



Lakeshore Nature Preserve

FACILITIES PLANNING & MANAGEMENT
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

Lakeshore Nature Preserve Committee

Friday April 14, 2023

7:30am to 9:00am

Remote Zoom meeting

Minutes APPROVED

Present

Rob Beattie, Claudia Guzman, Kelly Ignatoski, Rhonda James, Cole Koffron, Missy Nergard, Bella Ruchti, Evie Sellers, Will Vuyk

Also Present

Ann Burgess, Adam Gundlach, Bryn Scriver, Laura Wyatt

Minutes

The minutes from March 10, 2023 were approved by unanimous consent.

Old Business –Committee Letter of Support for Preserve (Rob Beattie)

Committee members received a copy of a letter that Rob Beattie drafted and Kathy Cramer, Karen Oberhauser, and Sara Hotchkiss word smithed. This letter is going to come from the Committee to support the work of the Preserve and its new budget. It will be sent to university administration including Cindy Torstveit and Rob Cramer from FP&M, the Provost, the Chancellor, and Dean Robbins of the Nelson Institute.

Claudia Guzman made a motion to approve and send the letter. Evie Sellers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Friends of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve report (Will Vuyk)

There is no written report this month. The Friends 22nd Annual Meeting was Wednesday April 12. There are a lot of exciting field trips coming up. You can find them on the Friends website.

Master Plan Project Update Review (Rhonda James)

Summary:

- Vegetative community definitions (from WI DNR) and goals
- Access and trail improvements
- Identify additional studies or activities (including Class of 1918 Marsh, signage and interpretation, evaluate shoreline, continue building relationship with First Nations, continue discussions with Advisory group)
- User experience improvements (removals, repairs, additions)

Next steps:

- Internal review of final draft (staff, then leadership of Preserve and FP&M)
- Post final draft online for public comment
- Final revisions
- Present to campus planning committee
- Begin implementation

Link to project webpage on Preserve websites (www.lakeshorepreserve.wisc.edu)

Preserve Outreach Center Update (Rhonda James)

Recap of Public Meeting #2 held on March 28.

An Advanced Plan is the first step for any project on campus. It establishes the project scope, budget, and schedule.

Tasks:

- Determine a preferred site
- Provide a conceptual site plan
- Evaluate sustainable options (energy, Living Building Challenge—most rigorous 3rd party sustainability certification in the world)
- Propose architecture
- Estimate cost

Blessing Ceremony on November 1, 2022 with Traditional Ho-Chunk Chief Winneshiek.

Public input:

- Stakeholder group meetings
- Two public meetings
- Preserve Committee Meetings
- Friends Board Meetings

Pattern writing:

Why build here, Kinship with the land, Healing the threshold, A building for people who want to be outside, Safeguard and rediscover the wall, Landscape management made visible

Net positive energy:

Solar panel arrays, Highly insulated building envelope, Large north facing windows for indirect lighting, East to west building orientation for winter solar access

Overall site concept:

New road location creates unified space for building and parking, Vehicle/bike/ped circulation improved for safety and sense of place, New ped path highlights main entry, New gathering space at Class of 1918 Marsh, Native plantings

Building concept:

One-story building blends into landscape, Accessible path to roof overlook, Tree canopy walk entrance

Sustainable features:

Rammed earth walls, Clearstory bird safe windows, Local sourced materials, Photovoltaic and geothermal

To see a movie of site: www.cpd.fpm.wisc.edu/projects/lakeshore-nature-preserve-outreach-center-advanced-plan/

Next steps (Phase I):

- Slight revisions to concept plan
- Complete cost estimate
- Publish advanced report

Phase II-Design through Construction:

- Begin 2nd phase of design development
- Prepare construction documentation
- Environmental Impact Statement
- Approvals and permits
- Secure funding
- Bid the construction
- Construction
- Opening

The project embraces the fact that this is indigenous land. We are also continuing to build a relationship with the Native Nations Working Group. Discussions on good places to share Ho-Chunk culture and what that might look like. Cloris Lowe (Ho-Chunk) of Lowe Consulting is a part of the design team. We want to make the Preserve welcoming to all students. Claudia Guzman can help with engagement as Director of the Multicultural Student Center.

The West Campus District Plan covers areas adjacent to the Preserve including Eagle Heights Community Apartments. Interim Campus Planner Aaron Williams is helping to lead the West Campus District Plan discussions and he understands the importance of the Preserve to the university.

Staff Reports

1) Director, Office of Sustainability (Missy Nergard)

The Preserve needs to be elevated including staffing and compensation. Laura Wyatt has been appointed as Interim Director, and we will start a nationwide search for a full-time director in the fall. The director position description will be shared with the Preserve Committee before it is posted.

2) Assistant Director (Laura Wyatt)

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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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Adjournment

Submitted by Bryn Scriver, Preserve Volunteer & Outreach Coordinator