

Hillmoor AdHoc 3/14/2024

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

Present

Mayor Klein

Dave Quickel

Skip Atwell

Henry Sibiing

Adam St.marie

Cherie Borowiec

Michael Krajovic

Fred Gahl

Paula Porubcan

Betty Volquardsen

Peggy Schneider

Karen Yancey

Absent:

Deborah Beagle

Lawrie Weed

3. Approval of Minutes

Betty V: I misspoke, it is the Geneva Lakes Women's Association not the Lake Geneva Garden Club that I was referring to.

4. Presentation: UniverCITY program at UW Madison - Mr. Gavin Luter, Managing Director

a. UCY Four Step Process

i. Local government partner identifies issues or questions

ii. UCY matches projects with solutions based courses

iii. UW Madison students work on the issues and questions

iv. Local government receives research reports, designs and implementations support.

b. Worked with 35 communities across Wisconsin. 2,453 Students and 325 projects

c. They have worked with many municipalities across a diverse spectrum of issues. They utilize their students to give them real world experience and real projects. Developing strategies from public safety concerns to ROI evaluations for health and wellness, evaluating drug treatment, along with a lot of Parks & Recreation, Economic Development. Ex. Polk County

re-branding materials. Tourism Marketing (Using Marketing Materials)
Developing strategies to link arts, culture and economic development.

- d. Planning & Placemaking
 - i. Infill development plans (Monroe building a pocket park)
- e. Examples of Work
 - i. Best practices reports
 - ii. Data analysis
 - iii. Policy recommendations
 - iv. Design recommendations
 - v. Health impact assessments
 - vi. Community engagement
 - vii. Staff trainings
 - viii. Case study comparisons
 - ix. Site plans
 - x. Program Evaluations
- f. Hillmoor Organic Golf-Park
 - i. Site Designs
 - ii. Environmental Assessments
 - iii. Turfgrass management
 - iv. Economic Development/Marketing
 - v. Public Affairs (Cost/Benefit Analysis)
 - vi. Water Resources Management
 - vii. And more
- g. Apply to be a UniverCity year Partner
 - i. Applications released in April, due late July 2024 - or sooner!
 - ii. Required: Document community support, provide project ideas, document financial contribution, tell us general info about your county
 - iii. Costs about \$30,000 and 3 years to pay it. Covers about 30 projects.
- h. The Wisconsin Idea: The benefit of the University of Wisconsin should be felt by everybody in the State.
 - i. Luter@wisc.edu
- j. Cherie Borowiec - Makes a motion to include the UniverCity program into looking into them further.
- k. Paula - For things that are long term complicated projects, you have student schedules and you have this three year contract with us, how do you deal with things where you may have to come back after 3 years, 5 years.

- l. Gavin - Sometimes we will do a handoff between classes. We had to do this with the Blue Green Algae where it was handed off between public affairs and designs of autonomous craft. Usually when people work with us for a year or two they have so much information that they need to pause and review what we have given them and assess what they want to do and need to do next.
- m. Paula - So as an example of habitat restoration we may come back and say we want to check on the health of these communities given x,y and z, so how does that work?
- n. Gavin - Yes, that may be a separate engagement where you would come to us and say what else do you need us to do.
- o. Betty - How would a golf park soil study work over the course of time and look at turf grass or other recommendations?
- p. Gavin - We would put a plan together to check on the soils then plan a future time to assess the future.
- q. The Glen Golf Park which has multiple uses is in Madison.
- r. If you want to make a golf course then there are organizations that you can go to to do that but if you wanted to do study and marketing for a golf park that would be something we would do well. We have a school of journalism as well as a school of public affairs.
- s. **Cherie Borowiec - I want to make a motion that we work with the UniverCity. To add working with them in our concept plan of ideas. To explore further dialogue and information from them to see if they are a good fit for any of our projects.**
- t. Fred Gahl - I would second that.
- u. Michael Krajovic - I would want to do an investigation into what this would look like.
- v. Cherie - That's more what I mean.
- w. Michael K - How do you define a project?
- x. Gavin - It really depends on what's feasible. We need to find a group of students and match them up. "We want to understand how to preserve wetlands" that's an example of a project.
- y. Mayor Klein - I forwarded your information to Public Works and there may be other departments as well.
- z. Fred Gahl - You mentioned also that you could help with grant writing.
- aa. Gavin - Yeah, we have students who want to be grant writers. We have students hungry for those experiences. Please hear, there are limits to what we can do. I've seen them do really good work but they have also done some lesser work but I also think there are no consultants who are batting 1000 either. You can get bad work from them.

- bb. Betty - Have you done projects where you have engaged the community to get feedback?
- cc. Gavin - Yes, but that requires us knowing who you would want us to talk to. We are doing a project now where we are doing a public service. We can do it but we need your support to do that.

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ee. Fred Gahl - I would second that.

ff. Mayor Klein - All in Favor, Aye

gg. So moved.

5. Update: Knowles - Nelson Grant - Paula Porubcan/Karen Yancey

- a. Paula - I would like to make a motion to suspend the rules to ask Vince in the audience a question
- b. Karen - I seconded the motion
- c. All in Favor
- d. If we are awarded the grant we won't find out until September but we have two years to implement the funds.
- e. Paula - So our task is to recommend to City Counsel that they allow the GLC to submit the grant and revised map and revised budget because City Counsel has been waiting for AdHoc to review this whole thing.
- f. Paula - So we would do Scenario 1 but decrease the limestone paths so that we can increase the fees for hiring a skilled Landscape Engineer and Project Manager.
- g. Karen Yancey - The Conservancy is the Partner in the Grant. The GLC will be there to monitor that.
- h. Karen - I think we would do a Memorandum of Understanding so that it is clear that we will work with the Parks Department.
- i. Paula - We are recommending to the City Council that they go with the revised Scenario 1 grant application.
- j. The City Council should see the final version of the Grant and this AdHoc Committee
- k. Paula - Fixed or new Asphalt paths in Zone 1.
- l. Karen - Motion to approve the Knowles Nelson Grant revised application as discussed today to approve the submission to City Council.
- m. Paula - seconded the motion
- n. All in favor

6. Friends of Hillmoor Report - Betty Volquardsen
 - a. FOH are having two clean up days April 18 and April 20. Cleaning up the cart paths and making them easier to get through.
 - b. We are also looking into a B City, encouraging the planting of pollinating.

7. Update: ABC too subgroup - Betty/Adam/Cheri
 - a. The Library is interested in having satellite rooms and larger rooms
 - b. Adam - Motion to continue the conversation with the Library and add it to the list of concepts to be considered on the Conceptual Plan.
 - c. Cherie - Seconded
 - d. All in Favor
 - e. Opposed - Dave Quickel

8. Update: Opening of the Hillmoor trails - correspondence from Samantha Ingo, Parks Superintendent
 - a. Utility companies are doing locates to make sure we do not hit any signs.
 - b. Public Works are making temporary trails and we are trying to get it open by Easter Weekend.
 - c. Karen - Will there be maps and will it be accessible for those with disabilities?
 - d. Mayor Klein - Yes there will be maps and yes it will be accessible on the roads.

9. Next Meeting Date & Time
 - a. Meeting March 28th
 - b. Mayor - Motion to adjourn
 - c. Fred - Seconded
 - d. All in favor 5:58pm