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**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Tuesday, May 13, 2008**

PRESENT: Alds. Birschel, Hanson, Herzog, McBride, Meaux, Nikcevich, Stepaniak -7

EXCUSED: Ald. Treis

ALSO

PRESENT: N. Welch, Community Dev. Dir.; A. Kesner, City Atty.; J. Archambo, City Admin.

Ald. Herzog as Chair called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.

**Memorandum of Understanding – Southeastern Wisconsin Watersheds Trust**

Mr. Kappel reported that he recently attended an annual watershed planning conference organized by the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (UW-M), partners in Clean Rivers Clean Lakes efforts to improve water quality in our region. The Milwaukee Regional Partnership initiative has been newly renamed the Southeastern Wisconsin Watersheds Trust to reflect the fact that concerns about the watershed go beyond any regional boundaries. The idea is to bring parties together on a voluntary basis, rather than through a formal taxing structure, to cooperatively work to improve water quality. He has already signed on as individual and for the Department of Public Works. Since the city must be involved as part of our DNR storm water permit and as an MMSD member, Mr. Kappel felt it would be beneficial to sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) as a voluntary partner in the effort. Staff will receive and share information from MMSD and other partners, and UW-M will play a significant role in analyzing information. It is likely that there will be grants to UW-M and MMSD that could also be beneficial to Wauwatosa. Executing the MOU does not any require a financial commitment.

Dennis Lukaszewski, UW-Extension, 932 S. 60th Street, West Allis, commented on the importance of controlling runoff, mentioning efforts to ensure that less than 10% of rainwater falling on each property makes its way to waterways. He noted that Wauwatosa has a landmark rain garden initiative underway. He believes it is important to support these efforts in every possible way.

Ald. Nikcevich questioned possible effect on the Great Lakes Compact, who will represent the city, and mention in the MOU of an annual membership contribution. Mr. Kappel responded that this effort is not directly related to governance of the waterway but does help improve Great Lakes water quality. He and the City Engineer would represent the city. As it develops, there may be roles for elected officials or other staff. The annual membership contribution for Wauwatosa will probably be in-kind in nature in connection with our NR-16 permit fee.

Ald. Birschel asked about the potential of developing into a taxing authority, but Mr. Kappel stated that is not the direction in which this is going.

Ald. Stepaniak commented that the recommendation to execute the MOU makes sense, particularly in the context of the NR-16 permit that already drives a reasonable amount of city spending that is not necessarily at our discretion. It would be beneficial to be a partner at the table.

Moved by Ald. Stepaniak, seconded by Ald. Birschel to recommend to Council execution of the Memorandum of Understanding. Ayes: 7

**Land Combination – Hart Park Area**

The committee reviewed a request by the City of Wauwatosa for a land combination by certified survey map in the Hart Park area from N. 60th to N. 76th Streets north of the Menomonee River and south of W. State Street in the Parks and Open Space District. Ms. Welch reported that the Plan Commission unanimously recommended approval. She described this as something of a housekeeping issue in that it will combine over 100 individual parcels in the expanded Hart Park into essentially three parcels. This will make it possible to work out an agreement with the Rotary Club so that they can begin construction of the Rotary stage this summer.

Moved by Ald. Birschel, seconded by Ald. McBride to recommend to Council approval of the land combination. Ayes: 7

**Conditional Use for Apiary on County Grounds**

The committee reviewed a request by Sue Black, Milwaukee County, and Harris Byers and Dennis Lukaszewski, UW-Extension, for a Conditional Use for an apiary in the community gardens on the county grounds west of Will-O-Way at approximately 10700 Underwood Parkway. The Plan Commission unanimously recommended approval. Mr. Byers and Mr. Lukaszewski were present.

Mr. Byers noted that there has been considerable discussion of beekeeping in connection with prior action to allow beekeeping as a Conditional Use in Conservancy zoning. This follows up on that approval with a request for approval of the use in a specific location, as shown on a map provided to the committee. Ms. Welch reported that special conditions could be attached to the use such as requirements for fencing, signage, and screening that would help protect the public.

Mr. Byers said that the original application was to allow free access to the observation area; but after additional thought, he would like to add a second fence and gate. Ms. Welch said that the committee can specify the type of fencing to be used as part of the conditions on the site. She noted that the height normally allowed is 4 ½ feet in residential and 6 feet in commercial. Mr. Lukaszewski reported that he is considering a 5-foot fence with a system of wires in front to repel deer, since there is a considerable problem with them in the area. A traditional deer fence is between 8 and 10 feet in height. Ms. Welch said that because this is a very particular type of application, it can be detailed and required as part of the conditional use.

Moved by Ald. McBride, seconded by Ald. Hanson to recommend to Council approval of the requested Conditional Use with the provision of a 5-foot high fence for the purpose of repelling deer, specifics of fencing to be determined by the Community Development Director. Ayes: 7

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Carla A. Ledesma, City Clerk  
Wauwatosa, Wisconsin

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