



Lakeshore Nature Preserve
Stakeholder Meeting #1 Notes
Tuesday September 29, 2020
Webex Meeting, 5:00-6:00pm

Present: Gary Brown, Adam Gundlach, Jeff Kirchman (UWPD), Gisela Kutzbach (Friends), Rhonda James, Jake McCulloch (Office of Sustainability), Bryn Scriver, Steve Sentoff (Friends), Joe Webb (Outdoor UW), Paul Williams (Friends), Laura Wyatt

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Planning and Budget timeline:
 - a. This is the first of two stakeholders meetings.
 - b. The draft budget and work plan will be presented first to the Preserve Committee at the December meeting.
 - c. After incorporating any feedback from the Preserve Committee, the draft will be presented to the public at the 2nd stakeholder meeting to be held January 26, 2021 at 5pm in a remote Webex Meeting.
 - d. The final draft will be presented to the Preserve Committee at the February 2021 meeting for approval.
 - e. The Preserve's fiscal year runs from March 1 to February 28.
3. The Preserve will accept project proposals for capital improvements, funding assistance, or maintenance support within the Lakeshore Nature Preserve's 300 acres of natural areas until November 1.
 - a. Gisela Kutzbach said the Friends will be submitting at least 2 project proposals for a spring 2021 planting event and for the Prairie Partners Intern program for summer 2021.

4. Work Plan 6-month Status Report

Comments and questions:

Kutzbach said it is wonderful that the three Friends of the Preserve citizen science projects—Bluebird trail, Purple Martin house, and Clean Lakes Alliance Lake Mendota water quality testing—could continue during the pandemic.

Kutzbach wanted to know what consultants are being considered for the master planning process and what the criteria are for them. She said the Friends want to be useful and are hoping to contribute to the planning process. She also understands the Preserve has ongoing management needs. Brown said he has just started putting together a list of potential consultants. He said he will keep the Friends informed.

Kutzbach also asked about the new pole barn going up on the recreation fields west of Lot 130. Brown said that is temporary storage for items that are being displaced during the building of the New Gym/Nat.

Williams said he is a cheerleader for the Preserve which is a "very important piece of landscape."