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Eric Knepp  
Department of Public Works, Parks Division  
210 Martin Luther King Blvd., Room 104  
Madison, WI 53703

Dear Mr. Knepp:

The Tenney-Lapham neighborhood council has voted 100% in favor of renaming the Yahara River Bike Path to Ed Jepsen Way. It would be with immense gratitude, to all of Ed's work along the Yahara river, that we would honor his memory by naming the bike path after him.

We know that you are fully aware of all of Ed's accomplishments and his deep dedication to our parklands, but we also want to emphasize what an important role this bike path takes in the lives of the residents of Tenney-Lapham and other nearby neighborhoods.

Ed's advocacy on behalf of a bike path that runs under E. Washington and E. Johnson has meant that all of the many children who bike daily on their way to Lapham school from the Marquette neighborhood and from our neighborhood to O'Keefe school can travel much more safely than before the underpasses were built. Of course, the same hold true for adults moving back and forth between our two neighborhoods. All seasons of the year the bike path is used by bikers, runners, walkers, people heading to the river to fish or to use the tennis courts, people walking to the Tenney shelter to ice skate or to vote and the list goes on.

We understand that naming any area in any park after one individual is a big ask as there are so many dedicated people in our community who deserve some kind of recognition. However, Ed Jepsen was a truly exceptional advocate for our community's parks, and the respectful, collaborative way he went about his advocacy is a measure that the rest of us can only hope to emulate. So, yes, The Ed Jepsen Way is the way to go.

Sincerely,

Tyler Lark,  
2022 President, Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association

Cc: Brian Benford  
Becky Steinhoff