

## **Lakeshore Nature Preserve Committee**

Minutes October 30, 2008

(As approved Jan, 27, 2009)

### **Present:**

Kris Ackerbauer, Elsa Althen Ann Burgess, Bill Barker, Ray Guries, HyeonKyeong Park, Mark Renz, Sisell Schroeder, Laura Shere, Don Waller, Susan Will-Wolf

### **Also present:**

Gary Brown (FPM), Cathie Bruner (Preserve staff), Glenda Denniston (Friends), Daniel Einstein (Preserve staff), Kennedy Gilchrist (Friends), Rhonda James (FPM), Roma Lenehan (Friends), Marcia Schmidt (Friends), Stephen Thomforde (Preserve PA)

### **Introductions:**

The committee welcomed its new faculty member representatives Mark Renz and Sissel Schroeder, and the new Associated Students of Madison member HyeonKyeong Park.

### **Minutes:**

The minutes from the May 5, 2008 Committee meeting were unanimously approved.

### **Field work update:**

Cathie Bruner introduced a field work summary by graduate student and project assistant Stephen Thomforde. Stephen provided a Preserve virtual tour of students, community members and staff carrying out improvements in the Preserve and how each project is achieving specific ecosystem service objectives. (PowerPoint presentation on Preserve web archive.)

### **Construction project update:**

Gary Brown reviewed progress on these projects:

Picnic Point gathering area: This project, located at the tip of Picnic Point, will include a stone seating area and stair access to the water's edge. The lake safety lightpole may be re-located in an effort to minimize its visual impact on the site. A Phase II archeological survey and Environmental Impact Assessment will be conducted. A Department of Natural Resources permit for work in a shoreline area (Ch. 30) may be needed. Ken Saiki Design will provide the design work. The donor for this project, the Ebling Family, wants to be closely involved in the design process.

Sisell Schroeder volunteered to serve as the committee's representative on the design work group which will provide input during all phases of the design process. A representative from the Friends group has also been invited to join the design work group. The full committee will have an opportunity to review a 35% plan prior to a public design presentation to be made in January or February. The project may be bid as soon as June, with construction possibly by late summer or early fall.

Gard storytellers circle: This project at Muir Knoll will result in the removal of the existing overlook, which was built with funds from the Class of 1961. The adjacent concrete water

reservoir will be demolished and the site restored. Vierbicher Associates will provide the design work. A Phase I archaeological survey has been conducted for the site. It is anticipated that only areas that have already sustained soil disturbance will be involved in this project and therefore, no additional archaeological survey work is planned.

Bill Barker volunteered to serve as the committee's representative on the design work group which will provide input during all phases of the design process. A representative from the Friends group has also been invited to join the design work group. The full committee will have an opportunity to review a 35% plan prior to a public design presentation to be made in January or February. Construction might begin by early summer.

Snow storage area: The university currently uses a gravel area adjacent to the 1918 Marsh to store snow removed from campus roads and parking areas. In order to control meltwater and soil dislocation from this site, several improvements will be made. Depending on construction timing, a "tracking pad" will be installed this fall to keep mud stuck to truck tires from being transported off-site. Next summer a berm and stone weeper will be installed around the perimeter of the storage area to keep garbage and silt left behind as the snow melts from moving toward the marsh. The entry road leading from University Bay Drive to the storage site will be paved. The circle parking lot at 1918 Marsh will continue to be used for snow storage if the main area is filled to capacity or is inaccessible. Roma requested that construction activities in the area not occur between May 1 and July 4 as this is a critical time for birds that use the site for nesting and feeding.

**Preserve sign design:**

Rhonda James provided the committee with a signage system update summary. (PDF on Preserve web archive.). The summary included color prototype designs for gateway, trailhead, interpretive, and directional signs. A full-scale cardboard mock-up of the information kiosk was presented. The summary report was based on initial designs by ZD Studios and adapted by FPM staff in consultation with a Preserve design review work group.

**Lake Mendota water level:**

Ray commented that the Madison city council and the Department of Natural Resources continue to review the issue. He will explore options for Preserve committee involvement in consultation with Bill Barker.

**Geo-cache policy.**

Ray distributed a draft policy to guide geo-cache activities in the Preserve (PDF on Preserve web archive). The draft policy will be discussed at a future committee meeting in greater detail.

**Submitted by Daniel Einstein**