceed 50 percent of its value. City Administrator Rindfleisch also told board members the previously discussed options for the building, including upgrading it so that it could be rented for overnight stays, would not be possible unless up to 50 percent of the value may be rehabilitated. City Administrator Rindfleisch said, “There are definitely still opportunities to utilize the existing building, but not necessarily as we had hoped. ... The overnights or some of the bigger dreams that I myself had for that facility likely would not be accomplished.”

For clarification, Andrea asked City Administrator Rindfleisch if Option No. 2 as outlined in Katie’s memo states that the city may only construct an accessory structure if the building is demolished.

City Administrator Rindfleisch said yes because it would need to be constructed in the Flood Fringe District.

Andrea asked if that is according to the city’s zoning definitions and said she interprets Option No. 2 to mean the city may construct whatever type of structure it wishes, provided the proper permits may be obtained.

City Administrator Rindfleisch reiterated an accessory structure is the only type of structure that may be constructed and referred to the final item under Option No. 2. City Administrator Rindfleisch noted that some of the trail facilities and docks present all are accessory structures and said the long-term plan for that section of the Great River Landing “is still very much doable.”

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206 Dan Stevens asked City Administrator Rindfleisch to clarify if the structure would need to be
207 demolished if the value of the property or additions to the property were less than or greater than
208 50 percent.

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210 City Administrator Rindfleisch told Dan Stevens the building would need to be demolished if the
211 amount exceeds 50 percent.

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213 Dan Stevens asked if the city has an assessment or a valuation on the building.

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215 City Administrator Rindfleisch said one must be obtained.

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217 Ald. Binash noted the Room Tax Commission had discussed this topic and told board members
218 the commission had received an email from Calvin King, the city's Commercial Building
219 Inspector, detailing the structure's flaws. Ald. Binash said the amount needed to repair the roof,
220 windows, and support structure likely would exceed 50 percent of the building's value. Ald.
221 Binash said, "The Room Tax Commission looks at it as a demolition. We have put in \$50,000 in
222 next year's budget for something at the Great River Landing area. Plus, we've put in some
223 money for any budgetary concerns that the Great River Landing may have, especially with
224 vandalism. Last year, shortly after using the building, that particular budget was already used
225 up. We have put money there to be used for the Great River Landing, and I personally think that
226 if we were to demolish that building and put in another structure, it wouldn't have to be as
227 elaborate as the house that's there now. But it could be some type of building [such as] an
228 enclosed building that could be used, for example, for the log rolling contest [Three Rivers
229 Roleo]. If we build a pier down there, we'll have people coming in with boats. It could be used
230 for overnight stays. It could be used for storage. It could be used for any number of particular
231 purposes that the City Inspector had said we could use it for. Plus, we already have plumbing
232 hooked up to that particular area. You certainly could put in some kind of sink or toiletries in the
233 building for concessions. There are a great many possibilities for use of a building built
234 properly."

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236 Andrea asked if concessions and restrooms would be part of the accessory structure.

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238 Ald. Binash told Andrea that is to be determined and said it is a possibility. Ald. Binash added
239 he believes the Room Tax Commission would be interested in furthering any such development.

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241 Dennis told Ald. Binash the board appreciates the \$50,000 the Room Tax Commission had
242 budgeted for the Great River Landing, and he asked Ald. Binash if the Room Tax Commission
243 will be agreeable to however the Parks and Recreation Board decides to proceed regarding the
244 building.

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246 Ald. Binash said, "No. It has to go to the Room Tax Commission to approve anything. When

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247 we looked at possibly renovating that building, once we got the City Inspector's outline of what
248 is wrong with that building, we recognized that we're not going to be able to go through with it."

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250 Dennis asked Ald. Binash if the \$50,000 may be spent any way it is seen fit to do so.

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252 Ald. Binash said, "No, because there are certain limitations on what you can do with that money.
253 You can't use it for anything other than ..."

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255 Dennis asked if perhaps the wrong committee is discussing the building.

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257 Andrea said she believes it is a Parks Department facility and noted the board has not yet decided
258 what it wants to do with that space.

