

## On the Aisle: Want an outdoor concert venue? Weigh in on Madison's Cultural Plan

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The Madison Cultural Plan, a road map for the future of Madison arts and culture, is making its way through committees on its way to city council.

The plan, drafted in fall 2011, points out problems with getting connected, both among artists and consumers of art. There is a lack of affordable space for art studios and performance rehearsals.

South Madison needs a cultural center; the city in general needs a dedicated festival site, a major outdoor concert venue and a "more equitable distribution of flexible creative learning and production spaces across its neighborhoods." (In other words, not everyone can live on the near east.)



Weigh in on the completed (yet unapproved) cultural plan before it goes to city council at one of the following meetings. From the Madison Arts Commission:

*For the past two years, residents around the city have participated in focus groups, community meetings, online surveys and one-on-one interviews to share their ideas about how Madison supports and utilizes arts, culture, and creative work.*

*At the end of 2011, consultant Mary Berryman Agard of Madison presented the Cultural Plan Steering Committee with her recommendations for the first citywide Cultural Plan.*

*As her draft winds through various city committees for comment, members of the Cultural Plan Steering Committee would like to meet with Madison*

*residents to share highlights of the plan and hear reaction before they*

*advance final recommendations to the Madison Common Council.*

*In the coming weeks, the Cultural Plan Steering Committee will embark on a series of community meetings throughout Madison. The public is invited and encouraged to help inform the steering committee members of priorities, questions, concerns, or missed opportunities.*

*A PDF copy of the draft plan and executive summary are available on the [Cultural Plan website](#).*

### Review Session Dates/Times/Locations:

#### **Tuesday, Jan. 24 6-7:30 p.m.**

Goodman South Madison Branch Library

2222 S Park St.

#### **Thursday, Jan. 26 6-7:30 p.m.**

Lussier Community Education Center - Spartan Room

55 South Gammon Road

#### **Wednesday, Feb. 1 6-7:30 p.m.**

Goodman Community Center - Evjue Room D

149 Waubesa St.

**Thursday, Feb. 2 6-7:30 p.m.**

Lakeview Branch Library Tableside Room

2845 N Sherman Ave.