

RESOLUTION 2024-01

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING DEMOLITION OF THE TURTLE CREEK BATHHOUSE

WHEREAS, in June of 2018 city staff established an Ad-Hoc committee that consisted of members of the public whom heavily utilized the park in the 1960's to create a Master Plan to revitalize the park; and

WHEREAS, historically the park was predominantly used by Beloit's African-American community as a recreational area and gathering place with a swimming pool; and

WHEREAS, a five-phase master plan was created by city staff and members of the Ad-Hoc committee to renovate Turtle Creek Park with a focus of honoring the history and educating visitors about segregation; and

WHEREAS, the first phase of the project was completed in 2019 which includes a new shelter, additional parking stalls, entrance to the park from Park Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the second and current phase of the project includes the demolition of the bathhouse, new restrooms, bike oasis, signage, kiosk & unity columns; and

WHEREAS, five Ad-Hoc committee meetings and three community input sessions were conducted to discuss phase two; and

WHEREAS, due to the current condition and environmental concerns of the bathhouse city staff and Ad-Hoc committee members are recommending demolition of the bathhouse; and

WHEREAS, city policy requires the Park, Recreation and Conservation Advisory Commission to review such requests and to make a recommendation to the Landmarks Commission, Plan Commission, and City Council. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Parks, Recreation and Conservation Advisory Commission hereby recommends approval of the demolition of the Turtle Creek Bathhouse located at 1312 E Grand Ave, Beloit WI.

Adopted this 14th day of August, 2024.

PARK, RECREATION AND CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

Elizabeth Brewer

Elizabeth Brewer, Chair