



**University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Lakeshore Nature Preserve Committee  
Tuesday March 9, 2021  
1:30-3:00 pm  
Remote WebEx meeting  
APPROVED Minutes**

**Present**

Janet Batzli, Rob Beattie, Gary Brown, Ben Burke, Sara Hotchkiss, Rhonda James, Kelly Ignatoski, Karen Oberhauser, Lexi Paus, Anna Pidgeon, Stephen Sentoff, Joe Webb

**Also Present**

Tom Bryan (Friends), Ann Burgess (Friends), Adam Gundlach (Preserve), Ava Padilla (FH King), Bryn Sriver (Preserve), Sophia Webber (FH King), Suzy Will-Wolf (Friends), Laura Wyatt (Preserve)

**Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes from February 5, 2021 was made by Pidgeon and seconded by Webb. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Reconsideration of Votes from February 5, 2021 meeting**

The committee needs to reconsider our vote on both the 2021 workplan and budget from the February 5, 2021 meeting due to a non-voting member making a motion and voting. A motion to approve both the 2021 workplan and budget was made by Beattie and seconded by Batzli. No objections were made, and the motion was approved by acclamation.

**Presentation by F.H. King Students for Sustainable Agriculture** (Directors Ava Padilla & Sophia Webber)

The mission of F.H. King Students for Sustainable Agriculture is “Connecting people, land, and food.” They grow produce to give away free to students in need, host workdays in the garden, hold educational speaker events, and offer internships. The gardens are made up of 5 annual production plots, 1 perennial plot, and a beehive. In 2020 they distributed over 4,100 pounds of produce, serving over 150 people each week. The Full Cycle Freight Compost Program they manage also engages interns who bike to Madison businesses to pick up food waste for composting. The Hydro and Aeroponics Program includes 2 tower gardens (1 at DeJope, 1 at Gordon), financed by the university’s Office of Sustainability Green Fund. Due to the COVID pandemic, F. H. King could not offer internships (30 total) in 2020, however coupled with increased publicity, the demand for produce skyrocketed and they had their most productive year to date. They also have close collaborations with and offer some of their plots to the African Diaspora garden, the GreenHouse garden, and the Mutual Aid garden. Questions can be directed to the garden directors at [fhking.garden@gmail.com](mailto:fhking.garden@gmail.com).

**Staff Reports**

- 1) Administration (Gary Brown)  
*See Preserve Staff Reports – March 9, 2021*

After a discussion Gary had with interim Associate Vice Chancellor Rob Cramer, he suggested we ask for \$150,000 from 101 state funding to cover all operating/maintenance funds in FY22 budget planning rather than having to use gift funds for these on-going needs. However due to the current budget impacts

of the COVID pandemic, this request will likely not be approved. Gary will make the request again for fiscal year 2023. The Preserve continues to have the support of the Facilities Planning & Management leadership and Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration Laurent Heller. We will be looking to engage the Preserve Committee members to help advocate in a meaningful way so there many voices supporting the need for additional 101 budget support for the Preserve.

2) Program and Operations (Laura Wyatt)  
*See Preserve Staff Reports – March 9, 2021*

In regard to gardens at Eagle Heights, all gardens are on Lakeshore Nature Preserve lands with oversight provided by the Garden Oversight Committee (GOC). Each entity (i.e. Eagle Heights Gardens, F.H. King, CALS, GreenHouse) is responsible for managing their own land. Structures like the F.H. King fire circle were installed after working with GOC and FP&M's department of Environment, Health & Safety. From vision to installation it took about 3 years for the fire circle to go through all review and approval processes. As a reminder, the fire circle is strictly for F.H. King use and the approved guidelines must be met. Also, Rhonda James is the point person for composting at Eagle Heights Gardens to make sure everyone is in compliance with the UW and the state guidelines. Rhonda also checks that all structures meet code and are safe.

3) Capital Projects (Rhonda James)  
*See Preserve Staff Reports – March 9, 2021*

4) Field Activities (Adam Gundlach)  
*See Preserve Staff Reports – March 9, 2021*

5) Volunteers and Outreach (Bryn Sriver)  
*See Preserve Staff Reports – March 9, 2021*

Preserve Committee members will be receiving a small gift in the mail from the Wisconsin Foundation and Alumni Association (WFAA). In return we ask you consider helping to promote the Preserve during the Day of the Badger WFAA fundraising event April 6-7. You can engage your social network in any way that makes sense for you (social media, email, phone call) and tell people what makes the Preserve valuable or special and why their support is important.

**Friends of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve report** (Stephen Sentoff)  
*See Friends Preserve Staff Reports – March 9, 2021*

Steve Sentoff's term on the Friends Board is ending this spring. There will be no one person as the Friends President and instead a number of Board members will be fulfilling the duties over the next year. Tom Bryan will be the next Friends representative on the Preserve Committee. Laura Wyatt thanked Steve for his service to the Preserve as a volunteer and as a representative of the Friends. She also recognized the wonderful gift the Friends are providing as a matching gift of up to \$4,000 for the Day of the Badger fundraiser.

Wyatt added that in the next few weeks a number of ash trees will be removed along the Lakeshore Path adjacent to University Bay Drive west of Picnic Point.

**Student Engagement Grant proposal review and award** (Education Subcommittee – Rob Beattie) MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

A motion to move to closed session was made by Pidgeon and seconded by Beattie. Motion was approved by acclamation.

After coming out of closed session, the meeting was adjourned.

### **Open Meeting Adjournment**

Submitted by Bryn Scriver, Preserve Volunteer and Outreach Coordinator