

**MINUTES
PARK COMMITTEE
Wednesday, May 14, 2014
City Hall, Room 207
5:15 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Aldermen Jerry Wiezbiskie, Joseph Moore, Brian Danzinger, and David Nennig

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Dawne Cramer, Dan Ditscheit, Atty. Tony Wachewicz, Andy Rosendahl, James Andersen, Mike Reed, Brad Drefcinski, Ald. Steuer, Ald. Tim De Wane

Approval of the minutes of the meeting of April 30, 2014

A motion was made by Ald. Nennig and seconded by Ald. Moore to approve the minutes of the April 30, 2014, Park Committee meeting. Motion carried.

Adoption of the Agenda

A motion was made by Ald. Moore and seconded by Ald. Nennig to adopt the agenda of the May 14, 2014, Park Committee meeting. Motion carried.

1. Discussion/Action on the proposed Bullfrogs schedule of events for the 2014 season

Staff reviewed the proposed 2014 Bullfrog schedule of events. The Law Department, Risk Management, and other departments met and have reviewed this proposal.

- June 28, July 5, and July 12 - Fireworks. The Bullfrogs have secured all proper permits and the Fire Department has approved this proposal.
- July 4 - Human Cannonball Night. This event has also been reviewed by the Law Department and Risk Management.
- July 10 - Appearance by Whiplash the dog-riding cowboy monkey. Approving this event allows a one-time exception to the City ordinance allowing animals in the park.

- July 12 - Boy Scout appreciation campout night. This campout event will occur after hours. A movie will be shown. Allowing this event approves a one-time exception to overnight camping in a City park.
- August 23 - First annual Curd Fest. This free event from 12–4 p.m. will highlight local cheese producers. This event will include music, inflatables, and cheese-themed games and trivia.
- September 6 - Oktoberfest. This event will be from 12–4 p.m. They have reviewed a security plan with the Police Department, Risk Management, Inspection, and the Fire Department. This event will cost \$45 for VIP admission and \$35 for general admission. This event will include beer sampling, a polka band, German hammer contest, German base running challenge, themed relays, horseshoes, and Dachshund races. They would use a wristband system for identifying legal age drinkers and have a taxi service agreement to secure safe rides home if needed.

All of these events have gone to the City’s Special Events Committee and have received tentative approval pending Park Committee approval.

Ald. Moore inquired if Mick Foley, an ex-pro wrestler, will be in attendance on opening night. Staff responded yes. Ald. Moore requested to add to the motion to prohibit the sale of hard liquor and encourage participation by local breweries.

A motion was made by Ald. Moore and seconded by Ald. Nennig to approve the proposed Bullfrog schedule of events for the 2014 season contingent upon:

- All proper permits and insurances being obtained;
- Final special event approval from the City’s Special Events Committee;
- Must adhere to all noise ordinances and regulations;
- Prohibit the sale of hard liquor;
- Encourage participation by local breweries.

Motion carried.

2. Discussion/Action on adopting the updated 2014-2019 Green Bay Parks, Recreation and Forestry Open Space Plan

Staff referred to the plan that was included with the agenda packet. This document is used to identify potential projects for future DNR grant applications. There are chapters relating to the purpose of the document, community description, and an inventory of our existing park system. The plan also sets guidelines for possible acquisitions, operations, and development projects. Nothing listed in this plan is mandatory. Anything proposed or listed in the plan would still need to come before the Park Committee for approval. The DNR also requests a resolution adopting the plan.

A motion was made by Ald. Moore and seconded by Ald. Nennig to approve the updated 2014-2019 City of Green Bay Park, Recreation and Open Space Plan and approve a resolution adopting the plan. Motion carried.

3. Discussion/Action on a request by the School District to split the cost of repairs to the Preble High School tennis courts

Staff explained that the School District and the City split the cost to construct seven tennis courts at Preble High School in 2000. The total cost was \$140,000. The City paid \$70,000, which was 50% of the cost. In 2006 a staircase leading down to the tennis courts was installed for \$14,500. The City paid \$7,250, which was 50% of the cost. The courts are located partially on park property.

The courts are now in need of repair. The repairs would include crack patching, color coating, and minor grading around the perimeter. The agreement with the School District is that all cost associated with the construction or repair of this facility would be evenly split between the School District and the City. The estimated cost for the repairs is \$38,000. The City's share would be around \$19,000. The funding would come out of the Park bond paving account.

