



Louisville Metro Government

Action Summary - Tentative Parks and Sustainability Committee

Chair Jecorey Arthur (D-4)
Vice Chair Marilyn Parker (R-18)
Committee Member Phillip T. Baker (D-6)
Committee Member Pat Mulvihill (D-10)
Committee Member Cindi Fowler (D-14)
Committee Member Betsy Ruhe (D-21)
Committee Member Jeff Hudson (R-23)
Committee Member Khalil Batshon (R-25)

Thursday, March 9, 2023

3:00 PM

Council Chambers/Virtual

Call to Order

Chair Arthur called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

Roll Call

Chair Arthur introduced the committee and non-committee members present. A quorum was established.

***NOTE: All committee and non-committee members present attended in chambers except for Committee Member Mulvihill and Committee Member Fowler, who attended virtually.**

Present: 8 - Chair Jecorey Arthur (D-4), Committee Member Phillip T. Baker (D-6), Committee Member Pat Mulvihill (D-10), Committee Member Cindi Fowler (D-14), Vice Chair Marilyn Parker (R-18), Committee Member Betsy Ruhe (D-21), Committee Member Jeff Hudson (R-23), and Committee Member Khalil Batshon (R-25)

Non-Committee Member(s)

Council Member Andrew Owen (D-9) and Council Member Jennifer Chappell (D-15)

Support Staff

Jason Fowler, Jefferson County Attorney's Office

Clerk(s)

Marissa Brown, Assistant Clerk
Cheryl Woods, Assistant Clerk
Sonya Harward, Clerk

Pending Legislation

[ID 23-0234](#)

[See the "Unedited Captioning Transcript of the Parks and Sustainability Committee Meeting - March 9, 2023.pdf" attached hereto for additional information regarding discussion of each item.]

Attachments: [Unedited Captioning Transcript of Parks and Sustainability Committee Meeting - March 9, 2023.pdf](#)

1. [R-014-23](#)

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE SEIZURE OF CONSERVATION LAND FOR THE PURPOSE OF BUILDING A NATURAL GAS PIPELINE THROUGH BERNHEIM ARBORETUM AND RESEARCH FOREST.

Sponsors: Primary Betsy Ruhe (D-21)

Attachments: [R-014-23 V.1 021623 Opposing the Seizure of Conservation Land RE Bernheim Forest.pdf](#)
[2023 Metro Presentation 1.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Batshon, seconded by Committee Member Baker, that this Resolution be recommended for approval.

Dr. Mark Wourms, Bernheim Arboretum and Research Forest, gave a presentation (see attached).

The following spoke to this item:

- Committee Member Ruhe
- Elisa Owen, Kentucky Interfaith Power and Light
- Committee Member Owen
- Vice Chair Parker

A motion was made by Committee Member Batshon, seconded by Vice Chair Parker, that this Resolution be tabled.

The motion to table failed by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Parker, Hudson, and Batshon

No: 4 - Arthur, Baker, Fowler, and Ruhe

Abstain: 1 - Mulvihill

The discussion of the item continued and the following spoke:

- Committee Member Hudson
- Council Member Owen
- Council Member Chappell
- Chair Arthur
- Jason Fowler, Jefferson County Attorney's Office
- Committee Member Batshon
- Sonya Harward, Clerk
- Committee Member Ruhe

A motion was made by Committee Member Fowler, seconded by Committee Member Hudson, to reconsider the motion to table the Resolution.

The following spoke on reconsidering the motion to table the Resolution:

- Sonya Harward, Clerk

The motion to reconsider carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Fowler, Parker, Hudson, and Batshon

No: 3 - Arthur, Baker, and Ruhe

Abstain: 1 - Mulvihill

A motion was made by Committee Member Batshon, seconded by Committee Member Hudson, that this Resolution be tabled.

The motion to table carried by the following vote and the Resolution was tabled.

Yes: 4 - Fowler, Parker, Hudson, and Batshon

No: 3 - Arthur, Baker, and Ruhe

Abstain: 1 - Mulvihill

Adjournment

Without objection, Chair Arthur adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.