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260 Dan Wick told Dennis, "What we would look at is we would like to try to joint-fund it. We
261 potentially could use \$50,000 of the Room Tax Commission, and then we try to get funding,
262 whether it's out of the Capital Improvements Budget or something, that we could try to use those
263 funds to try to do it. We would need to try to compile as much cash as we could going to the
264 different committees to try to have it done."

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266 Dennis asked what other committee, in addition to the Common Council, would give final
267 approval.

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269 Ald. Binash said, "The Room Tax Commission would definitely help, but it is up to the Common
270 Council when it gets to that point because the Council did discuss – or at least it was mentioned
271 to me by Council members – I'm not so much in favor of doing something with that building
272 down there. There would be a discussion. If the Room Tax Commission were to identify a use
273 for that money and the Council says, 'Let's look at what that use is for,' and they don't think it's
274 a worthwhile use, then you have your answer. ... You have to recognize that the Room Tax
275 Commission is a separate entity from here. If the [Parks and Recreation] Board comes up with
276 an idea and the Room Tax Commission has the funds to further that idea, we could certainly be a
277 part of that. We're not telling you how to do things. You're making statements here, and then
278 the Room Tax Commission can move forward with some of those ideas, if it's within the
279 parameters of the use of that money."

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281 Andrea said she believes that was what happened in regard to funds for roofing, noting the board
282 had expressed its desire to preserve the building and Ald. Binash had then taken the board's
283 wishes before the Room Tax Commission, which offered to provide funds as the building is an
284 important tourism feature. Andrea said, "They offered us some money to do that, which we
285 aren't doing now."

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287 Dan Stevens asked if there is a venue to discuss uses for the building, and if so, if it would be

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288 appropriate to obtain input from the Great River Landing Committee.

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290 Dan Wick said he believes it would be prudent to hold an open house once a direction is decided
291 upon so that different options may be discussed.

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293 Steven said he does not believe the board needs to arrive at that point before its members decide
294 whether or not they decide the existing building should be demolished. Steven said the board
295 may “go down the longer path” if its members decide to demolish the current structure.

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297 Andrea suggested that perhaps the board can decide what it wants to do at the site in the future
298 before deciding whether or not to demolish the current structure.

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300 Steven noted the city would have to bear the costs of maintaining the building until a decision is
301 reached.

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303 Andrea said she believes both city staff and the Parks and Recreation Board is the correct place
304 to start in terms of discussing long-range plans.

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306 Steven said he had determined in August that he believes the building no longer is useful after
307 seeing the necessary requirements to make it useful again. Steven said, “I just don’t see that we
308 even have an option to do anything with it anyway. But even if it weren’t for that \$50,000
309 threshold, I was personally along the lines of, ‘Get rid of the darn thing.’ I don’t know why we
310 would want to wait on making a decision on that, or recommending a decision on that. Let’s
311 move forward on getting a demolition.”

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313 Dan Wick said he would be able to obtain quotes for the building’s demolition if the board
314 directs him to do so. Dan Wick said, “If we don’t have the funds, it gives us the next 10, 11, 12
315 months to figure out what our next plan is and try to rope it all together into one project in 2020.”

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317 Ald. Binash said, “I would think that would be advisable before you start tearing the structure
318 down that you have an idea of what you want to do if you were to take that structure down.
319 Keep in mind that the Room Tax Commission does not set policy. If you have an idea of
320 something you want to use it for and that money can be used for that particular purpose, we
321 would certainly be in agreement to do that. But the decisions are made here.”

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323 Steven said, “But if that building stays up while we continue down this path for a year or more to
324 figure out what this is going to be in the final solution, again, you have the ongoing maintenance
325 costs of that building as well as the liability of having that building.”

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327 Dan Stevens inquired about the maintenance costs required to keep the building intact while a
328 decision is being made. Dan said, “It would strike me that it could be negligible, and to take that

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329 option off the table while we're deciding this, it seems like we're reducing what our options are."

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331 Dan Wick said staff is putting plywood over the windows if someone commits an act of
332 vandalism on the building. Dan added, "We don't have a big cost. It's not thousands of dollars.
333 We're doing very minimal work there as we're trying to figure out what's going on. I don't
334 think it's a big maintenance nightmare for us. The building is secure, and we don't worry about
335 people getting in it."

