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Sent: Friday, March 22, 2013 3:12 PM
To: 'PATRICIA M OKANE'
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Subject: RE: Thank You and Questions

Hi Trish – Madelyn Leopold forwarded your email below for our information, I'd like to respond to the additional questions you've presented. The questions are excerpted from your email for context with the answers I've provided below.

1. Is the city's plan to increase impervious surface in the wetland area in accordance with NR 151 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code?

This project has been presented to the DNR and the Corps of Engineers. The City will apply for and receive all required permits needed for this project prior to starting the project.

2. Did the city consult with the wetland's co-owner, the DNR, on this paving plan?

All of the proposed improvements to Warner Park that are part of this contract are located on City of Madison Parks Division property. The DNR has been and will continue to be consulted as outlined in the response above.

3. What is the exact cost of maintaining the two wooden bridges? How much has the city spent on those bridges annually for the past ten years?

Madison Parks doesn't typically track our hours by each specific repair in a park. I do know they have had to make repairs to the bridges and/or the approaches three out of the last four years, either by replacing boards, patching the path to remove the tripping hazards as the path sinks, etc.

4. Did the city do any user surveys of the bridge areas and park in general as regards pedestrian and cyclist use (no numbers were presented at the meetings I attended)?

Traffic Engineering (Arthur Ross) may have some survey information, we're checking with him on this. Given that this path is part of the City's bike system to facilitate non-vehicular modes of commuting throughout the city, and its poor condition, it is high on the list of paths needing replacement according to Engineering.

5. According to the Parks Department's website, the public comment period does not end until March 21, 2013. At the public meeting held a week ago, parks employees passed out written comment sheets and encouraged the public to mail them in. What did the comment sheets say?

All written comments Engineering has received were provided to the Park Commission at the March meeting and have been posted on Legistar as well.

If you have any other questions, please don't hesitate to contact us, appreciate your support of Madison Parks!

Kay

From: Madelyn Leopold
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2013 8:57 PM
To: Rutledge, Kay; Briski, Kevin; Knepp, Eric
Subject: Fwd: Thank You and Questions

Have you all seen this email?

Begin forwarded message:

From: Patricia Okane
Subject: Thank You and Questions
Date: March 15, 2013 3:28:01 PM CDT
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Dear Commissioners:

Thank you very much for taking the time to do a site tour in Warner Park, and for examining the bridge issue more closely.

As I stated Wednesday night, I agree with plans to fix Warner's path. However, I still have the following questions for the Parks Department and for project engineers:

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Thank you,

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