

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

Monday, May 21, 2018

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1 The Meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board of the City of Onalaska was called to order at 5:20
2 p.m. on Monday, May 21, 2018. It was noted that the meeting had been announced and a notice
3 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, Brian Udermann

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8 Also Present: Parks and Recreation Director Dan Wick, Parks Maintenance Supervisor Mark
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11 Excused Absences: Dennis Aspenson, Steven Nott, 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 Brian, 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 Ald. Binash called three times for anyone wishing to provide public input and closed that portion
23 of the meeting.

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

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27 **Item 4 – Eagle Scout Project adjacent to South Wayside**

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29 Dan Wick noted that board members had received photographs of the proposed project and said
30 Joseph Davy will now make a presentation to the board.

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32 **Joseph Davy**

33 **1305 4th Avenue North**

34 **Onalaska**

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36 Joseph told board members his brother, Michael, had worked on an Eagle Scout project at the
37 same location. Michael Davy’s project involved constructing stairs down to the Great River
38 State Trail. However, the stairs did not go all the way up to the parking lot. Joseph Davy said
39 his project involves creating a landing and continuing the stairs up to the parking lot, telling
40 board members he believes there are leftover materials from Michael’s project. Joseph said he
41 would utilize the same format for the stairs, meaning the wood would be spiked into the ground

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42 and covered with gravel, thereby eliminating the need to utilize concrete. Joseph told board
43 members the largest the landing would be is 20-by-22 feet, with the possibility it could be
44 smaller. Joseph also suggested that perhaps a bicycle rack could be constructed on the landing.
45 Joseph told board members the stairs would come from the landing and lead right up to the
46 parking lot, and they also would be “larger stride” stairs compared to the ones Michael had
47 constructed, which are closer together. Joseph referred to one of the photographs and said a sign
48 would be “cut off” and need to be relocated if a 20-by-22 landing is constructed. Joseph told
49 board members Eagle Scouts like to bring attention to their projects and suggested that perhaps
50 the sign could be relocated closer to the top of the stairs and state that he had constructed the
51 landing and Michael had constructed the stairs.

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53 Motion by Brian, second by Andrea, to approve the Eagle Scout Project adjacent to South
54 Wayside.

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56 Andrea told Joseph she both likes his idea and his proposal to include a bicycle rack. Andrea
57 also suggested to Joseph that perhaps he might want to incorporate one of the fix-it stations that
58 the Beer by Bike Brigade has been installing around the city.

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60 Dan Wick told Andrea there have been several maintenance issues with the fix-it station as tools
61 and an air pump have been stolen. Dan told Andrea a fix-it station at this site could be “a little
62 more out of sight” and said an effort is underway to install cameras in the area of the fix-it
63 station located at the Great River Landing.

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65 Dan Stevens asked if there is a reason why the sign, which states that the area is a dog waste
66 station, could not be relocated.

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68 Dan Wick said it would be easy to relocate the sign.

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70 Ald. Binash asked if the city owns the sign.

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72 Dan Wick said yes and noted the dog waste station was donated by former Second District
73 Alderperson Bob Muth.

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75 Joel Thole, who noted he is Joseph Davy’s mentor for the project, told board members the sign
76 sits at the corner of where the platform and steps would be constructed and said Joseph would be
77 able to move the sign, if necessary.

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79 Ald. Binash asked Joseph how many steps would be constructed, and also when the project
80 would commence.

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82 Joseph estimated there would be six or fewer steps and told Ald. Binash he wants to begin the

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83 project as soon as he returns from a trip he is taking at the conclusion of the school year.

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85 Joel told board members Joseph cannot begin the project until July at the earliest and noted this
86 is the first step of the process. Joel explained the project next must go before the scout council
87 and then the national council. Joel said the project will not receive final approval for 30 days, at
88 minimum.

