

**Lakeshore Nature Preserve Committee**  
**Thursday Oct. 9, 2014**  
**1-2:30PM**  
**Memorial Union T.I.T.U.**  
**Approved MINUTES**

**Present**

Kristina Bartowitz, Gary Brown, Eric Goldsobel, Jacob Hahn, Rhonda James, Sissel Schroeder, Phil Townsend, Alan Turnquist, Mattie Urrutia, Chloe Wardropper

**Also Present**

Kris Ackerbauer (FPM), Ann Burgess (Friends), Adam Gundlach (Preserve), Roma Lenehan (Friends), Marcia Schmidt (Friends), Bryn Scriver (Preserve), Will Waller (Friends), Laura Wyatt (Preserve)

**Minutes**

A motion was made by Turnquist and seconded by Urrutia to approve the Sept. 6, 2014 minutes with a friendly amendment from Ann Burgess. The motion passed.

**Project Updates**

1. Rec Sports Master Plan (Gary Brown)

- a. The West Natatorium playing fields and the SERF rebuild will be included in the 2015-2017 capital budget.
- b. UW is hiring a consultant to start the design of the outdoor fields this fall.

2. West Campus Stormwater Projects (Rhonda James)

- a. The 4 bioretention ponds at Eagle Heights Apartments and University Houses, the University Bay ditches, and the lot 60 storm water pond are now in the maintenance phase.
- b. The ditches (and maybe the uplands of the lot 60 storm water pond) will need to be re-seeded.
- c. The Triangle Marsh pond is still held up in permitting.

3. Land Management (Adam Gundlach)

- a. Since our last meeting we chipped a lot of invasive brush which will be used to line the trails.
- b. We have been doing a lot of invasive porcelain berry vine control in Bill's Woods and buckthorn resprout cutting in Eagle Heights Woods.
- c. Staff assisted Townsend's Forest Ecology class with a buckthorn removal project.
- d. Contractors removed walnut limbs overhanging the University Houses gardens.
- e. Hazard trees were identified with the help of Grounds arborists along the main path and service road on Picnic Point to be removed this fall or winter. Some trees will be left as snags; some will be split for firewood. Dead trees in Bill's Woods will be left unless they are deemed a hazard. Wyatt mentioned that we are looking at best use of the wood—some could be utilized for donor gifts. We also leave trees/wood decompose on the ground if we can. We have to remove oak wilt infected wood. We do not have plans to replant trees in any of these areas right now.

#### 4. Volunteer/Outreach Program (Bryn Scriver)

- a. Since our last meeting we had 102 volunteers donate 350 hours to the care of the Preserve at 9 volunteer workparties. Activities included: buckthorn and honeysuckle removal on Picnic Point and at Frautschi Point; applying mulch to trails; planting plugs of native species; and collecting seed from Biocore Prairie for an expansion of the prairie.
- b. We have been partnering with the Clean Lakes Alliance to bring out corporate/community volunteers including Thompson Investment Management.
- c. We have 3 student volunteers working alongside staff during the week—2 for a service learning class and 1 just for the experience.
- d. We attended the Public Service Fair on Sept. 30 to recruit student volunteers and promote the Preserve.
- e. We led a walk around the Class of 1918 Marsh for UW Health employees as part of their Wellness Options at Work Program.

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

Handout: [Preserve Committee Report 10-9-14](#)

#### **Subcommittee Reports and Discussion**

##### 1. Information Dissemination /Education

- a. Lenehan would like a Report from tick study.
- b. Turnquist said the GreenHouse will offer a phenology seminar led by Stan Temple and Curt Meine. This is something that can be repeated every year.

##### 2. Communications /Archives

- a. no report

##### 3. Planning & Implementation

- a. Subcommittee will meet after the stakeholder meeting.

##### 4. Development

- a. We are waiting to hear from the UW Foundation on the 3 million dollar proposal as part of the overall university capital campaign to be rolled out in fall 2015.
- b. Brown and Wyatt will meet with Sara Anderson our representative at the Foundation to get a update.

#### **Other topics**

##### 1. Dogs off leash

- a. Current policy allows dogs on leash. Lots of complaints of dogs running loose, specifically in the gardens.
- b. Options: 1) Ban dogs (How do we enforce a ban?) 2) More education of owners on the importance of keeping dogs on leash.

- c. City parks discussions are revisiting their current dog policy which is ‘no dogs’ with the possibility of allowing dogs on leash.
  - d. UW Arboretum has a no dogs policy.
  - e. Problems with dogs running loose include: dogs track seeds, some people are afraid of dogs, some cultures view dogs differently, dogs pose a hazard to wildlife, wildlife poses a hazard to dogs, more difficult for owners to pick up waste if dogs run loose
  - f. Ackerbauer, co-chair of the Garden Oversight Committee, suggested a ban in the garden portion of the Preserve. May be easier to enforce with known boundaries?
  - g. Waller said the problem in the gardens is that parents worry about loose dogs around their infants and toddlers. Some gardeners bring their dogs to the gardens.
  - h. Turnquist offered to draft a short survey for the gardeners using the Conservation Biology and Facilities Planning and Management visitor surveys to get their opinion on the issue. Waller will send the survey out on the garden list serve.
  - i. The garden Oversight Committee can review the results and make a recommendation to the Preserve Committee.
  - j. We need to check in with the city to see what they are doing. Will they do a campaign on being a good dog steward? Can we take advantage of that?
  - k. Preserve staff will do an info campaign on dogs on leash in neighborhood newsletters.
2. Buckthorn herbicide use in the Preserve
- a. Buckthorn is challenging to control and requires vigilance. Preserve staff will review best management practices for herbicide use—type (cut stem, basal bark, foliar), timing, and type of herbicide—and bring them back to the Preserve Committee for review next semester.
  - b. There have been some complaints on herbicide signage. We have printed new signs so that they are more readable.
3. Budget process
- a. The Preserve fiscal year is March 1 to March 1. It was designed this way to work around the busy growing season.
  - b. We need to start preparing now for next budget cycle.
  - c. Handout: [2015 Work Plan & Budget Process](#)
  - d. Everyone is encouraged to attend the 1<sup>st</sup> stakeholder meeting Oct. 15 at 5pm in 132 WARF.

A motion to adjourn was moved by Hahn and seconded by Townsend.

### **Adjournment**

Submitted by Bryn Scriver