



City of Madison

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Meeting Minutes HABITAT STEWARDSHIP SUBCOMMITTEE

Monday, March 18, 2013

4:00 PM
Goodman Maint. Facility, 1402 Wingra Creek Pkwy, 1st Floor
Conference Room

I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Habitat Stewardship Subcommittee of the Park Commission was held on Monday, March 18, 2013 at the Goodman Maintenance Facility, 1402 Wingra Creek Parkway. Bassett called the meeting to order.
Members Present: Steve Bassett, Sean Gere, and Brock Woods.
Members excused: Nancy Ragland
Parks Staff Present: Charlie Romines, Marla Eddy, Russ Hefty.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Woods, seconded by Gere to approve the Minutes of the December 4, 2012 meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Registered Speakers:
Dennis Lynch, requesting MG&E and the City to not prune trees on his private property.
Jerry Anderson, opposing cutting trees down along the bike path near Commonwealth Avenue.
Rodney Helmke, concerns about tree removals on the greenway near Valley Road.

IV. DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no Disclosures or Recusals by members of the Subcommittee.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. MGE Annual Permit Approval

A motion was made by Gere, seconded by Woods to Approve the Madison Gas and Electric's 2013 Line Clearing request and to have the City Forester issue the annual permit. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

B. 2013 Street Tree Species Review

City Forester Marla Eddy presented the existing species list and the proposed changes to the species list. Eddy provided information on the individual species being added to the species list. Eddy discussed that they do not normally view the trees for native status, but instead for non-invasive trees that promote diversity in the urban forest.

A motion was made by Gere, seconded by Bassett to Approve the Species List. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

C. Cherokee Marsh Oak Savanna Restoration

Conservation Resource Supervisor Russ Hefty presented the North Cherokee Marsh Oak Savannah/Prairie restoration plan. Hefty discussed the restoration work already completed in the area, which included forestry mowing and treatment to remove exotic shrubs. The next step being proposed is to remove larger trees that currently separate the two prairie areas. This would improve the areas Oak savannah habitat. The committee discussed the long term management plan and whether or not it would be possible to expand the prairie areas further than currently proposed. Hefty indicated that fire and burning will naturally expand the prairie areas over the long term.

A motion by Woods, seconded by Gere to accept the report and recommend to the Park Commission. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Gere, seconded by Bassett to Adjourn. Motion passed by voice vote/other.