Ald. Moore asked if competitive construction bids would be solicited. Staff responded that the School District would do this. Ald. Moore requested to cap the amount of the City's commitment at \$20,000.

A motion was made by Ald. Moore and seconded by Ald. Nennig to approve a request by the Green Bay School District to split the cost of repairs to the Preble High School tennis courts not to exceed \$20,000. Motion carried.

4. Discussion/Action on the current status of Joliet Park remaining a passive greenway

A motion was made by Ald. Moore and seconded by Ald. Nennig to open the floor for discussion. Motion carried.

Dick Pigeon, 2872 Nicolet Drive – He is the current President of the Nicolet Drive Neighborhood Association and lives right across the street from Joliet Park. Ald. Wiezbiskie adopted this park as a special project when he was the President of the Association in past years. Some pruning by the City had been done; however, the project was dropped. That was approximately 10 years ago. Since then, invasive species have taken over the park. Not addressing invasive species is inconsistent with DNR guidelines, as well as the City statutes. It is the City's obligation to take care of invasive species, as well as dead and dying plant life. The park is a beautiful piece of property but does require maintenance. At the very least, the parking area should be improved. Removal of the invasive species would open up areas to allow the installation of benches along the Nicolet Trail.

Finally, multiple points of access to the shore would be a necessary addition as the only access to the shore is by the parking lot on the far northern part of the park. Nicolet Drive Neighborhood Association worked with NWTC's horticultural program to come up with a long-range plan. Members associated with the horticultural program have noted that the overgrowth of invasive species can be a fire hazard and is also detrimental to wildlife. The situation cannot be ignored any longer. In addition, there are a number of trees that were marked years ago for removal and are still there. Your challenge is to find consensus. He feels it should be maintained because of its location and what it has to offer.

Roger Hanson, 2480 Meadow Park Drive – He is the President of the Green Bay Duck Hunters Association. There have been very few hunter conflicts at Joliet Park. He agrees that the habitat could be enhanced. Joliet Park represents the type of habitat that has been lost on the bay shore over time. While it is small in area, it is the culmination of such losses of many small areas that has degraded the ecosystem of lower Green Bay. Members of the organization are very concerned about loss of habitat, as well as access for hunting if the park is improved. He asked Atty. Wachewicz if hunting would still be allowed in the park if it was made active.

Atty. Wachewicz thought that would be the case.

R. Hanson continued saying Joliet Park is an excellent hunting spot. He feels there could be a compromise made with improvement to the park, such as focusing on removal of the invasive species and getting rid of vegetation not good for habitat.

Larry Desch, 2882 Nicolet Drive – He is the Vice President of the Nicolet Drive Neighborhood Association. He questioned why the Committee is against cleaning up invasive species and replacing with native plants.

Staff replied the issue with removal of invasive species in this particular park is that it is located in an environmentally-sensitive area with steep slopes that are fairly rocky. If the City allowed removal of any vegetation, the slopes would have to be restored as part of that. Also, the invasives cannot just be removed entirely and then the area be revisited in six months for example.

L. Desch agreed and stated their proposal addressed that. He also wanted clarification on why the residents of the area have been questioned at least four times to come up with a plan for the park but yet that plan was never discussed.

Staff replied that a request would have to be brought forward to the Park Committee so the item can be placed on a future agenda for discussion.

Ald. Wiezbiskie added that the residents have been asked multiple times to come forward with a request in the proper way, and no one has done so to date.

L. Desch said that Ald. Wiezbiskie has been invited to numerous meetings on the subject but had not attended any.

Ald. Wiezbiskie said he is invited to many meetings, and it's not feasible to attend them all.

L. Desch asked why the plan NWTC's horticulture members presented to the Mayor was not discussed and why a threatening letter was sent to other residents through the City Attorney's Office in response to the submittal.

Staff said there have been numerous incidents of unauthorized cutting in the park. At a Park Committee meeting in 2012, a motion was made stating no cutting was allowed in the park. The only cutting allowed in any park is by the Baird Creek Preservation Foundation, and that permission was given to the Foundation by the Park Committee because of their history working with the City, their reputation, and their knowledge.

L. Desch asked again why the threatening letter was sent stating residents could face criminal charges.

Atty. Wachewicz stated he did not consider the letter to be threatening. He explained the City does not allow cutting in any park in the City.

