



**University of Wisconsin-Madison
Lakeshore Nature Preserve Committee
Wednesday March 11, 2020
10:00-11:30am
Union South
Minutes APPROVED**

Present

David Bart, Rob Beattie, Andrew Busker, Morgan Grunow, Sara Hotchkiss, Rhonda James, Lexis Paus, Anna Pidgeon, Stephen Sentoff

Also Present

Tom Bryan (GreenHouse), Ann Burgess (Friends), Adam Gundlach (Preserve), Colleen Henegan (Agroecology), Bryn Scriver (Preserve), Kase Wheatley (Agroecology), Suzy Will-Wolf (Friends), Laura Wyatt (Preserve)

Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from February 12, 2020 was made by Pidgeon and seconded by Beattie. The motion was approved unanimously.

Staff Reports

- 1) Director Report (Laura Wyatt for Gary Brown)
See Preserve Staff Reports – March 11, 2020

Hotchkiss is working on a one-page white paper on the value of outdoor spaces for education and invited other Committee members to join her. Hotchkiss will work with Laura Wyatt on this.

- 2) Program Manager Report (Laura Wyatt)
See Preserve Staff Reports – March 11, 2020

Wyatt shared a permit report from Outdoor UW Director Joe Webb with a photo of students using the Preserve for wilderness first responder training through NOLS-National Outdoor Leadership School. It is another example of how the Preserve is helping to meet the needs of our students and the greater good.

- 3) Capital Projects Report (Rhonda James)
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Hotchkiss asked for an update on the Muir Woods stairs. James said stair replacement has been on the All Agency (State) funding list. It has a \$350,000-375,000 price tag. Currently there is a signed, less steep detour route. Wyatt said if Preserve Committee members knew about any complaints to have the person send them in writing to her. Beattie suggested cc'ing the Provost and Chancellor. The stairs have also been presented to the UW Foundation as a potential class gift, although the cost is more than a traditional class gift. Burgess suggested putting up a "What's going on here sign".

- 4) Field Activities Report (Adam Gundlach)
See Preserve Staff Reports – March 11, 2020

- 5) Volunteers and Outreach Report (Bryn Scriver)

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Friends of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve report (Stephen Sentoff)

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Project overviews adjacent to the Preserve (Rhonda James)

--Veterinary Medicine Addition and Renovation

The new building will include a green roof and some porous paving in a center courtyard with some stormwater retention. Linden Drive will close in front of the current Vet Med building and turn onto a new road, Colwood Drive, that will pass between the new Vet Med building and a new Linden Drive parking garage. Easterday Lane will become an access road to the buildings. The bike path will be extended along Willow Creek and what is now Easterday Lane.

The pedestrian bridge (now closed) over Willow Creek could at some point become a vehicle bridge so that trailers with large animals don't have to navigate the round-about on Observatory Dr.

--Gym/Nat Redevelopment

Indian burial mounds – The mounds and natural area have been taken into consideration. The exercise equipment will not be “looking over the mounds”. The project will also pull the existing service path off the mounds zone 25 ft buffer.

Some trees will be removed around the foundation of the Gym/Nat building. They may try to transplant some street trees.

The back of the Gym/Nat building will feature some sort of terraced stormwater filtration system.

--Bird friendly glass

The Vet Med building will use all bird friendly glass. They are still figuring out where bird friendly glass will have the most impact on the Gym/Nat building.

--Willow Creek

Some of the images show lawn to the creek edge but that's not accurate. Neither project will touch the edge of the bank.

Any questions and comments can be directed to Rhonda James.

Student Engagement Grant proposal review and award (Education subcommittee-Morgan Grunow) --MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

Open Meeting Adjournment

Submitted by Bryn Scriver, Preserve Volunteer and Outreach Coordinator