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OFFICIAL NOTICE AND AGENDA

Notice is hereby given that the River and Trails Task Force Committee of the City of Stoughton, Wisconsin will hold a regular or special meeting as indicated on the date, time and location given below.

Meeting of the: RIVER AND TRAILS TASK FORCE COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF STOUGHTON

Date /Time: Monday, January 9, 2017 @ 5:30 PM

Location: Hall of Fame Room (381 E Main St, Stoughton WI 53589)

Members: Jon Lewis, Jim Wilcox, Sandra Black, Nancy Hagen, Bob Diebel, Joni Dean,

Larry Liebmann, Ralph Erickson, Phil Caravello, David Sharpe, Councilperson

Greg Jenson, Parks and Recreation Director Tom Lynch

CC: Attorney Matt Dregne, Donna Olson, Leadership Team, Stoughton

Newspapers, Sarah Monette, Judi Krebs, Council Members. dDDialoregonobserver@wcinet.com.derickson@madison.com

^{*} Note-For security reasons, the front doors of the City Hall building (including the elevator door) will be locked after 4:30 p.m. If you need to enter City Hall after that time, please use the entrance on the east side of City Hall (the planning department door). If you are physically challenged and are in need of the elevator or other assistance, please call 873-6677 prior to 4:30 p.m.

Item #	CALL TO ORDER
1	Call to Order
2	December 5, 2016 Minutes
3	Communications a. Spring Clean Up April 22, 2017 b. Mandt Park Plan c. Amundson Trail Updates d. Virgin Lake Trail

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4	Bike Lanes, Routes and Boulevards	
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5	Future Agenda Items	

ADJOURNMENT

OLD BUSINESS

River and Trails Task Force Meeting Monday, December 5, 2016 Hall of Fame Room

Present: Jon Lewis, Jim Wilcox, Sandra Black, Nancy Hagen, Bob Diebel, Joni Dean, Larry Liebmann, Ralph Erickson, Phil Caravello, David Sharpe, Council person Greg Jenson, Tom Lynch.

Guest: Jim Post.

Call to Order

- 1. Call to order at 5:28 pm.
- 2. November 7, 2016 Minutes. Approved by Nancy with a second by Phil. Carried.
 - November 28, 2016 Bike Lanes Sub Committee Minutes. Approved by Phil with a second by Joni. Carried.
- 3. Communications: Phil sent an email today from the League of American Bicyclists. The next application deadline is the middle of January to apply and designate your city as a Bicycle Friendly Community. Will discuss further.

Old Business

- 4. Bike Lanes, Routes and Boulevards. Phil shared copies of the Existing & Future Parks and Trails map and highlighted routes into and through the city. Discussed signage and Phil provided a reference that depicts them every 2-3 blocks. Boulevard vs path vs route signs were discussed. Tom suggested communication with the Parks and Recreation Committee before proceeding. It was suggested that Phil present to the committee but other Task Force Members will be invited. Tom will share the date/time of the next meeting by e-mail.
- 5. Amundson Trail Update: Bob reported that Larry Mitbo will give the river property to the City and there are two properties left for discussion. Bob has guidance about writing a letter to these homes.

New Business

- 6. Nancy presented the River Trail pamphlet that is at the Chamber and all agreed that it needs to be updated.
- 7. Nancy and Sandra are creating a letter for the Tower Times with a description and update of the trail.

Adjournment: Motion by Jon with a second by Nancy to adjourn at 6:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Joni Dean

Friluftsliv Center

Friluftsliv is a Norwegian philosophy of connecting with nature. The Center would be a place where Stoughton residents could connect with nature through outdoor recreation and education. The center would be located at Mandt Park to take advantage of the Yahara River and trails.



Center Amenities & Activities

Outdoor Equipment Rentals

The cost of gear is one of the major barriers to entry for participating in outdoor recreation. By providing low cost equipment rentals, it will allow more people the ability to participate. Equipment rentals could include canoes, snow shoes, skateskayaks, tents, backpacking packs, fishing gear, and bicycles.