L. Desch questioned how many people received the letter.

Atty. Wachewicz responded approximately 20 residents.

L. Desch asked how many people live on Nicolet Drive and in the Red Smith area.

Atty. Wachewicz did not have those statistics on hand.

L. Desch continued by saying Nicolet Drive Neighborhood Association voted 13-0 that improvements were necessary to the park. Additionally, the Co-President of the Red Smith Neighborhood Association had written a letter on behalf of the Association saying improvements should be done to the park. He questioned why these recommendations have not been considered.

Ald. Wiezbiskie received and read the letter from the Red Smith Neighborhood Association, which stated their support for improvements to Joliet Park.

Ald. Wiezbiskie added that he spoke with Dave Bieda regarding this topic, and Dave expressed that the Red Smith Neighborhood Association was not considering monetary contributions to this cause and actually did not understand the magnitude of the plan at the time this letter was written.

L. Desch brought up a situation where a potential homebuyer in the area of the park had communicated with the Parks Department and asked specifically if that park would be maintained. They received two emails over a period of two years stating the Parks Department would be maintaining the park. Therefore, the potential buyers choose to build in that area, and now the park is not being maintained as promised in those emailed responses.

Staff was aware of one email from the past Assistant Forester. The issue is probably the level of maintenance that was expected and what was actually provided. Staff must work within a budget to maintain all parks. The level of maintenance provided from the Parks Department would be strictly for that year; it could not be a promise for every year to come.

L. Desch suggested forming a citizens committee with staff members and others from the area in order to work out a compromise.

Ald. Danzinger stated he attended the meeting where the Association presented a park plan, and he appreciated all of the networking that was involved to bring information together. He said the expectation of maintenance is a gray area which he feels is frustrating for the Association. Their expectation of maintenance is too great for the limited resources of the Parks Department. However, he said staff is not being neglectful of the park; staff has too much pride in the park system. He wanted clarification on the plan's ultimate goal and motivation and added that at the presentation he attended, it seemed like a brainstorming of possibilities regarding resources and funding available with no level of commitment. I have been told by many individuals that they want it maintained as a passive greenway and your association has a more aggressive or imaginative vision of what that park should be. The reason I was open to this discussion was because of the invasive species issue. Also, getting rid of an invasive species is an intricate coordination of efforts from the DNR, a consultant that assists with that, as well as local professionals. The proposal did not take into consideration that coordination. If the main focus is to remove the invasive species, perhaps the City and the Association could collaborate to see what resources you can provide, also honoring what staff requires for coordination, scheduling, and funding for a project like that.

L. Desch stated that they have talked to numerous groups who are willing to volunteer and fundraise, but there is not an approved project. Let's just work on the invasive species clean-up and forget about everything else.

Ald. Danzinger stated he would like the City to take the lead on this task.

Ald. Wiezbiskie stated this is everyone's park, not just a few individuals. The invasive species term is being way overused at this time. The extent of the problem hasn't even been established. This is up to park staff to determine, not

the public. He also questioned the motivation of some wanting to take care of this park and spoke about the unauthorized cutting that has occurred.

Ald. Wiezbiskie then addressed Mr. Pigeon's comment about leading the quest to do this 12 years ago. Mr., you yourself asked me to be your honorary chairman. At that time, when we did make a decision whether we should be doing anything in there, a lawyer on our board told us to run from it because of the liability of the steep terrain.

L. Desch stated the plan does address replacing cut vegetation with native plants. It can look the same as it does now, only using native plants.

Marcia Gruenhagen, 3376 Pebble Beach Court – She asked the Committee to define 'passive greenway'. Does this provide for protection against erosion and overgrowth?

Ald. Wiezbiskie said the passive greenway would protect the ground from erosion. The park would remain as it is, a natural habitat – right now it is considered a passive greenway to be used by all to enjoy. In fact, we would want to plant more trees to fix the damage that was done.

M. Gruenhagen stated that many people enjoy the park. She would like to see safer passages throughout.

Ald. Moore asked specifically which areas she wanted paved – the entryway, the parking lot, the stairway from the road down, or multiple points of the park.

M. Gruenhagen would like to see some paving and grading at multiple points of the park on existing pathways.

Ald. Moore questioned staff to see if an option like railroad ties was explored in the past to give better access down the steep slopes. Staff replied no.

