

**From:** Barbara Erlenborn <bjerlenb@wisc.edu>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 8, 2021 9:44 AM  
**To:** Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>  
**Subject:** Vilas Master Plan

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Barbara Erlenborn at 2316 West Lawn Avenue is opposed to filling in part of the lagoon to be used as a marsh restoration area. I feel this is detracting from the beauty of the area and will only incur more costs for upkeep and removal of invasive plants. Please do not fill part of the lagoon. It is beautiful as it is. Barbara Erlenborn

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**From:** Janet Murphy <janetmusicrn@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 8, 2021 10:01 AM  
**To:** Vilas Master Plan <vilasmasterplan@cityofmadison.com>; Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>  
**Subject:** Mounds at Vilas

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Dear park people,  
I live in the Greenbush just east of the Zoo. I have been surprised recently to read Vilas neighborhood concerns that the city is being cavalier about mounds in Vilas park, so I looked closely at the mound studies and maps. I was reassured that there are no mounds or mound remnants located in the park adjacent to Campbell St.  
**This eleventh-hour concern about the Campbell St entrance sounds like a red herring.** I suspect it is coming from neighbors adjacent to the proposed entrance who don't want it there for personal, not community, reasons.  
**You have all done a wonderful job listening to our ideas and creating a thoughtful Vilas park plan. If your proposed entrances and exits are the best balance of safety, cost, efficiency, and land use, then stick with it.**

Thank you for all your hard work,  
Janet Murphy  
711 S. Orchard ST

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From: Kane, Kathleen  
Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 12:34 PM  
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>  
Subject: FW: Final Master Plan for Vilas Park

From: Alexander Harding <[alex@harding.dev](mailto:alex@harding.dev)>  
Sent: Wednesday, March 03, 2021 8:04 PM  
To: Vilas Master Plan <[vilasmasterplan@cityofmadison.com](mailto:vilasmasterplan@cityofmadison.com)>  
Subject: re: Final Master Plan for Vilas Park

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Hi,

I think the parking and car drive extends way too far into Vilas Park. Please reduce the length of the car drive.

Thanks  
Alexander Harding

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From: Kane, Kathleen  
Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 12:34 PM  
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>  
Subject: FW: Final Master Plan for Vilas Park

-----Original Message-----

From: Jeff <[fordjrf@gmail.com](mailto:fordjrf@gmail.com)>  
Sent: Sunday, March 07, 2021 10:22 AM  
To: Vilas Master Plan <[vilasmasterplan@cityofmadison.com](mailto:vilasmasterplan@cityofmadison.com)>  
Subject: re: Final Master Plan for Vilas Park

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Thanks for all your work on this.

The only issue I have pertains to the multiuse path instead of the existing road, which currently functions as a multi use path +. One of the great benefits of this park is the ability to take a short lakefront drive, stop for lunch, etc. This is an equity issue for those with limited mobility.

I am in favor of the existing drive, with perhaps some limitations, such as closed to cars during the week, open on the weekends ( or vice versa), or some seasonal closures.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jeff Ford

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**From:** Kathy Gerhardt <[gerhardtkathryn@gmail.com](mailto:gerhardtkathryn@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 8, 2021 6:12 PM  
**To:** Park Commission <[pacommission@cityofmadison.com](mailto:pacommission@cityofmadison.com)>; Evers, Tag <[district13@cityofmadison.com](mailto:district13@cityofmadison.com)>; Knepp, Eric <[EKnepp@cityofmadison.com](mailto:EKnepp@cityofmadison.com)>; Freiwald, Ann

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**Subject:** Vilas Park plan

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The flow through traffic that enters on Randall and exits on Grant and Drake and Garfield is the safest flow of traffic rather than bottle neck traffic on the newly proposed enter exit on Campbell and Drake. Especially in light of the proposed closure of Vilas Park Drive. I propose a traffic study be done before any changes are made.

I also feel we should show respect to the First Nations by leaving their sacred grounds alone. This is their land we are occupying.

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**From:** Suzanne M Coutre <rcoutre@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 8, 2021 8:06 PM  
**To:** Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 64455 - New Option

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To the Board of Parks Commissioners:

From Bob & Suzie Coutre  
1419 Vilas Avenue

New Option Regarding the Vilas Park Master Plan, Agenda Item 64455,

We agree that the current entrance/exit to the zoo needs to be changed. The proposed entrance at Campbell and Drake would solve that problem. However, the traffic around Bear Mound park on Vilas Av during peak zoo hours is already quite busy with people confused who are not local to the area. This will still happen under the new plan at Campbell and Drake. One option that would reduce Campbell traffic from Drake and support the integrity of Bear Mound park would be to create a dead end street at Campbell where it meets Drake. This would be similar to what the city did at Leonard and Monroe Streets across from Edgewood. This would eliminate traffic from accessing Campbell from the new entrance/exit at the proposed intersection and reduce potential traffic increase around Bear Mound park on Vilas Avenue. Additional signage will definitely be required regardless of the outcome of the design. Anything that would discourage use of Campbell Street from zoo traffic should be a goal in the design of this new zoo entrance plan.

