

From: sandra montello <sandramontello@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2024 6:31 PM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Item 1982017 extra fireworks

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Please say no extra fireworks. It's a horrendous nightmare with our dog. Additionally why aren't you switching to drone and Lazer shows? Have respect for the environment. Show respect to vets. Seriously, please say no.

Lazer shows are just as entertaining but safe for everyone

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From: Rita Baldacchino <bilena_baldacchino@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2024 12:43 PM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Agenda item 19

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I am writing in opposition to the proposed expansion of firework events at Warner Park.

Firework's noxious smoke residues harm human health, as well as that of domesticated and wild animals. Not to mention the noise which is also harmful to both.

If such events are approved for expansion, please consider the use of drones and laser lights.

Sincerely yours,

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From: Suzanne Harp <suzharp@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2024 1:13 PM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Item 82017 meeting 2/14

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Hello,

I'd like to register my opposition to this agenda item to permit the Madison Mallards to display fireworks at their games. Not forever, but until we know more about our wild neighbors.

As a volunteer for the Madison Audubon Society's Eagle watch, I can say first hand that there is an Eagle nest within 1/2 mile of the Mallards ballpark. Once the Eaglettes hatch (during the dates listed in the request) they are easily spooked and can jump out of the nest and fall to their deaths.

I have witnessed this with other birds of prey, specifically a nest of Coopers Hawks whose nestling was scared out of the nest because of fireworks in the neighborhood. The nestling was brought to the Dane County Wildlife Center with a broken wing. Later returned to the nest, it was again spooked by fireworks

and succumbed to this second fall.

This is a more common occurrence in the wildlife population than most folks realize. I suggest that you hold off on this for the foreseeable future and be in contact with the Audubon Society so dates of incubation and fledging can be established. Fireworks could then be scheduled for after successful fledging of these birds that live so nearby in the neighborhood.

Thank you!

Suzanne Harp
Artist-Maker

From: Marsha Cannon <mpcannon76@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2024 1:27 PM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Agenda Item #19 - Feb. 13, 2023

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I respectfully request that the Board of Park Commissioners not permit a loud, lengthy conventional fireworks show on July 3 at the Duck Pond/ Warner Park. Instead, promoters should continue and increase the use of drones.

Last year's **drone show** drew **positive responses** while avoiding strong objections from neighbors due to:

- * Frightened dogs
- * Noise irritation to humans of any age trying to sleep, or those suffering with PTSD
- * Wildlife disturbances
- * Water contamination from fireworks debris

Last year's Wisconsin State Journal report says it all:

https://madison.com/news/local/events/drone-fireworks/article_14197a86-19b4-11ee-85bc-d769dd90968f.html

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From: Pat Malcolm <pmalcpoet@gmail.com>
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To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Warner Park Fireworks

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Please, please, please! No more fireworks at Warner Park! They are horrible for wildlife and add more pollutants to the air. Pets are freaked out and Vets and other PTSD sufferers tortured by them. NO MORE fireworks for the Mallards, NO Breese Stevens fireworks moved to Warner Park.

Thank you.

Pat Malcolm

Madison

From: Mike Beich <amjbeich@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2024 3:11 PM

To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>

Subject: Item 19-82017

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I'm writing to request a postponement for the fireworks display vote at Warner Park/Mallard's field.

There is an eagles' nest just ½ mile from where the fireworks are shot from, and my concern is that fireworks at the end of the nesting season will cause the nestlings to jump from the nest before they're able to fly, **causing harm or death to the eaglets.**

At this time, the adults at this nest have not laid eggs yet this season, but the thought is that fireworks should not be approved **until eggs are laid and a timetable for development has been established.** This would allow the eaglets to naturally fledge before fireworks begin. Eagles generally lay eggs by the end of February and eaglets generally fledge 16 weeks later. So this would only be asking for no fireworks displays until July 3rd at the earliest. Please reconsider postponing the vote at this time.

Maybe consider doing a drone/laser type show instead?

Plus the neighborhood dogs/pets would be less stressed due to fireworks.

Thank you,

Julie Beich

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From: Kathy Thering <kthering@tds.net>

Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2024 4:02 PM

To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>

Subject: More Fireworks at Warner Park

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NO MORE!

They are so obnoxious and annoying. Bad for veterans. Bad for pets. Bad for the environment, and bad for nature.

From: Susan Hessel <susan.hessel@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2024 4:25 PM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Agenda item #14

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Please make a plan to: 1) reduce the size and number of fireworks events 2) pressure the Mallards to move to drone or laser-light displays instead of incendiaries 3) keep the Festival Foods fireworks OUT of Warner Park

From: wolf.kathlean <wolf.kathlean@zoho.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2024 4:44 PM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Place a hold on Item 19

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Hello, Parks Commissioners.

It appears that there will be a vote tonight on issues affecting Warner Park that have not been fully explained and shared with the public. The expansion of both the number of fireworks events and the size of firework shows I've heard about *at the last minute* are not acceptable, considering the sensitivity of protected wildlife that lives within a few hundred yards of the Mallards Stadium.

Until the intended number of shows and size of shows has been fully explained to the public, and a great deal more input has been solicited, I urge you to table the item until next month's meeting, and then proceed to consult the Northside neighborhoods who would be affected, as well as environmental groups who hold a stake in protecting the health and well-being of our songbirds and eagles.

I would also urge you to revise your policies in the future to give strong preference to drone shows and laser light shows, in place of exploding hazardous compounds over our neighborhoods and parks. Drone and laser shows have been highly entertaining replacements in numerous other cities. Madison could surely make the transition to protect our waterways from this point forward, under your leadership.

Sincerely,

Kathlean Wolf

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From: AnnMarie Preece <annmariepreece28@gmail.com>
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Subject: Reduce, not expand, the mallards fireworks!

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Noise and heavy metal pollution isn't what we need at Warner Park. The Mallards should use laser lights display to save the earth

Annmarie Preece

From: Scott Smith <scottsmith1177@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2024 12:57 PM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Fireworks at Mallard's stadium

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I oppose all fireworks including item 82017 so close to the Bald Eagles nesting in Warner Park.

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