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90 Dan Wick noted he had met with the Onalaska Lions Club, which also has assisted with the
91 project, and told Joseph he believes part of his project should involve designing a sign.

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93 Joel said the Onalaska Lions Club will be responsible for the makeup of the sign.

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95 Dan Stevens inquired about the height of each step, and he also asked if individuals who are
96 confined to a wheelchair would be able to access the landing.

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98 Joseph said he is unsure if individuals confined to wheelchairs would be able to access the
99 landing.

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101 Joel told Dan Stevens, “What we used are 4-by-6, so the average step is going to be no more than
102 about 6½ inches [or] 5½ inches. They’re more like a platform step, so they’re probably going to
103 be 4 feet wide and probably 4 to 6 feet long on each step as it’s going up.” Joel referred to the
104 previous steps that were present – they brought pedestrians level with the parking lot when they
105 exited the platform – and said the project will follow a similar path. Joel said, “It’s a little less
106 grade and a little easier to come up to the parking lot. We’re not going to attach to the sidewalk
107 that’s there. We’re going to be coming in alongside the sidewalk – kind of between the sidewalk
108 and the fish is where the steps would end at the parking lot.”

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110 Dan Wick told Dan Stevens the landing is not handicap-accessible as the grade is too steep.
111 Therefore, there will be stairs and no ramp system.

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113 Andrea noted the landing is a transition between the dirt path and the steps that descend.

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115 Ald. Binash noted the South Wayside is the site of Sunny the Sunfish and is located along State
116 Trunk Highway 35.

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118 On voice vote, motion carried.

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120 **Item 5 – Blufflands Coalition**

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122 a. Memorandum of Understanding

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124 Dan Wick noted the Parks and Recreation Board had approved the Memorandum of
125 Understanding, pending legal counsel review, at its April 23 meeting. Dan told board members
126 city legal counsel had contacted him prior to the May 8 Common Council meeting and expressed
127 some concerns with the MoU. Dan said he had hoped to complete a written addition to the MoU
128 that would go back to the Blufflands Coalition; however, he does not have one to share with the
129 board this evening. Dan said city legal counsel had raised the following questions:

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- 131 • Regarding the responsibilities of the parties, Dan said city legal counsel had expressed
132 concern about Section 5(c), which states “*All signing parties participate jointly in*
133 *funding of the administration and implementation of the projects.*” Dan said city legal
134 counsel expressed concern that if the City of Onalaska was the only signing party, “that
135 could all be on our shoulders.” Dan said, “We are working on creating an actual Item F
136 in addition to this agreement and talking specifically about funding. Funding would be
137 done annually through each agency’s or each signing party’s budget process so we’re not
138 tied financially to anything that didn’t go through the budget process.”
- 139 • Regarding the term of the MoU, it states that the MoU may be terminated without cause
140 by any party upon 90 days written notice. Dan said city legal counsel recommends
141 stating that in that scenario any party may leave the agreement, but it would not terminate
142 the MoU from all other parties that are there. Dan noted he has spoken with La Crosse
143 County representatives Charlie Handy and Chuck Zauner and said City Attorney Sean
144 O’Flaherty had told him he would send him copies Tuesday.

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146 b. Coalition Bylaws

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148 Dan Wick said city legal counsel had raised a question regarding weighted voting rights. Dan
149 said the Blufflands Coalition had discussed this topic and stated there would be an equal share in
150 vote. However, Dan said city legal counsel had pointed out it is discussed at various times that
151 “a weighted percentage of the vote based on the funding percentage that you may be responsible
152 for.”

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154 Ald. Binash said the Blufflands Coalition is still seeking a director.

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156 Dan Wick said Chuck Zauner is serving in that capacity on a part-time basis – 15 to 20 hours a
157 week.

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159 Ald. Binash asked if Chuck Zauner will eventually serve as full-time director.

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161 Dan Wick said that is yet to be determined and told Ald. Binash it will be determined by funding,
162 which municipalities sign the MoU, and who participates.

