PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE/MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION COVER SHEET

AGENDA ITEM E.3. D.2.	MEETING DATE June 27, 2006 referred to July 25, 2006 meeting	
ITEM Adopting the Spring Harbor Neighborhood Plan and recommendations contained therein as a supplement to the City's adopted Comprehensive Plan.		
ID Number Legistar File # 03712	Council report back due date: none specified	

OTHER REFERRALS AND ACTIONS TAKEN TO DATE: (Asterisk indicates lead agency.)

Plan Commission*, Board of Estimates, Board of Public Works, Long Range Transportation Planning Commission, Board of Par Commissioners, Transit and Parking Commission, Urban Design Commission.

STAFF DISCUSSION OF ITEM: See Staff Recommendation, below

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS: From the Fiscal Note on the Resolution: There is no fiscal impact associated with the adoption of the plan. However, implementing specific recommendations within the plan will have fiscal impacts in the future and will require Common Council approval at that time.

MATERIALS PRESENTED WITH ITEM:

Legistar File Number 03712 (sent with agenda packet)

Transportation-relevant excerpts from the Spring Harbor Neighborhood Plan. The entire Neighborhood Plan has not been included due to its size (139 pages). The plan can be downloaded from http://legistar.cityofmadison.com/attachments/4578.pdf

STAFF RECOMMENDATION/RATIONALE:

The Spring Harbor Neighborhood Plan is often inconsistent with Madison's adopted Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Plans. Staff cannot recommend adoption of the Spring Harbor Neighborhood Plan unless the adopting resolution clearly states that wherever the Spring Harbor Neighborhood Plan is inconsistent with the adopted Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Plans, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Plans will supersede the Neighborhood Plan.

The implementation of any Plan recommendations will vary based upon existing resources, community support, and priority of need relative to other community planning, public infrastructure and initiatives. Although the Neighborhood Plan provides direction for proposed improvements it is important for area residents, businesses, and stakeholders to recognize that the implementation of such improvements is contingent upon available resources. Policy makers are responsible for the allocation of resources for the entire city and thus funding for Plan recommendations will be weighed against other worthy projects citywide. Because of scarce resources, it will be important to understand that the funding of proposed improvements are in competition with existing projects, and in many cases will require special earmarking of funding to undertake projects as well as ongoing maintenance costs. Securing funding from outside sources, leveraging funding with other available funding, or dovetailing proposed projects with planned projects will help in implementing the proposed activities and projects.

Recommend a substitute resolution be prepared to reflect this.

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