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337 Andrea said, "I would like to see it come forward for discussion." Andrea added items still may
338 be stored at the facility.

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340 Steven asked if rodents have been able to access the building.

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342 Dan Wick said, "Not that we have issues with."

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344 **Item 6 – Review and consideration of changes to job descriptions:**

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346 a. Building Manager

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348 Dan Wick noted copies of the job descriptions for both Building Manager and Building
349 Supervisor have been included in board members' packets. Dan noted the following changes
350 had been made:

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- 352 • The Great River Landing has replaced Tourism as a site of which the Building Manager
353 supervises and coordinates maintenance.
- 354 • The Building Manager will assist in the making and maintenance of all ice-making
355 operations at the Omni Center.
- 356 • The Building Manager will be able to operate all equipment.

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358 Dennis asked if there will be any financial impact due to the changes.

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360 Dan Wick said no.

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362 b. Building Supervisor

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364 Dan Wick said there is a Building Supervisor at the Omni Center, and one at City Hall. Dan said
365 the goal is to attempt to bring together the two positions so that each supervisor is able to work at
366 different city buildings (e.g. City Hall, Omni Center, Library, Public Works Facility). Therefore,
367 some of the job functions have been added to each job description. Dan highlighted the
368 following changes:

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- 370 • The opening paragraph of the Building Supervisor/City Hall job description has been
371 edited to mimic the opening paragraph of the Building Supervisor/Omni Center job
372 description.
373 • The Building Supervisor for City Hall will assist with ice arena installation and
374 takedown.
375 • The Building Supervisor for City Hall will be able to operate all ice maintenance and ice-
376 making equipment.

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378 Ald. Binash asked Dan Wick the names of the individuals currently serving in these positions.
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380 Dan Wick said Brian Babiash serves as Building Manager; the Building Supervisor/City Hall
381 position is currently vacant; and Mike McCaffrey serves as Building Supervisor at the Omni
382 Center.

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384 Ald. Binash asked if the city is creating another position.
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386 Dan Wick said no and noted all of the positions already exist and are in the budget.
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388 Dan Wick next highlighted the following changes to the Building Supervisor/Omni Center
389 position:

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391 • The Building Coordinator is the city's staff individual at the Omni Center, and this
392 person coordinates events.
393 • The Building Supervisor at the Omni Center will be able to work in other city buildings,
394 when directed.

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396 Motion by Andrea, second by Dennis, to approve the changes to the job descriptions to the
397 Building Manager, Building Supervisor/City Hall, and Building Supervisor/Omni Center
398 positions.
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400 Dan noted this item will go before both the Finance and Personnel Committee and the Common
401 Council for approval.
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403 On voice vote, motion carried.
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405 **Item 7 – Omni Center Volunteer Opportunities**
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407 Dan Wick told board members they had received a draft of a document and said, "As we're
408 trying to reduce costs in the facility, maintain our level of service, and also trying to keep the
409 current amount of staff that we can have to operate, we've come up with volunteer opportunities.
410 We have been talking to one of our user groups that is very interested in doing this, and would

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411 like to move forward with having some of their parents and their volunteers go through some
412 training and be able to assist us in our operations. We've reviewed this as a staff. We've come
413 up with a number of different things, as identified in here. We are looking at this committee [to
414 be] a sounding board ... and looking to continue moving this forward and working with the
415 different user groups about the opportunity to have this done."

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417 Ald. Binash asked Dan Wick if the user groups will be required to sign a document waiving any
418 responsibility and liability for anything they might do while serving as volunteers.

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420 Dan Wick said City Attorney Sean O'Flaherty has created a waiver for all volunteers to sign.
421 Dan also said the city has volunteer insurance that would provide protection in the event
422 something would happen. Dan said four staff members typically would work concessions on an
423 evening a high school hockey game is played at the Omni Center. Dan said, "Our hope is that
424 we could operate with two. We could have one of our paid staff members running the cash
425 register, and one working at the deep fryer. The volunteers could help us [serve] food and [other
426 duties] to help the customer."