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164 Ald. Binash inquired about the number of participating municipalities.

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166 Dan Wick said 19 members have been identified as potential charter members of the Blufflands
167 Coalition.

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169 Andrea said to the best of her knowledge no municipalities have signed as of yet. Andrea said
170 Charlie Handy had told her the Blufflands Coalition may not take any action until the MoU is
171 signed and the organization exists so that the bylaws may be adopted. Andrea also noted that
172 Chuck is being paid by the municipalities that were willing to set aside funds for his position and
173 said no action may be taken until the Blufflands Coalition exists.

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175 Dan Wick noted funds for the Blufflands Coalition had been budgeted in the 2017 Budget and
176 said the Blufflands Coalition had never requested the funds because the process did not proceed
177 as quickly as the coalition believed it should. Dan told board members he does not see this item
178 being forwarded to the Common Council for its June 12 meeting and that it will come back
179 before the Parks and Recreation Board at its June 25 meeting.

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181 **Item 6 – Development Agreement for Dash-Park**

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183 Dan Wick noted he had distributed a draft copy of the development agreement to board members
184 and said SkogenHeim, LLC, the current owner of Dash-Park, has expressed an interest of getting
185 both the Parks and Recreation Board and the Common Council to approve the development
186 agreement before the board this evening. Dan said a ribbon-cutting ceremony potentially would
187 be held Saturday, June 9 at Dash-Park, and then at its June 12 meeting the Common Council
188 potentially would vote on the city assuming control of the park. Dan described the timeline as
189 being “very aggressive” and said SkogenHeim, LLC’s legal counsel had created the draft
190 development agreement. Dan said SkogenHeim, LLC’s legal counsel had discussed the
191 agreement both with him and City Administrator Eric Rindfleisch. Dan said the city’s legal
192 counsel had sent the marked-up draft copy of the agreement that is before the board this evening
193 to SkogenHeim, LLC’s legal counsel and is awaiting a response.

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195 Dan addressed the following items in the agreement:

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- 197 • Regarding “Programming” under Section 1(b), SkogenHeim, LLC would present the city
198 with a \$25,000 check “that will be used for programming and unusual maintenance of the
199 park.” Dan said this would be a one-time donation.
 - 200 • Regarding “Maintenance Standard” under Section 1(c), the agreement states in part “*City*
201 *shall use its reasonable efforts to maintain the Park in a first-class condition.*” Dan said
202 Dash-Park will be treated as any other city park and stated, “I think we have set a very
203 high standard that we take very good care and [have a] very high standard of our areas.”
 - 204 • Regarding “Display of Holiday Exhibit” under Section 1(d), Dan said the holiday exhibit
205 “was never part of the conversation regarding the use of the \$25,000 if we need to on

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- 206 that.” Dan noted Sean had changed the wording on this part of the agreement and
207 inserted the following: “*City shall not be required to replace or conduct extraordinary*
208 *repairs on the Holiday Exhibit.*”
- 209 • Regarding “Security” under Section 1(e), Dan said SkogenHeim, LLC would like to see
210 security cameras installed in the Dash-Park area and told board members, “We have
211 come back and said we’re going to make every reasonable effort. There may be in the
212 not-too-distance future cameras put in there, but I think it’s very difficult to tell us that
213 we have to put them in. We only have security cameras in a limited number of our
214 spaces already, so that’s why we went back and [included the wording] “a reasonable
215 amount.”
 - 216 • Regarding “Failure to Comply” under Section 1(g), Dan said, “There are some very
217 detailed things that, if somebody didn’t like the way we were maintaining the park, they
218 could file a complaint. That complaint could be reviewed, and maybe the park [would
219 be] taken back.” Section 1(g) reads, in part, “*If for any reason City, at any time, fails to*
220 *comply with the restrictions, terms of conditions provided herein, any interested party*
221 *may bring the issue to the City Parks Commission [Parks and Recreation Board], which*
222 *will determine the severity of the issue [and] how to remedy any issue.*”
 - 223 • Regarding “Warranties, Repairs and Lien Waiver” under Section 1(h), Dan said there
224 would be a one-year warranty on everything in Dash-Park when it is dedicated to the city.
 - 225 • Regarding “Contribution of Park Maintenance Fund” under Section 2, Dan said this
226 refers to the \$25,000 that may be utilized for maintenance.