John Kosmoski, 3283 Nicolet Drive – There is a lot of tension between neighbors regarding the park. Many members of the neighborhood association are split on the issue and do not want the proposed plan to go through. This is quite a dividing issue that points at the Nicolet Drive Neighborhood Association itself. There is no consensus that this project should even occur, much less using all of this time and energy on it. Our neighborhood association needs to straighten up its act, use collective thinking, and get consensus among its members before pursuing it. Comments made here by people representing the association are personal comments. The truth is four of the five neighborhood board members who are presenting this tonight live directly across from the park and would benefit greatly if trees were cut. I don't believe the City should be in the business of providing a view. I have a view; I had to buy it. This is a group of individuals that are presenting something that most of the association members do not want. He

suggested assigning a period of time so as to not keep revisiting this issue, such as leaving it as a passive greenway for three years.

Jill Hardy, 2860 Nicolet Drive – She lives across the street from the park. The aesthetics of the park concern her. She feels that the students that developed the plan designed a better habitat for wildlife. She feels the word view is not a four-letter word. The neighborhood association sends out newsletters, asking people to give their opinions on the park, and they haven't received responses. Passive doesn't mean not taken care of. She feels the park needs to be maintained.

Raymond Hardy, 2860 Nicolet Drive – He disagrees that the park is staying the same "passively". The invasive species are taking over, and they need to be maintained. He was upset by the comments made earlier about the unauthorized cutting occurring right in front of his and others' homes and said those trees were cut as a result of the trail project in years past.

Ald. Wiezbiskie said that is not true. The only mistake this body ever made was that we did not prosecute the individuals who did the unauthorized cutting. That was a big mistake.

R. Hardy said he had to apologize. I did see one neighbor prune one branch.

Joe Morgan, 2995 N. Nicolet Drive – His family has lived near the park for 39 years. He distributed a packet of documents that were brought to all of the homeowners in the area when passing around a petition on which he received 217 signatures. This packet includes three photos of eagles in trees in Joliet Park, a letter from UWGB supporting preservation of the area, a letter from Baird Creek Preservation Foundation supporting preservation of the area, and a letter from Virginia Dell, a Nicolet Drive resident and retiree from UWGB. The petition read:

"You can help us preserve Joliet Park as a passive park and green space and keep it in its natural state. The Park Committee voted in September 2012 and the City Council approved in October 2012 to keep Joliet Park a passive park and green space. This park is the only natural green space in the City limits along the east shore and as such must be preserved. It is part of the Niagara escarpment. It is a home and nesting area for small animals such as fox, raccoon, rabbits, woodchucks, etc. It is a hunting and rest area for eagles, white snowy owls, hawks, osprey. It is also a natural flyway and rest area in the spring for migratory birds, many of which are songbirds that live and nest in the park."

A letter was received from Dr. Howe, head of the Biodiversity Department from UWGB, with reasons he feels Joliet Park should remain a passive greenway. A letter was also received from Baird Creek Preservation Foundation supporting the preservation of the park, and its position has not changed.

J. Morgan continued that the Nicolet Drive Neighborhood Association Board has not listened to its Association members who have clearly stated by petition that they want the park to remain passive as it is. He stated he has pictures of eagles in this park area. The neighbors feel this park should remain a passive park. We feel it is the right thing to do for the animals, birds, trees/brush, and for future generations so they can experience what this natural shoreline looked like.

Kim Kidney, 3326 Cottage Hill Drive – He does not live on Nicolet Drive and is not a member of the Nicolet Drive Neighborhood Association. He is actually a member of the Red Smith Neighborhood Association. This is a City of Green Bay issue, not a Nicolet Drive issue. People living nearby want to enjoy the park as well, and it needs improvement. I would like to take my family there for walks. How much work can we do there? We need to make it a place all residents can enjoy.

Diane Heyrman, 2615 Nicolet Drive – She feels that paths and stairs to the bay would be horrible for this park. It needs to remain the way it is now. If people want walking paths, UWGB has 4-7 miles of trail right down the road. It would be repetitious to be adding this. I don't want to touch this unspoiled piece of property. She disagrees with cutting down dead trees as well because eagles sit on those. The animals deserve homes in that park.

Scott Schuetze, 2735 Durham Road – He would like Joliet Park to stay natural so that funding can go to other parks that get more use by children.

Dave Swanson, 3121 West Point Road – He is in favor of the park staying the way it is.

