



Lakeshore Nature Preserve

FACILITIES PLANNING & MANAGEMENT
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

Lakeshore Nature Preserve Committee

Friday February 10, 2023

7:30am to 9:00am

Remote Zoom meeting

Minutes APPROVED

Present

Rob Beattie, Kathy Cramer, Claudia Guzman, Kelly Ignatoski, Rhonda James, Cole Koffron, Missy Nergard, Anna Pidgeon, Bella Ruchti, Evie Sellers, Kyle Webert, Will Vuyk

Also Present

Ann Burgess (Friends), Adam Gundlach (Preserve), Roma Lenahan (Friends), Bryn Scriver (Preserve), Laura Wyatt (Preserve)

Minutes

The minutes from December 7, 2022 were approved by unanimous consent.

Staff Updates

1) Director, Office of Sustainability (Missy Nergard)

National Sustainability ranking rated on biodiversity; Budget request next biodiversity study.

Anna Pidgeon suggested bioblitz as one way to collect information and bring experts together.

COP16—goal to effectively manage and conserve 30% of earth's land, inland waters, and coastal and marine ecosystems by 2030 and have restoration completed or underway on at least 30% of degraded terrestrial, inland waters, and coastal and marine ecosystems.

2) Assistant Director (Laura Wyatt)

See Preserve Staff Reports – February 10, 2023

3) Capital Projects (Rhonda James)

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4) Field Activities (Adam Gundlach)

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We are trying to formalize a Preserve monitoring program to better incorporate teaching and research and making it more functional for our needs. Friends of the Preserve expressed some interest in supporting these efforts.

If a committee member has a special interest in data organization, we might create a small working group to create overall plan and goals. Reach out to Adam if you are interested.

Rob Beattie said the Nelson Institute's Environmental Observation and Informatics MS program places students with partners.

5) Volunteer and Outreach (Bryn Scriver)

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Friends of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve report (Will Vuyk)

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Review of FY24 Work Plan (Preserve staff)

The workplan outlines activities that staff will focus on in FY2024. Staff pointed out some highlighted activities in the draft. The workplan will be presented again at our 2nd stakeholder meeting this spring.

Review of FY24 Budget (Laura Wyatt)

Seeking additional staff or funding for monitoring, possibly by a graduate student.

(Gap in recording/minutes)

Rob suggested the Preserve Committee could write a letter to describe the areas of the UW that use the Preserve and its depth and value to teaching and research. All Preserve Committee members could then sign. Metaphor-We have pit toilets in the Preserve and privately donated funds are used to clean them. This shows how little responsibility the UW takes at some times in terms of the Preserve.

Preserve Outreach Center Update (Rhonda James)

Advanced plan outcomes:

- Review site options and recommend a preferred site
- Suggest how the building relates to adjacent activities
- Review potential for the building to be sustainable (off-grid, carbon neutral, living building challenge?)
- Propose appropriate architecture

At the 1st public meeting in November the consultants shared different building locations and eliminated some inside the wall.

The proposed building should be highly sustainable, support teaching and field research activities, have a 50-person multi-purpose community space, strong indoor/outdoor connections, onsite offices for Preserve staff, field management tool/equipment storage and workspace, interpretive display space.

The consultants are trying to remedy the threshold and make the Preserve entrance more welcoming.

The next public info meeting will be at the end of March.

Master Plan Recommendation Review (Rhonda James)

Next steps:

- Currently verifying text compatibility with overall mission, vision, core values.
- The draft final document will be posted online for 2 weeks. The committee should review it and provide comments.
- The Preserve Committee is advisory to FP&M so a recommendation or statement would be created at the meeting following the 2-week posting.
- Shared with Preserve and FP&M leadership for feedback.
- Finalize and post on website.
- Intend to be completed by the end of the semester.
- All graphic representations on website already and can look at any time.

Adjournment

Submitted by Bryn Scriver, Preserve Volunteer and Outreach Coordinator