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To: Plan Commission

From: Planning Division Staff

RE: **Comments Received on the draft High Point-Raymond Neighborhood Development Plan Update**

The draft High Point Raymond Neighborhood Development Plan update was introduced to Council on June 20, 2017. Council referred the draft to Long Range Transportation Planning Committee, Board of Park Commissioners, Sustainable Madison Committee and Plan Commission (lead). Members of LRTPC also requested the draft be discussed at Pedestrian Bicycle and Motor Vehicle Commission.<sup>1</sup>

### **Long Range Transportation Planning Committee – June 22, 2017**

Nearly all discussion of the draft plan at LRTPC focused on the extension of Jeffy Trail.

Excerpt from Draft Minutes:

*Jim Polewski /Mark Shahan submitted a motion to recommend adoption of Resolution ID 4768, and specifically including the extension of Jeffy Trail (as currently in the draft Plan). Grant Foster/Susan DeVos offered an amended motion - to recommend adoption of Resolution ID 47681, and to specifically remove the extension of Jeffy Trail. That motion passed 4-2.*

*Ayes: 4 - Margaret Bergamini; Grant A . Foster; Kenneth G. Johnson and Susan M. De Vos 4 -  
Noes: 2- James E. Polewski and Mark N. Shahan*

*Excused: 1- Ken Golden*

*Non Voting: Al Matano*

Staff Response: Staff supports the extension of Jeffy Trail. See attached memo for more detailed rationale.

### **Pedestrian Bicycle Motor Vehicle Commission – June 26, 2017**

Again, discussion centered on the extension of Jeffy Trail. Grant Foster, Susan De Vos and Ald. Skidmore stated their opposition to the extension. No vote was taken as this was an information presentation

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<sup>1</sup> Since this referral was not made by the Common Council, the draft was presented for discussion purposes only and no vote was taken.

### **Board of Park Commissioners - July 12, 2017**

Parks staff offered the following comment:

RETURN TO LEAD WITH THE RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL TO THE PLAN COMMISSION with the following comment:

*Page 9 – Old Mid Town Road. Replace paragraph with the following:*

*Mid Town Road between Marty Road and Gammon Road is shown to be vacated in the 1997 plan, leaving an uninterrupted open space between Elver Park and Raymond Road. If both the north and south sides of Mid Town Road are used for park purposes, the vacation or removal of Mid Town Road should be considered to provide a continuous recreational space. The park planning process should determine if the existing road is necessary as it could potentially bisect use areas and may introduce cut through traffic, conflict zones with park users, and potential safety concerns. If the open space south of Mid Town Road is not used for park purposes, a southern access to the park as provided by the existing road may be beneficial.*

The board also discussed Jeffy Trail, and voted to amend the recommendation to remove Jeffy Trail.

Staff Response: Staff does not object to the language regarding Mid Town Road. The need to maintain Mid Town Road in the future will depend on the final design of park and open spaces on the Marty property and potential other properties on Gammon Road. This comment clarifies that vacation of Mid Town may be appropriate, but that determination should be made during the park planning process.

### **Sustainable Madison Committee - July 16, 2017**

The majority of discussion focused on Jeffy Trail. Ald. DeMarb also questioned how the NDP considered and accommodated the projected growth and associated housing needs of Madison.

The Committee voted to recommend approval without the Jeffy Trail extension. Note: SMC member Joe Ryan made a disclosure at the beginning of the meeting that he is the President of Madison West Neighborhood Association, which includes the area encompassing Jeffy Trail. He voted against the extension.

Staff Response: Staff will be preparing material addressing the existing growth capacity of all Neighborhood Development Plans, as well as redevelopment potential identified in the Comprehensive Plan.