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Hillmoor Commission Agenda
Thursday, August 13, 2026 - 6:00 PM
Lake Geneva City Hall; Council Chambers

Members:

Chair: Mayor Todd Krause, Council Liaison: Alderperson Cindy Yager, Consultant: Michael Krajovic
Mark Davids, Kenneth Etten, Dan Getzen, Larry Happ, Paula Porubcan, Peggy Schneider, and Lowell Thompson

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Comments from the public as allowed by Wis. Stats. §19.84(2), limited to items on this agenda, except for public hearing items. Comments will be limited to 5 minutes**
- 4. Consultant's Report**
- 5. Presentation/Discussion regarding Geneva Lakes Astrophysics and Steam Project by Friends of Hillmoor**
- 6. Presentation on City Forming a Parks Foundation**
- 7. Discussion/Recommendation regarding Hillmoor 2027 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Budget Priorities for 2027-2031**
- 8. Discussion/Recommendation regarding Future Planning of Hillmoor Zones 2-5**
- 9. Adjournment**

A quorum of the Council may be present; however, no official Council action will be taken.
Requests from persons with disabilities who need assistance to participate in this meeting should be made to the City Clerk's office in advance so that the appropriate accommodations can be made.



Parks Foundation

An Overview for the Hillmoor Commission



What We Are Building

Lake Geneva Parks Foundation

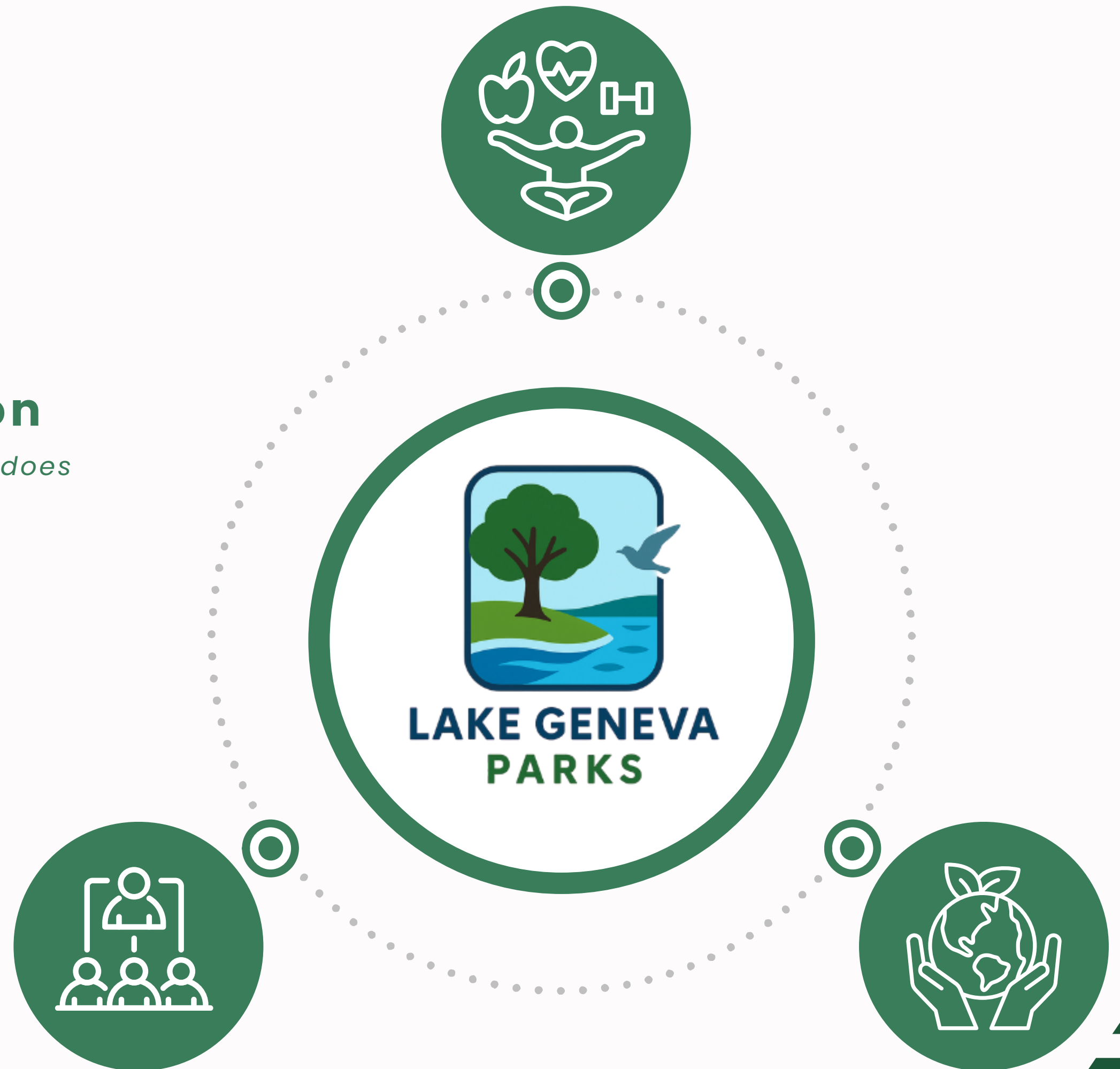
Foundation funding supplements City investment. It does not replace it.

Supporting Projects Exceeding City Budget:

- Ecological restoration
- Connected trail systems
- Playgrounds or Park Amenities
- Recreation

Create Community Identity:

- Madison's arboretum & lakefront trails define the city
- Milwaukee's lakefront & park system are their signature



Why It Matters for Hillmoor

The Demand

- **56%** of residents want MORE investment in bicycle facilities
- **62%** currently drive to OTHER communities for recreation (we can win them back)
- Strong support for conservation and community access working together

What Residents Want Most	
Top Priorities	Vision
Trail Connectivity	Imagine biking safely from downtown to Hillmoor to Big Foot Beach
Restored Natural Areas	Hillmoor as an ecological showcase AND community asset
Connected Experiences	Every park linked by trails, signage, and purpose

Information from 2021-2026 CORP - to be updated by 2026-2031 CORP

Hillmoor is a flagship opportunity with the scale and story to attract significant investment. It is just one part of a broader parks system the Foundation is being built to serve.

HOW IT GETS FUNDED

While Independent Parks Foundation Is Created

City Parks Designated Fund:

- A formally restricted fund established by Council resolution that accepts donations directly.
- Funds are legally restricted to parks purposes and cannot be redirected without a separate Council action.
- Simple to administer and no third-party fees, though some donors may prefer giving to an independent entity.



GOVERNANCE

Built For Success



Park Board

The Voice of the Community

They ensure:

- Long-term vision reflects community values
- All parks serve public interest
- Projects align with resident priorities

Their role with Foundation:

- Provide strategic direction on what community needs most



Parks & Other City Departments

The Builders

They deliver:

- Professional park management
- Quality maintenance and operations
- Project implementation

Their role with Foundation:

- Parks Department identifies opportunities and manages Foundation-funded projects
- Hillmoor Commission provides advocacy for Hillmoor and additional project support



Parks Foundation

The Catalyst

They enable:

- Private philanthropy for public parks
- Funding beyond annual city budget
- Donor engagement and stewardship
- Endowment growth for permanent support

Their role:

- Make possible what tax dollars alone can't fund

Restricted gifts follow donor intent. Unrestricted gifts are directed by the Foundation board. Page 6 of 7



Together

This is what we're building toward. More moments like this, made possible by our community.



The opportunity is here. The community is ready. Let's build this together.