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228 Ald. Binash said the rules of a warranty typically change when ownership changes. Therefore,
229 Ald. Binash asked if the warranty would state the new owner would have the same warranty
230 once it assumes ownership of Dash-Park if a contractor had a warranty with SkogenHeim, LLC.

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232 Dan Wick said, “The owner is transferring it, and if we have issues then we go back to the
233 owner. On commercial projects like that I believe it would stay with it, but that’s a question to
234 ask.”

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236 Ald. Binash noted that warranties generally do not transfer from one party to another.

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238 Dan Stevens asked if SkogenHeim, LLC is seeking a decision this evening because of the June 9
239 ribbon-cutting ceremony.

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241 Dan Wick said city legal counsel told him there is uncertainty as to whether the June 9 ribbon-
242 cutting ceremony may occur because SkogenHeim, LLC has not yet responded to the city’s draft
243 copy of the agreement. Dan said, “The only thing that I would offer them, if this is still a
244 timetable that they want to move forward with, is that if we get something back that the city is
245 comfortable with, we would attempt to have a special Park Board meeting.”

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247 Dan Stevens said he would like to have more time to review some of the issues, adding he also
248 would like to accommodate SkogenHeim, LLC's timeline.

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250 Dan Wick said he does not like the fact he distributed the draft copy of the agreement at tonight's
251 meeting, noting he had pushed back the agenda in the hope that he would have something the
252 week of May 13-19. Dan said a special Parks and Recreation Board might be necessary in order
253 to keep the process moving.

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255 Andrea addressed "Programming" under Section 1(b) – specifically, the sentence "*City shall not*
256 *allow the Park to be used other than as provided in this Agreement*" – and said she interprets this
257 sentence to mean that the city may do what it wishes. Andrea also said she takes exception to the
258 fact the monument sign at the corner of the intersection of 2nd Avenue and Main Street cannot be
259 moved. Andrea said she is concerned because she finds the sign to be "a real visual obstacle"
260 when motorists are at the intersection because they cannot see pedestrians coming. Andrea said
261 the city also would need to have flexibility in relocating the sign if the intersection ever was
262 expanded. Andrea added she also is not comfortable approving the agreement in its present
263 form.

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265 Dan Wick said he is not asking the board to approve it and reiterated a special Parks and
266 Recreation Board meeting might be necessary.

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268 Ald. Binash told board members the holiday tree cost \$55,000 and said it is "highly unlikely" the
269 city would replace it should anything happen to it.

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271 Dan Wick noted the city's Public Works Department stores the tree and also puts it up.

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273 Ald. Binash told board members that David Reay's Modern Diner + Tavern had requested a
274 permit for an outside tent. Ald. Binash referred to a second handout Dan Wick had distributed to
275 board members and noted a concert is scheduled for Tuesday, June 19.

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277 Dan Wick said there was a special event permit for an event that was held this past weekend at
278 David Reay's, and he told board members he, City Administrator Rindfleisch, and City Clerk
279 Cari Burmaster have been working with David Reay's on programming. Dan said Dave
280 Skogen's personal assistant has put together an event called "Onalaska Downtown Sound,"
281 which will be Tuesday evening outdoor music concerts that will begin at 6 p.m. and end at 8 p.m.
282 The first concert is scheduled for Tuesday, June 19, and the final one is scheduled for Tuesday,
283 September 11. Dan referred to the handout to which Ald. Binash had referred and said it lists the
284 acts that will be performing. Dan said there have been questions regarding carry-ins and told
285 board members he believes the city has a solid plan in place. Dan noted David Reay's customers
286 cannot carry an open container out of the restaurant and enter Dash-Park. However, customers
287 will be allowed to purchase an unopened alcoholic beverage and open it in Dash-Park.

