



Lakeshore Nature Preserve
FACILITIES PLANNING & MANAGEMENT
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

Lakeshore Nature Preserve Committee
Wednesday December 7, 2022
8:00am to 9:30am
Remote Zoom meeting
Minutes Approved

Present

Rob Beattie, Katherine Cramer, Kelly Ignatoski, Rhonda James, Cole Koffron, Missy Nergard, Anna Pidgeon, Elmo Rawling, Evie Sellers, Kyle Webert

Also Present

Ann Burgess (Friends), Adam Gundlach (Preserve), Sara Hotchkiss (Botany), Roma Lenehan (Friends), Anne Pearce (Friends), Bryn Scriver (Preserve), Laura Wyatt (Preserve)

Minutes

The minutes from November 9, 2022 were approved by unanimous consent.

Friends of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve report (Anne Pearce)

See Friends Report – December 7, 2022

Staff Reports

1) Director, Office of Sustainability (Missy Nergard)

As Director of the Office of Sustainability Missy has had the opportunity to participate in CALS and Student Affairs master planning. Nelson Institute is also going through master planning at this time. One of her priorities is finding opportunities to increase student relationships to nature. She would like to get feedback on ways to integrate natural settings, including the spaces between buildings and campus more holistically, into master planning. Rhonda said the Campus Landscape Master Plan from 2015 has a lot of recommendations in it.

The Biden Administration Nature Based Solutions was recently released. It will be reviewed by the UW Office of Sustainability, the State Office of Sustainability, Clean Energy, UW-Stevens Point and other system schools to look for opportunities, not just for the Lakeshore Nature Preserve but all 12,000 acres the system has across the state.

2) Assistant Director (Laura Wyatt)

See Preserve Staff Reports – December 7, 2022

3) Capital Projects (Rhonda James)

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4) Field Activities (Adam Gundlach)

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5) Volunteer and Outreach (Bryn Scriver)

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We are looking for your help to promote the Preserve Student Engagement Grants for undergraduate teaching, research, and outreach in the Preserve. Proposals are due March 1. Talk to your colleagues and the students and student groups you advise. Bryn will send out the request for proposals and the list of folks we send the grant announcement to. Please let her know if there are other people we should add to the list.

Outreach Center Update (Rhonda James)

The planning team is studying four possible building sites and how siting a building affects how sustainable it can be. The planning team visited the Aldo Leopold Foundation Building near Baraboo yesterday. This building was designed by the same architecture team that is planning our building. The next public meeting will be held in early 2023.

Wyatt encouraged committee members to attend public meetings. Meetings are recorded and posted online, but that doesn't allow for discussion. It was asked if meetings could be hybrid. Kyle Weibert said the AV people at the Union could help run the "Zoom room".

The Preserve Committee has an advisory role in siting and planning the Outreach Center informed by a lot of knowledge about the Preserve and its uses. Final recommendations will be approved by FP&M leadership, but they will be looking at this committee when they do that.

Master Plan Recommendation Review (Rhonda James)

Draft recommendations were presented at the 3rd public meeting held on November 17, and now the team is working on the text to support the recommendations. Most discussion has been about vegetation goals and trail improvements. The consultants identified additional studies: vegetation management plans (including Class of 1918 Marsh), geo technical evaluation of shoreline, interpretive sign study, design consistency of amenities, monitoring, and continue relationship building with Ho-Chunk. Some studies could be done in-house and others will need outside assistance (geo technical, and interpretive, and vegetation management plans-with lots of input from staff and other campus experts).

The final vegetation recommendations have evolved since from those presented at the 2nd public meeting after Preserve staff met with two groups of UW faculty and staff, city, county and state land managers, and private land management consultants. Anna Pidgeon said she liked, "the flow from one canopy cover type to the next in this vegetation plan. The canopy cover categories are big, especially for the first 2 categories; provides flexibility, but conversely, hard to envision. Maybe that will be detailed in next step."

Trail recommendations show additions, removals, repairs, types of trail surface, and access (for example by emergency response or utility vehicles).

If you have any comments please send them to Wyatt, James, or Nergard.

Adjourn

Submitted by Bryn Scriver, Preserve Volunteer and Outreach Coordinator