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**From:** Alexandria Elias <novoalexandria@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 8, 2021 9:07 PM  
**To:** Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>  
**Subject:** Opposition to Agenda Item 64149

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Hi,

I am writing to oppose agenda item 64149 on the Board of Park Commissioners meeting on Wednesday March 10. Specifically I oppose the use and subsequent closure of Quann Dog Park for this event. Quann dog park is closed for more event days than any other park in the city due to AEC events. I do not support events which would result in additional closures since dog park space in Madison is limited, and I pay a permit fee to use the space. There are multiple parks in the area that would provide paved paths for the runners such as Olin Park (which is where the race is beginning/ending), Goodman Park, Willow Island, and the perimeter of Quann Park. There are already tons of amazing spaces for running in Madison - I do not support the closure of a limited resource for an activity that can be completed elsewhere.

Thank you,  
Alex Elias

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**From:** P@T <enjoybiking@yahoo.com>

**Sent:** Monday, March 8, 2021 9:48 PM

**To:** Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>

**Subject:** I oppose requested upcoming night-closure and event use of Quann dog-park

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3/8/2021

To Whom it May Concern,

as a concerned neighbor to the Quann dog-park and Alliant Center, I wish be registered in opposition of a proposed after-dark event involving a 5K run [proposed for July 2021 ??], and the use of the dog-specific park-region and/or it's parking. Numerous thoughts come to mind; we are NOT over the pandemic [heightened risks this event poses], the noise and congestion these events create is ever-growing and impacts the adjacent communities. Historically there is a fair amount of litter [some of which is glass] and there is strong concern that barefooted animals [paid permit-holding primary users of the Quann facility], may suffer from inadequate mitigation efforts post-event {read: are the event staff going to vacuum up sliver-sized shards of glass?}. The proposed event would generate a lot of odd traffic and parking and noise, and assumes there will not be other UN-foreseen conflicts like protests and road-closures. The Quann dog-park is a rare and limited resource, under what I see as mounting pressures to be something other than the peaceful inner-City retreat space for dogs and owners. I fear permit//variance requests like this will become normal -- when in fact we have many other locations where this list of concerns does NOT exist. We should not have to resort to displacing primary park users, or placing them in any danger or conflict. As to the event's potential to spread Covid, I would think it is obvious that the event makes people travel, congregate, and spread. Six feet goes up to 12? When running? Singing loudly., cheering, etc.

Thank you for your consideration,

Patrick G Davis, 518 W Lakeside St. Bay Creek

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-----Original Message-----

From: Rachel Fields <fieldsrac@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 10:06 PM

To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>

Cc: Catherine Jagoe <cajagoe@gmail.com>; wendy.fearnside@att.net

Subject: DMNA support of VNA Vilas Park comments

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Dear Board of Park Commissioners,

I'm the president of the Dudgeon Monroe Neighborhood Association, and I'm writing to express DMNA's support of Vilas Neighborhood Association's comments on the Vilas Park Master Plan. We fully endorse VNA's comments and encourage you to take them into strong consideration at your upcoming meeting.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks so much,  
Rachel Fields

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**From:** Barb Sanford <barbsanford@charter.net>

**Sent:** Monday, March 8, 2021 11:07 PM

**To:** Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>

**Subject:** Vilas Park master plan item #64455

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Please delete Proposal for a new entrance / exit at Drake St. and Campbell St. from the Vilas Park Master Plan:

- Creates more traffic around Bear Mound Park, an archaeological site with burial mounds. Neighbors worked hard to obtain cultural and archaeological significance in 1997 by placing the park in the "Special Facilities Park" category (along with Forest Hill Cemetery, Olbrich Botanical Gardens and Henry Vilas Zoo).
- The wooded strip of land (along Drake St. on southern side) has provided a physical barrier and sound buffer between the park and residential area for more than a century.
- The new road and entrance/exit would require excavation in an area of archaeological interest. It is time to show respect for Native Americans.

- An additional street at Drake St. & Campbell St. creates more traffic congestion.
- Two or more large oak trees and understory would be lost if the new road is built. Trees improve air quality and reduce climate change.
- Drake St. and Randall Ave. is a partially commercial corner; Drake and Campbell is totally residential and park.
- The proposal would remove parking from Drake Street.
- The existing entrance and exit drives are at long-existing intersections.
- Cutting trees and paving a new road would be costly with no benefits.
- Zoo officials thought the neighbors wanted the proposed entrance and exit moved to Drake /Campbell St (during Zoom meeting with Wendy Fearnside and Ann Rivlin).
- This proposed zoo entrance/exit does not "improve Vilas Park," which was the initial goal set by the Parks Department.
- Cities should be designed for people, not cars. Traffic will always be an issue in urban areas.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Barb Sanford

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