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Ald. Binash asked who will be paying the musicians to perform.

Dan Wick said the performers will be paid out of the \$25,000 as part of programming for Dash-Park if the City of Onalaska assumes ownership of the park on June 13. Dan noted performers will earn \$250.

Ald. Binash said, “I think you’re going to find that hard to get through the Council. I can tell you that right now.” Ald. Binash said he is referring to approving the development agreement so quickly and stated, “I just learned of this not that long ago. The reason they want to do this is because of the liability, and they want to give [Dash-Park] back to the city. This is something that needs a little bit more review, and the Council members are going to need to know a little more before they start voting on all this. And then paying for the artists to perform out of the money that is supposed to be used to pay for the upkeep of a very unusual park with a lot of different configuration to it that is not even finished yet, that’s going to be difficult.”

Dan Wick told Ald. Binash he had hoped to utilize a significant amount of those funds to bring in performers, adding, “We have to get through the first season to see how that works.”

Ald. Binash said it is not known how factors such as weather, erosion, and use will affect Dash-Park. Ald. Binash also said that while he likes the idea of having musicians perform, he also stated, “This wasn’t budgeted for.”

Dan Wick said he believes the plan is to utilize a portion of the \$25,000 for music at Dash-Park.

Ald. Binash asked who devised the plan.

Dan Wick referred to discussions that had taken place with Dave Skogen’s personal assistant, who had booked the acts.

Ald. Binash asked if this agreement is in writing.

Both Andrea and Dan Stevens noted the \$25,000 was part of the contract.

Ald. Binash asked if the contract states that the city will pay the artists out of the \$25,000.

Andrea noted the agreement states, “Maintenance, Repair, and Programming.”

Dan Wick said, “It’s programming in the park.”

Andrea said another programming-related concern she has is parking in the Dash-Park area,

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329 which she described as being “already hostile.” Andrea said, “If you try to bring in a concert and
330 people can’t park anywhere ... I realize it’s part of the bigger picture with David Reay’s, but I
331 think the parking down there needs to be resolved before we have other problems because they’ll
332 all just fall on the city when we start parking in neighborhoods and private lots because we have
333 a concert.”

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335 Dan Stevens noted that when Dave Skogen put up a holiday tree this past winter at Dash-Park, it
336 was done on private property. Dan asked if the city will face any liability concerns if it is
337 promoting a religious festival at a city-owned Dash-Park. Dan also referred to Section 1(g)
338 (“Failure to Comply”) and asked if he is correct in his understanding that the Parks and
339 Recreation Board would decide if the city was not holding up to the agreement, and thus Dash-
340 Park would be returned to SkogenHeim, LLC.

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342 Dan Wick told Dan Stevens he is correct.

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344 Dan Stevens said, “That was kind of a surprise. If our interest here is to represent the city, it
345 seems like we would be taking an adversarial stance to the city if we decided to divest the park.”
346 Dan returned to the topic of a holiday display and said that while he does not object to putting up
347 a large Christmas tree at Dash-Park, he wants to ensure that no one takes legal action against the
348 city.

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350 Ald. Binash said he believes that is why the tree is identified as a holiday tree. Ald. Binash also
351 noted the city would not have access to the \$25,000 as per the agreement the Maintenance Fund
352 *“shall be held in an interest-bearing investment account, segregated from the City’s general*
353 *funds.”* Ald. Binash said, “We’re not going to have access to it.”

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355 Dan Wick noted it is an interest-bearing account and said the concern is the city cannot utilize
356 the funds for other areas of the city.