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428 Ald. Binash asked if a manager still would be present at events.

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430 Dan Wick said yes. Dan also said this is an opportunity for volunteers to assist the city, adding,
431 "It gives them some credits. It should be a wash for us if we're not paying the labor, but we give
432 them credits toward the use of their ice. It should be a win-win for everybody."

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434 Dennis asked if all of the user groups will have the opportunity to volunteer.

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436 Dan Wick said yes and he told Dennis, "The users that are assigned with a group from us."

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438 Andrea noted this concept was presented to the user groups when the city assumed control of the
439 Omni Center, and she said the user groups were enthusiastic about the concept.

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441 Motion by Andrea, second by Dennis, to approve the Omni Center Volunteer Opportunities
442 document, as presented.

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444 On voice vote, motion carried.

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446 **Item 8 – Report from La Crosse County Bluffland Steering Committee**

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448 Dan Wick said the name will be changed to the Blufflands Coalition on future Parks and
449 Recreation Board meeting agendas. Dan noted the coalition was formed at its September 19
450 meeting with the following members that signed on: the City of Onalaska, the Town of Medary,
451 the Town of Shelby, La Crosse County, the Friends of the Blufflands, the La Crosse Area

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452 Planning Committee, the La Crosse Free Ride Group, the Outdoor Recreation Alliance, and the
453 La Crosse County Convention and Visitors Bureau. The coalition will meet again in November.
454 Dan said the September 19 meeting involved organizing the coalition, and he noted Mayor
455 Chilsen will serve as Chairperson.

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457 Andrea asked if the city had signed the unedited Memorandum of Understanding the board had
458 seen.

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460 Dan Wick said the MOU that was signed had been edited by the city's legal counsel. Dan also
461 said, "The agreement that was circulated at the meeting was the agreement that our legal counsel
462 had prepared."

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464 **Item 9 – Report from Onalaska Enhancement Foundation**

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466 Dan Wick said the OEF's next meeting is scheduled for October.

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468 **Item 10 – Report from Great River Landing Committee**

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470 No report.

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472 **Item 11 – Director's Report**

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474 **a. Parks Update**

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476 Dan Wick reported the following:

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- 478 • Staff is attempting to maintain the parks despite the rainy weather.
- 479 • Staff is painting soccer and football fields

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481 **b. Recreation Update**

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483 Dan Wick reported the following:

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- 485 • Fall programs (football, tackle bar for fifth- and sixth-graders, volleyball) have begun.
486 There has been positive feedback regarding the tackle bar program.

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488 **c. Aquatic Center Update**

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490 Dan Wick reported the following:

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- 492 • The Diggity Dog Dip was held September 1. The city had to work with the State of

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493 Wisconsin, which required variances for the event. Approximately 300 dogs entered the
494 pool.

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496 **d. Omni Center Update**

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498 Dan Wick reported the following:

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- 500 • A Mixed Martial Arts event drew approximately 1,000 individuals (500 VIP, 500 general
501 admission). Fifteen bouts were held, and Dan Wick told board members the event's
502 promoters were pleased with the outcome. Dan said, "This is going to be their permanent
503 location for the facility." Dan added two fights are scheduled for 2019 at the Omni
504 Center, and there will be two fights per year for every year going forward.
- 505 • Other events held at the facility include a group breakfast and Freddy Fest.
- 506 • The Craft Fair is scheduled for October 13-14. The facility has been sold out.
- 507 • The Job Fair was held September 20.

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509 Andrea said she would like to see the events appear on the facility's sign board.

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511 Dan Wick told Andrea efforts are underway to address this issue.

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513 Dan Stevens asked if the Omni Center roof has been painted.

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515 Dan Wick said yes and told Dan Stevens staff has not received any feedback regarding the white
516 roof. Dan Wick also noted the city had saved \$20,000 by painting the roof white.

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518 **Adjournment**

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520 Motion by Andrea, second by Dan Stevens, to adjourn at 5:59 p.m.

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522 On voice vote, motion carried.

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525 Recorded by:

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