Nature Play & Learning Space

Nature play and learning areas are a new trend where children are able to interact with nature daily. They are in a designated, managed location in an existing or modified outdoor environment where children of all ages and abilities play and learn by engaging with diverse natural elements, materials, organisms and habitats, through sensory, fine motor, and gross motor experiences.



Introductory Classes & Trips

Other major barriers to entry for participating in outdoor activities include the lack of skills and people to participate with. The center could provide a hub for introductory classes and trips resulting in skills and social connections.



Special Events

Mandt Park hosts many special events throughout the year including the Syttende Mai run, the Stoughton Fair, and Coffee Break. The center could act as a hub for these events with a central operations point and restrooms.



Indoor Farmers Market

A year-round indoor farmers market located in the center would provide access to affordable and healthy food options.



Food and Drink Options

An outdoor patio along the river would provide a place to socialize. Places like this are very popular in the Milwaukee area and the City of Madison plans on opening one in Olbrich Park.



Outdoor Music Concerts

The center with a patio along the river would be a potential area to expand concerts in the parks. The concerts could then be moved inside during the winter months.



Facility Rental and Public Use

The center's main indoor space could be used for community meetings, scout groups, sport groups, City meetings as well as weddings and family reunions.



Pickle Ball Complex

Pickle Ball is big in Stoughton and continuing to grow. The little used basketball courts in the northeast corner of Mandt Park should be converted into a pickle ball complex with up to 6 courts. In the winter the space would become a skating ring. Lights would extend the usage of both activities.





This plan is by no means finished. Everything listed here and on the map is open for change. Our purpose at this point is to promote a vision that meets the needs of the community in multiple ways. We are open to constructive criticism and new ideas. This has been with us in one form or another for several years. The plan changes constantly with new ideas. We expect that to continue with your help.



Boardwalk Presentation Stoughton

Tyler Lorenz

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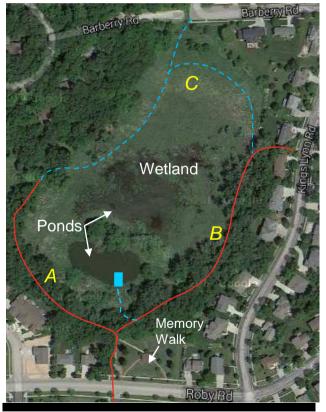
- John Nygaard Virgin Lake Park
 - 0.5 miles of scenic trail, 8 wooded acres
 - 2 acre Lake
 - 5 open acres to south of Roby Rd
 - Soccer field, playground
 - Shelter w/bathrooms





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Trail Map







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Legend		
	Current Trail	
	Future Trail/Boardwalk	
	Park Region	

Long Term Proposal (2017-19)



- Creation of "Trail C" and construction of wheel chair accessible boardwalk/bridge solution over select wet areas [2 identified]
 - Maintain boardwalk, replacing boards, railings etc.
 - Built entirely with urban wood in collaboration with Stoughton High School
- Wheel chair accessible pier for patrons to spectate
 - Urban wood and High School Shop Student involvement

 Cutting more trail/creating boardwalk to connect new northbound subdivision – Velkommen Way – ultimately to Madison Trail System





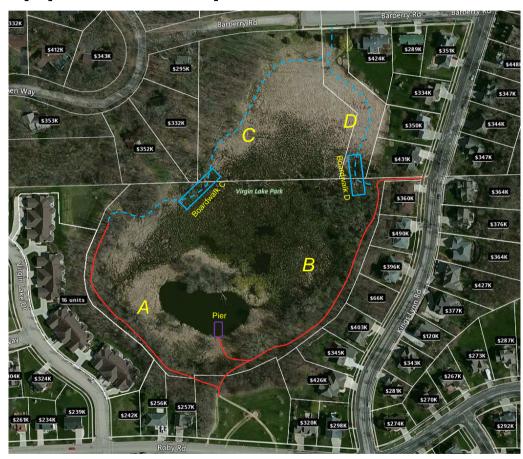
Community Involvement Team

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Trail Path – Approx. Map from Zillow.com