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358 Ald. Binash said, “We don’t hold money into an interest-bearing investment account. Somebody
359 is going to have to be in charge of that. [The agreement] says, *‘segregated from the City’s*
360 *general funds and used exclusively for long-term maintenance.’*”

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362 Dan Wick told Ald. Binash he sees this as almost being like an enterprise fund. Dan also
363 described it as being similar to a capital project account that has been donated to the city for
364 which the city has a segregated account that it may utilize.

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366 Dan Stevens said he believes the city would treat those as restricted funds.

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368 Dan Wick said, “It would be a project like that through the budget process where we’re going to
369 anticipate \$3,000 annually ... If it’s \$2,500 for programming, \$500 for maintenance, we would

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370 budget for [those] in there.”

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372 Ald. Binash noted the agreement does not state that the funds are being transferred to the city and
373 asked if either the city or Skogenheim, LLC would have control of the funds. Ald. Binash said,
374 “Those funds would be used for maintenance, repair, and programming, but who do you send the
375 bill to? Is this going to be a trust fund, or is it going to be transferred from the city’s name?”

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377 Dan Wick referred to Section 2 and noted it states the following: *“Upon City’s written*
378 *acceptance of the dedication of the Park, Owner has agreed to make a contribution of no less*
379 *than \$25,000 to the City’s Special Projects Fund for the restricted purpose of funding the*
380 *maintenance, repair, and programming at the Park.”* Dan told Ald. Binash the first sentence
381 means, “They’re going to put it in our Special Projects Account.”

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383 Brian noted it is a city account and said that while it is not specific in the agreement, he reads
384 “being segregated from City’s general funds” as being a city account.

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386 Ald. Binash said he does not believe it is specific enough and told board members SkogenHeim,
387 LLC could establish a City special projects fund for the purpose of maintenance, repair, and
388 programming on its own. Ald. Binash said, “Unless it says the money will be actually
389 transferred to the City of Onalaska to the Special Projects Fund that we now have in the General
390 Fund ... The Special Projects Fund was actually something that Tourism had at one time and
391 moved over to Special Projects. Again, in my opinion, I think it needs to be more defined as to
392 who has control of this money. Is it actually being given to the City of Onalaska and we are
393 going to have a special fund? Or are they still having control of it as a City Special Projects
394 Fund?”

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396 Andrea said the city in the development agreement is the City of Onalaska by definition at the
397 beginning of the contract. Andrea also said, “The apostrophe ‘s’ means the City of Onalaska’s
398 Special Projects Fund.”

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400 Dan Stevens asked, “Who is deciding whether funds should be dispersed or not?”

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402 Dan Wick said, “That would be the city, [meaning] the board [Parks and Recreation Board]. I
403 think that’s where it comes back to the budget process.”

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405 Motion by Dan Stevens, second by Andrea, to table the Development Agreement for Dash-Park
406 either until the June 25 Parks and Recreation Board meeting or until a special Parks and
407 Recreation Board meeting is called.

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409 On voice vote, motion carried.

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411 **Item 7 – Report from La Crosse County Bluffland Steering Committee**

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413 No report.

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415 **Item 8 – Report from Onalaska Enhancement Foundation**

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417 Dan Wick noted the next OEF meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 11.

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419 Andrea asked if there is a Parks and Recreation Board representative on the OEF.

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421 Dan Wick said he serves as the Parks and Recreation Board representative.

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423 **Item 9 – Report from Great River Landing Committee**

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425 No report.

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427 **Item 10 – Director’s Report**

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429 **a. Parks Update**

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431 Dan Wick reporting the following:

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- 433 • Some of the Parks Department’s seasonal employees have started working, and others
- 434 will begin working in the coming weeks.
- 435 • The playground at Meier Farm will be installed the last week in May, weather permitting,
- 436 and the playground at Hilltopper Heights will be installed the first week of June.

