Lakeshore Nature Preserve Committee
Minutes January 27, 2009
As approved, Feb. 24, 2009

Present:

Kris Ackerbauer, Kennedy Gilchrist, Bill Barker, Ray Guries, Eric Rieth, Mark Renz, Sisell Schroeder, Susan Will-Wolf

Also present:

Cathie Bruner (Preserve staff), Glenda Denniston (Friends), Daniel Einstein (Preserve staff), Dick McCoy (Friends), Rhonda James (FPM), Roma Lenehan (Friends), Marcia Schmidt (Friends), Stephen Thomforde (Preserve PA), Janine Veto (UW Foundation)

Introductions:

The committee welcomed its new Associated Students of Madison member, Eric Rieth.

Announcements/Public comment:

Roma announced that the Preserve has been included in a new brochure: "Great Wisconsin Birding & Nature Trail: Southern Savanna Region." More information can be found at: www.wisconsinbirds.org/trail

Glenda mentioned that snowmobiles have been accessing the lakeshore by driving down the service drive at Frautschi Point. A chain barrier will be placed at the entrance gate to keep unauthorized vehicles from accessing this service drive. Pedestrian and wheelchairs will still be able to enter at this location.

Minutes (handout):

The minutes from the Oct. 30, 2008 committee meeting were unanimously approved. In the future, draft meeting minutes will be distributed soon after each meeting.

FY 09 budget approval (handout)**:**

Bill moved and Sissel seconded that the budget be approved. The following suggestions were made to clarify the budget narrative:

1. Add "Preservewide" as a main heading under "Unrestricted gifts."

2. Modify Frautschi Point text to eliminate phrase "clear 40-foot radius around young red oak…" and substitute with "remove undesirable vegetation around young red oak…"

3. Add "Monitor success of shoreline plantings" under sub-heading "Care and incremental site specific improvements."

The budget was approved unanimously, with the understanding that the above changes would be included.

Construction project update:
Rhonda reviewed progress on these projects:

Picnic Point gathering area: The work group has reviewed and offered feedback on the three site concepts prepared by the consultants. The refined concepts will be presented to the donor and the committee in February. Public meetings will be held for review of the design concepts and an Environmental Impact Assessment, probably in March.

Gard storytellers circle: The work group has reviewed and offered feedback on site design concepts prepared by the consultants. The consultants are re-examining the projected reservoir removal costs. The construction project at the Education building (across Observatory Hill Drive) will be occurring concurrent with construction of the Gard storyteller's circle. The Education project should not affect the Preserve project, but coordination will be needed. The refined concepts will be presented to the donor and the committee in February. A public meeting will be held for review of the design concepts, probably in March.

Discussion list (FAQ handout):
Daniel reviewed the new Preserve discussion list. He clarified that anyone can be a member of the list and that postings will not be moderated. A general announcement regarding the new discussion list will be posted on the homepage of the Preserve website and "Get involved" sub-page.

Willow Creek Woods proposal (handout):
Bill moved and Sissel seconded that the proposal be approved. The entire proposal was approved unanimously with the following caveats:

1. The Thomforde Willow Creek Woods report will be re-visited at the next committee meeting. In the interim, committee members have an opportunity to provide comments to Stephen and Cathie on modifications to the text.

2. The "3-year sequence of removal of thicket and trees" clause was approved.

3. The "eventual planting of woody species, approximate number and distribution…" clause will be considered a *work in progress* and will be re-examined as site conditions dictate.

Work will commence at the site after notifications have been made on the Preserve website and through Wisconsin Week.

Submitted by Daniel Einstein

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