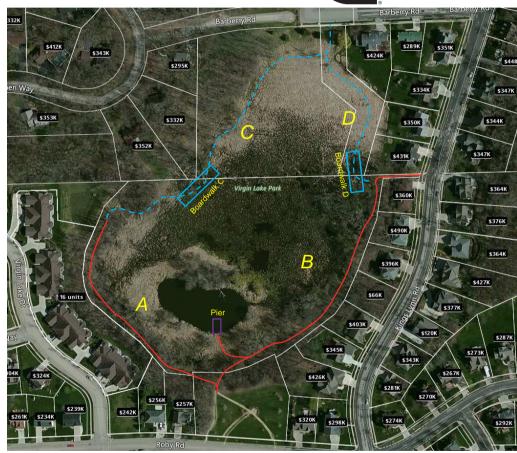
- Boardwalk C –
 bridges seasonally wet
 area of terrain
- Boardwalk D –
 bridges storm runoff
 area seasonally wet
- Pier at end of observatory trail – permanent construction (not removed in winter)
 - Ice shifting not anticipated to be a damaging problem with size of lake



Trail C & D Construction

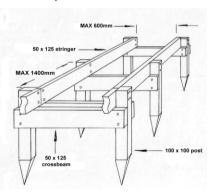


- As completed on "observatory trail" to the lake:
 - Trim down grass/trees/shrubs, particularly at Boardwalk D location
 - Lay down weed barrier, 8' width
 - Spread aggregate trail mix over top
- Entrance signage at Barberry Rd (north end)



Boardwalk Construction

Concepts:













- Desires:
 - Wheelchair accessible
 - Railings
 - Urban wood
 - No stain/clear coat/treatment

Pier Construction

Concepts:







- Desires:
 - Wheelchair accessible
 - Railings
 - Urban wood
 - No stain/clear coat/treatment



Next Steps



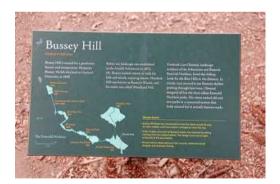
- City approval? Landowner notification?
- Permits from WI DNR
- Surveying of property lines identifying trail location
- Stockpiling of urban wood
 - Sawyer work to turn wood into boards
- Design of boardwalk ownership?
- Construction of boardwalk, ownership of boardwalk, insurance
- Installation of boardwalk
- Pier (2018/2019)?