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438 Mark reported the following:

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- 440 • Woodchips will be placed at the city’s playgrounds.
- 441 • It might take some time for staff to get caught up with mowing operations.

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443 **b. Recreation Update**

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445 Dan Wick reported the following:

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- 447 • Both the spring volleyball and soccer programs ended this past weekend.
- 448 • The summer traveling baseball and softball teams are practicing.
- 449 • In-house programs will begin once the school year has been completed.

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451 **c. Aquatic Center Update**

Reviewed 5/23/18 by Dan Wick

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453 Dan Wick reported the following:

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- 455 • Staffing has been completed. Employees have had their initial meeting with Human
456 Resources. The attendants had a meeting May 16, and training is scheduled for
457 Wednesday.
- 458 • There is a broken 3-inch waterline underneath the party room. Dan said he was at the
459 Aquatic Center with a contractor for more than an hour earlier Monday and told board
460 members they attempted to find the leak by utilizing a camera. Dan said, “We ran out
461 about 100 feet out of the building and we could find sand in the line. We put the pipe
462 back together and turned it on, and they were scratching their head just like we were
463 because we have a lot of water that is coming out from under the building. With the
464 amount of water that we have coming, they agreed it looks like we would have a
465 separated pipe because it comes out everywhere. We have one area where some concrete
466 ... The pool deck dropped about 2 inches where there’s sand underneath it and it fell. We
467 have the concrete slab that we’re going to start [Tuesday] with the saw cut and the tearing
468 out.” Dan noted there is one area with a significant amount of sand and said the best
469 option is to start at the joint immediately outside of the building as this is where the
470 greatest amount of water is coming from.

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472 **d. Omni Center Update**

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474 Dan Wick reported the following:

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- 476 • Dan thanked Ald. Binash for his assistance with the Silent Sports Convergence, which
477 was run by the La Crosse Convention and Visitors Bureau and held last weekend. Both
478 Arena 1 and Arena 2 were utilized for the event, food trucks set up outside the Omni
479 Center, and Dan said the event was “very well-attended.” Dan said Silent Sports
480 Convergence has booked a two-day event in 2019.
- 481 • Thirty-one volleyball teams participated in a tournament the second weekend in May.
- 482 • Staff started putting the ice back in on Sunday, and Dan said he hopes staff can start
483 making ice in Arena 2.

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485 Dan Wick addressed the city’s park shelters and said he believes upgrades will be necessary in
486 the future. Dan said he has been working with a local architecture firm on putting together
487 something for renovations at the Community Center.

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489 Ald. Binash asked if there had been a leak at Dash-Park.

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491 Dan Wick said air in the line was causing the issue at Dash-Park, telling board members he
492 believes the issue had been repaired earlier Monday.

Reviewed 5/23/18 by Dan Wick

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494 Brian said he would like it if the board could visit the city's parks if there is a lighter agenda at a
495 summer or fall Parks and Recreation Board meeting.

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497 Dan Wick said there has been a significant amount of conversation at the Great River Landing
498 regarding the greenhouse on the Black River; specifically, what will be done with it. Dan noted
499 the Parks and Recreation Board had earmarked funds in the Capital Improvements Budget "to
500 redo some things down there. Alderman Binash asked that it could come out of the Room Tax
501 Commission. It did make it through the Room Tax Commission. There have been a lot of
502 questions [such as] can we get insurance? Can't we get insurance? Where are we at?" Dan said
503 it is possible to obtain insurance and told board members staff is looking at what the next step
504 should be. Dan suggested that the June 25 meeting begin at 5:15 p.m. at the greenhouse, and
505 then board members can return to City Hall and discuss what they have seen. Dan said board
506 members could tour the city parks either in August or September.

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508 **Adjournment**

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510 Motion by Andrea, second by Dan Stevens, to adjourn at 6:10 p.m.

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512 On voice vote, motion carried.

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515 Recorded by:

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517 Kirk Bey