Jason Hoppe, 2865 Durham Road – He lives in the Red Smith neighborhood. He would like the park to remain as is. Any changes will affect the ecosystem and will end up destroying it. We have wonderful parks. I have had the privilege to travel through the U.S. and elsewhere and feel we should be proud of our parks. This is one of the few areas on the east side where we can see nature as it is. There are very few areas like this left. If we make any changes, we will lose the wildlife and we will not get it back. If we create more access, we will destroy the ecosystem.

Linda Neuser, 3341 Beach Lane – She would like the park to remain as is.

Ald. Steuer who represents the west side stated there has been some interesting discussion tonight on this issue. I prefer to keep the greenway passive. Yes, invasive species is a battle.

R. Hanson spoke about how the limited access is part of the fun for duck hunters. He also fears that if steps are put in, there would need to be a railing.

Ald. Wiezbiskie read a letter from a resident. The letter states that the idea to develop the park will create additional runoff into the bay. Many Nicolet Drive

residents have signed a petition against this and there were several residents that attended a meeting and voiced concerns about trees cut down without authorization. These residents are upset that there have not been any prosecutions for these acts.

A motion was made by Ald. Moore and seconded by Ald. Nennig to close the floor. Motion carried.

Ald. Wiezbiskie received a letter from the Nicolet Neighborhood Association Board of Directors that stated that their Association met with Mayor Jim Schmitt and presented a master plan for Joliet Park. The letter states that the park is underutilized. Ald. Wiezbiskie responded that in tonight's meeting we heard from a lot of people who use the park, and it appears as though the utilization matches the capacity and the ability of that park. There has been a lot of name-dropping. People are presented as supporting this plan. I have contacted many people listed who are not in favor of this. So I questioned the others listed. He went on to say that he contacted the Sisters of St. Francis who said that they would have very limited use of the park. Ald. Wiezbiskie went on to state that several members of the Baird Creek Preservation Foundation are listed as supporters of this plan but in reality they have only given advice on invasive removals.

Ald. Wiezbiskie opened the floor without objection.

Charlie Frisk, President of the Baird Creek Preservation Foundation, stated that is correct. Their members only offered advice in identifying invasives and how to appropriately manage them. He stated he was overwhelmed with the size of the project. There is no way you can put two trails on this narrow space of property. The Baird Creek Preservation Foundation was presented as taking the lead in this charge. That is not the case. We were willing to advise; we are not part of this project and never intended to be. Our position was greatly overstated.

A motion was made by Ald. Danzinger and seconded by Ald. Moore to close the floor. Motion carried.

Ald. Wiezbiskie read a letter from the Baird Creek Preservation Foundation that stated why Joliet Park should remain natural. The bank is very steep, and woody vegetation is better suited to prevent erosion than grasses. The multi-story plant community creates a better buffer to the bay. Removal of this mid-story vegetation habitat corridor is directly counter to Green Bay's commitment to being a Bird City. The mid-story also provides a beneficial barrier for the users of the park from the adjacent houses.

Ald. Wiezbiskie stated, with all due respect to the Nicolet Drive Neighborhood Association Board, I can't understand how we can have a board that is not listening to its membership and is feuding with them on what they are proposing. This is something hopefully the Neighborhood Leadership Council can help with.

Ald. Wiezbiskie asked that staff respond to the implication that the City is not complying with state law and City ordinance as it relates to the presence of invasive species within the park. Staff responded that the State NR 40 Rule details the Best Management Practices for Invasive Species Removal. The rule lists various species as restricted or prohibited in the State of Wisconsin. In this case honeysuckle and buckthorn are present on this site. These species are classified as restricted species, which means that they are already established in Wisconsin. Property owners are encouraged but not required to remove restricted species per the NR 40 Rule. City Ordinance 8.11, Noxious Weeds and Maintenance of Vegetation, states that any unmanaged plant growth such as grass, hay, weeds, brush, or other offensive vegetation over nine inches tall must be cut down. There are several exceptions to this rule; Exceptions 4 and 5 in the ordinance apply to Joliet Park. Exception 4 in the City ordinance applies if the plants are located within environmentally-sensitive areas such as steep slopes, drainage ways, wetlands, and protective buffer areas. Exception 5 in the ordinance applies if the planned natural landscaping is wholly-contained within the parcel on which it is planted and maintained. Therefore the City is in compliance with both the City ordinance and the State NR 40 Rule as it relates to Joliet Park.