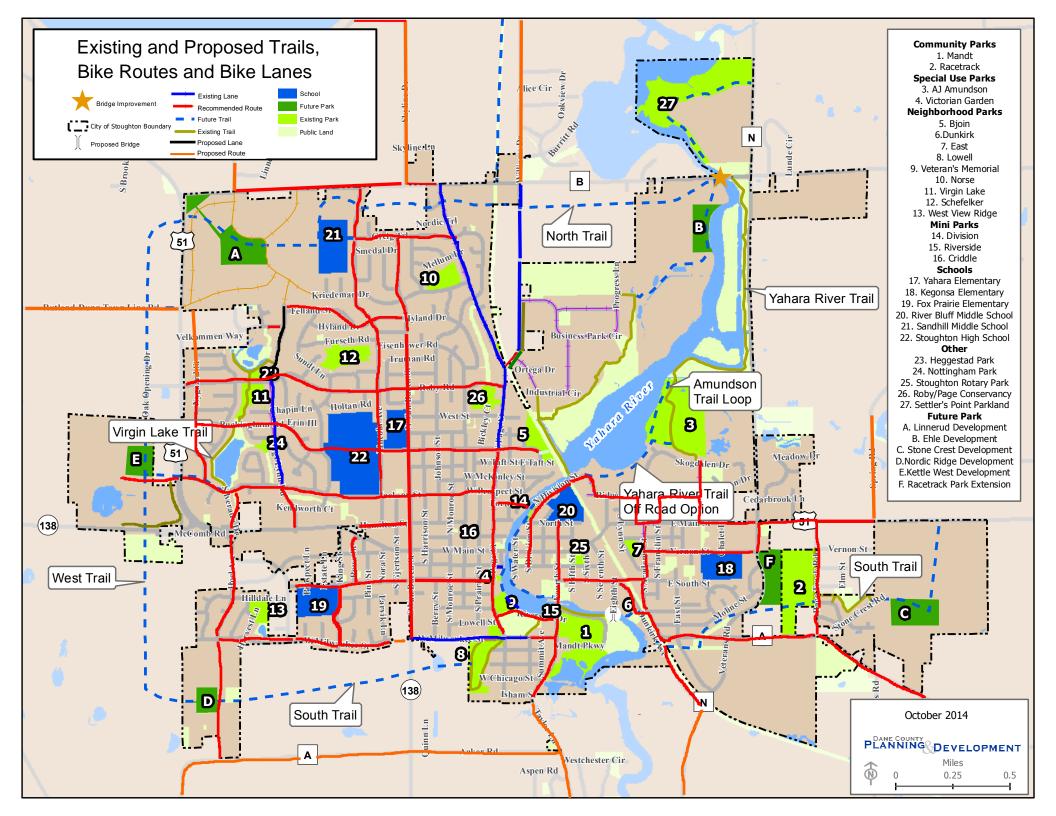
Supplementary Ideas



- Urban wood benches around new trail and on pier (Stoughton Senior Center, UW-Madison urban wood art)
- Informational signage (placard) about area wildlife/trees/urban wood usage (built by Senior Center, Mineral Point Laser Cutting), Field trip opportunities for Middle School







PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday December 28, 2016 4:30 PM

Hall of Fame Room



Present: Alderpersons: Dennis Kittleson, Regina Hirsch, Matt Bartlett, Mayor Donna Olson and Parks and Recreation Director Tom Lynch

Guests: Brian Conger, Tim Swadley, Michael Engelberger, Ralph Erickson, Phil Caravello, Larry Liebmann, Nancy Hagen, Bob Diebel, Cheryl Buchwald

1. Call to Order

Selsor called to order at 4:30 PM

2. Approval of the Minutes from November 21, 2016

Motion by Kittleson, seconded by Bartlett, to approve the minutes of November 21, 2016. Motion carried 3-0.

3. Communications

The boy that is asking to have updates at our skate park will attend at the January meeting.

New Business

4. Bike Transportation Plan

The update to the bike routes plan was presented to the committee. The plan was generally accepted with the following requests:

- 1. Check on potential streets for conversion to bike lanes
- 2. Cost of bike route signs
- 3. Design of bike route signs
- 4. Naming of bike routes
- 5. Priority list for implementation
- 6. Possible naming sponsors

The River and Trails Task Force will take on these items at their January meeting.

Old Business

5. Nordic Ridge Splash Pad

Cheryl Buchwald from the United States Geological Society gave a presentation on the use and supply of the water in the Stoughton Area. There was consensus that there was little effect on our groundwater if we went ahead with installing a smaller splash pad in the Nordic Ridge Development.

Motion made by Hirsch, second by Bartlett to positively move the discussion to the developers for installing a flow through splash pad (not to exceed 3,000,000 gpy). Motion passed 3-0.

6. Future Agenda Items

Junior Fair Contract Amundson Trail Agreement Development of Mandt Park Bike Lanes Update Splash Pad in Nordic Ridge Skate Park Improvements Possible hidden Parks

Adjournment

Motion made by Kittleson,, seconded by Bartlett to adjourn at 7:30 PM. Motion passed 3-0.