

**Lakeshore Nature Preserve Committee**  
**Thursday November 6, 2014**  
**1-2:30PM**  
**Memorial Union T.I.T.U.**  
**APPROVED MINUTES**

**Present:**

Kristina Bartowitz, Gary Brown, Jacob Hahn, Rhonda James, Donna Paulnock, Ken Raffa, Sissel Schroeder, Alan Turnquist, Mattie Urrutia,

**Also Present:**

Kris Ackerbauer (FPM), Ann Burgess (Friends), Glenda Denniston (Friends), Adam Gundlach (Preserve), Bryn Scriver (Preserve), Jan Sternbach (Housing), Will Waller (Friends), Suzy Will-Wolf (Friends), Laura Wyatt (Preserve)

**Charge to Committee:**

The charge of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve Committee is “to ensure the integrity of these cherished campus resources through the provision of necessary and appropriate oversight, policies, guidelines, stewardship and management.”

**Minutes**

A motion was made by Hahn and seconded by Turnquist to approve the Oct. 9, 2014 minutes. The motion passed.

**Public Comment Period:**

Denniston wanted cement parking stops, temporary ropes or some sort of protective barrier installed at the Frautschi parking lot to protect the kiosk planting. Rhonda and staff will look options.

**Project Updates**

1. Work Plan and Budget (Laura Wyatt)

Staff has been working on the 2015 work plan and budget using stakeholder input from the 1<sup>st</sup> Stakeholder Meeting on Sept. 24, 2014. The Planning and Implementation subcommittee met once to review the draft 2015 work plan and budget and they will meet again today to look at the four submitted project proposals. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Stakeholders Meeting will be January 27<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. The draft work plan and budget documents will be presented at the next Preserve Committee meeting for your review.

Gary Brown and I met with Sara Anderson, our representative at the UW Foundation. We will be sending out thank you notes to all donors from 2013-2014 to coincide with Thanksgiving.

2. Projects (Rhonda James)

The west campus storm water projects are in the maintenance phase. We will ask the contractor to do a dormant season seeding in the University Bay ditches.

We will have to do some regrading around the bioswales at University Houses Gardens in the spring to address some storm water overflow onto adjacent properties.

We are still waiting to get a permit to go ahead with storm water pond construction at Triangle Marsh.

We are waiting for maintenance funding to fix the bridge over the inlet to the Class of 1918 Marsh next year.

The State is now in the process of hiring a consultant for the recycle lot building. The lot will be repaved to make water drain better.

The playing fields west of the Natatorium will be under construction starting Fall 2017.

3. Hazard Tree Removal (Adam Gundlach)

Preserve staff worked with UW Grounds to identify 80-85 hazard trees along the main Picnic Point path and utility road and the Lake Mendota corridor (see [Handout: Hazard Tree Removal Summary and maps.](#)) Hazard trees were marked with pink paint. We will leave portions of trees as snags and leave downed logs when able. Dead oaks will be removed entirely to prevent the spread of oak wilt. Oak wilt has only been observed at Picnic Point and Eagle Heights woods.

4. Volunteer/Outreach Program (Bryn Scriver)

Since the last meeting we've had 6 volunteer workparties with 109 volunteers donating 254 hours. Work accomplished by volunteers includes removing buckthorn and honeysuckle and mulching trails on Picnic Point. We will bring in a contractor this fall to chip the brush from the removals.

**Friends of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve report (Will Waller)**

Handout: [Preserve Committee Report 11-6-14](#)

**Subcommittee Reports and Discussion**

1. Information Dissemination/Education (Mattie Urrutia)

Through email the subcommittee decided to request proposals for the student engagement grants earlier than last year. Our recommendation is: request proposals in November 2014; proposals will be due February 16, 2015; decisions on which to fund will be made by mid-March 2015; the deadline for final reports will be October 31, 2015. We can put examples of past funded projects on our website for next year.

A motion was made to approve the updated call for proposals and timeline. The motion passed.

2. Communications /Archives No report

3. Planning & Implementation (Alan Turnquist)

The Planning and Implementation subcommittee will review the 4 submitted project proposals after the Preserve Committee meeting today.

4. Development (Gary Brown)

The Preserve Endowment proposal is still being considered for inclusion in the next UW Foundation capital campaign. Bill Elvey, the Associate Vice Chancellor for FP&M and Darrell Bazzell, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration both support the proposal.

At the 1<sup>st</sup> stakeholder meeting Bill Elvey said the Preserve would not be part of the campus budget cutting exercise.

### **Other topics**

1. Dogs off leash status update (Alan Turnquist)

Turnquist used the questions related to dogs in a FP&M visitor survey from 2010 and 2011 and put them in a basic survey that was shared with Eagle Heights Community gardeners. There were 129 respondents out of 580 primary gardeners who received the survey. Respondents were comfortable having dogs on leash in the gardens and uncomfortable with dogs off leash in the gardens. Dog poop and dogs digging were the biggest issues for gardeners. Lots of people were neutral on subject. (See a [summary of gardener survey](#)).

Turnquist also talked to Russ Hefty from City of Madison Conservation Parks. They have a no dog policy. Hefty thinks dogs spread invasive seeds. Hefty also said its easier to enforce no dogs than dogs on leash.

2. Herbicide use policy status update (Laura Wyatt)

Staff will review the herbicide use policy and revisit Best Management Practices. We will come back to the Preserve Committee with our findings in February.

A motion to adjourn was moved by Raffa and seconded by Urrutia.

### **Adjournment**

Submitted by Bryn Scriver