Ald. Nennig asked what staff would recommend for invasive species control within this park. Staff responded that any removal would be a multi-year task and would require long-term extensive maintenance to control the invasives. If the decision is made to remove these invasives, a decision also has to be made as to what type of native vegetation you want to replace it with – grasses or trees and shrubs. What is the desired natural landscape you are trying to recreate?

Ald. Nennig asked if an invasive species removal plan has been completed. Staff responded no, but if the Committee would like to see a plan staff would recommend working with the entire neighborhood to develop an acceptable plan. That plan would have to be discussed with the Park Committee in detail. There would be extensive staff time involved, and there is no funding to implement the plan.

Ald. Wiezbiskie asked staff to respond to the implication that Joliet Park is not properly maintained. Staff responded that Joliet Park is considered a passive greenway and is maintained as such. It is not groomed and manicured. On a yearly basis the City Forester inspects the property for diseased, dying, and dead trees. That does not mean we prune every dead branch; this is a natural area. Park crews are at the site twice a week for trash removal. In addition, park staff also regularly monitors this property as we do with all of our other parks.

Ald. Moore asked if the level of maintenance in Joliet Park is the same as other similar parks in Green Bay. Staff responded yes.

Ald. Wiezbiskie pointed out that some of the litter shown within the park the night before could have been washed onto the shoreline from the bay.

Ald. Danzinger stated that there are definitely gaps between what the two sides are looking for as of the expectations and the overall vision of the park. The neighborhood needs to work this out themselves. The two issues that all parties seem somewhat agreeable to are invasive species and maintenance. Could the Forestry Department provide a report as to the current level and the projected growth of invasive species within the park? Again, I want this to be handled by park staff. This is not a notice for action, merely just a report. Because it seems to me that we are dealing with one group that is speculating that invasive species are taking over the park and needs to be remedied today. We have other opinions that state yes, removal of invasive species is important but the threat is overstated. Before the Committee can make any decisions, we need to know what the invasive threat level is. This would give all parties a starting point for discussion. If there is some sort of expectation of maintenance within the park, perhaps the City should generate maintenance logs. I feel there is this perception that nothing is being done in this park versus the perception that we're doing everything we can. This would clarify to all how much work is accomplished within the park. He suggested that it remain a passive greenway.

Ald. Moore agreed that documentation of Joliet Park maintenance efforts is important.

Ald. Nennig stated that he would welcome fundraising efforts for invasive species removal. The Neighborhood Association had good intentions in creating a master plan, but it appears to have been overdesigned with too many amenities. I did not realize that so many people could be so interested in such a small narrow strip of parkland. This is a special area, and everyone agrees that preserving this natural area is in everyone's best interest. I am unsure how feasible an ADA accessible trail would be. Anything the City can do to get the neighborhood to work together is in everyone's best interest. The neighborhood needs to settle their dispute themselves. I am offended as a citizen if there is unauthorized cutting in any park, and I hope that it is clear that that will not happen again. I would support the motion to keep Joliet Park a passive greenway and to complete an invasive species study of the park.

A motion was made by Ald. Danzinger and seconded by Ald. Moore that for a three-year period maintain Joliet Park as a passive greenway and direct staff to provide reporting of the current status and projected growth of invasive species within the park, as well as retain documentation of maintenance and inspection logs. Motion carried.

5. Discussion/Action on the proposed acquisition of 517 St. George Street (Parcel 7-669) for the East River Trail connection

The Committee may convene in closed session pursuant to Sections 19.85(1)(e), Wis. Stats., for purposes of deliberating or negotiating the sale of public properties, investing of public funds or conducting other specified public business as necessary for competitive or bargaining reasons. The Committee may thereafter reconvene in open session pursuant to Section 19.85(2), Wis. Stats., to report the results of the closed session and consider the balance of the agenda.

A motion was made by Ald. Danzinger and seconded by Ald. Moore to go into closed session. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ald. Danzinger and seconded by Ald. Moore to return to regular business. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ald. Danzinger and seconded by Ald. Moore to proceed with negotiations and purchase of 517 St. George Street (Parcel 7-669) for the East River Trail connection as directed in closed session. Motion carried.

6. Director's Report

Because of time constraints, a Director's Report was not presented.

A motion was made by Ald. Danzinger and seconded by Ald. Moore to receive and place on file the Director's Report. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ald. Danzinger and seconded by Ald. Moore to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.