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Registration Statement - GOLF SUBCOMMITTEE

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Agenda No. #5/#6

Name Beth Godfrey  
Address 6 Bromley  
MADISON WI 53714

Please check the appropriate boxes:

- Support
  - Oppose CLOSING MONONA GOLFC
  - Neither Support Nor Oppose
- and
- Wish to speak
  - Do not wish to speak
  - Available to answer questions

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Name Leo Sebald  
Address 4705 Jade Lane  
Madison, WI 53714

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Support                                      | and | <input type="checkbox"/> Wish to speak                   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <u>closing Monona G.C.</u> |     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Do not wish to speak |
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Name Chris Lynch  
Address 4519 Shore Acres Rd  
Monroeville, WI

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Name Jerri PARROTT  
Address 303 E. DEAN

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Name Nancy Werlein  
Address 301 W. Lakeview Ave.  
Madison 53716

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- Oppose
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Signature Nancy M. Werlein

Print Name Nancy M. Werlein

Closing the Monona Golf Course is NOT AN OPTION!  
 This beautiful green space is a resource that is irreplaceable. People can walk /ride bikes to this facility. In winter/summer students from several East side schools can learn how to golf, ski, snowshoe etc. w/out taking a bus. Our East side Youth need this resource. It provides opportunity for them!

Property owners in both Lake Edge and Glendale neighborhoods have already committed to affordable homes. We need this golf course to offset some of the infill projects. This is a matter of our quality of life. We enjoy the wildlife that resides in our urban space. The islands of mature trees are visually pleasing in all seasons. It's a beautiful space for us. Please DON'T develop it! (an environmental sieve for Lake Monona)

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Name LOUISE BILLINGS  
Address 1017 BAY RIBE

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Name Lorne Hillier  
Address 321 Seth Circle  
Madison, WI 53716

Please check the appropriate boxes:

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|--|-----|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Support   | and | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wish to speak      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <i>closing + sale of property -</i> |     | <input type="checkbox"/> Do not wish to speak          |
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Name TOM Stoebig  
Address 4309 Hegg Ave.  
MADISON

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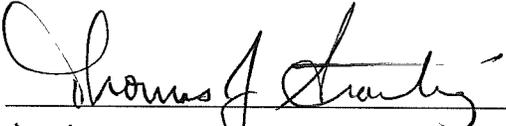
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Signature   
Print Name Thomas J. Staebig

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Name Gary Spaeni  
Address 805 South Shore Dr  
Madison WI 53715

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Name Peg Carlsm  
Address 177 Ohio Ave

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Wise Women's Municipal Golf Association

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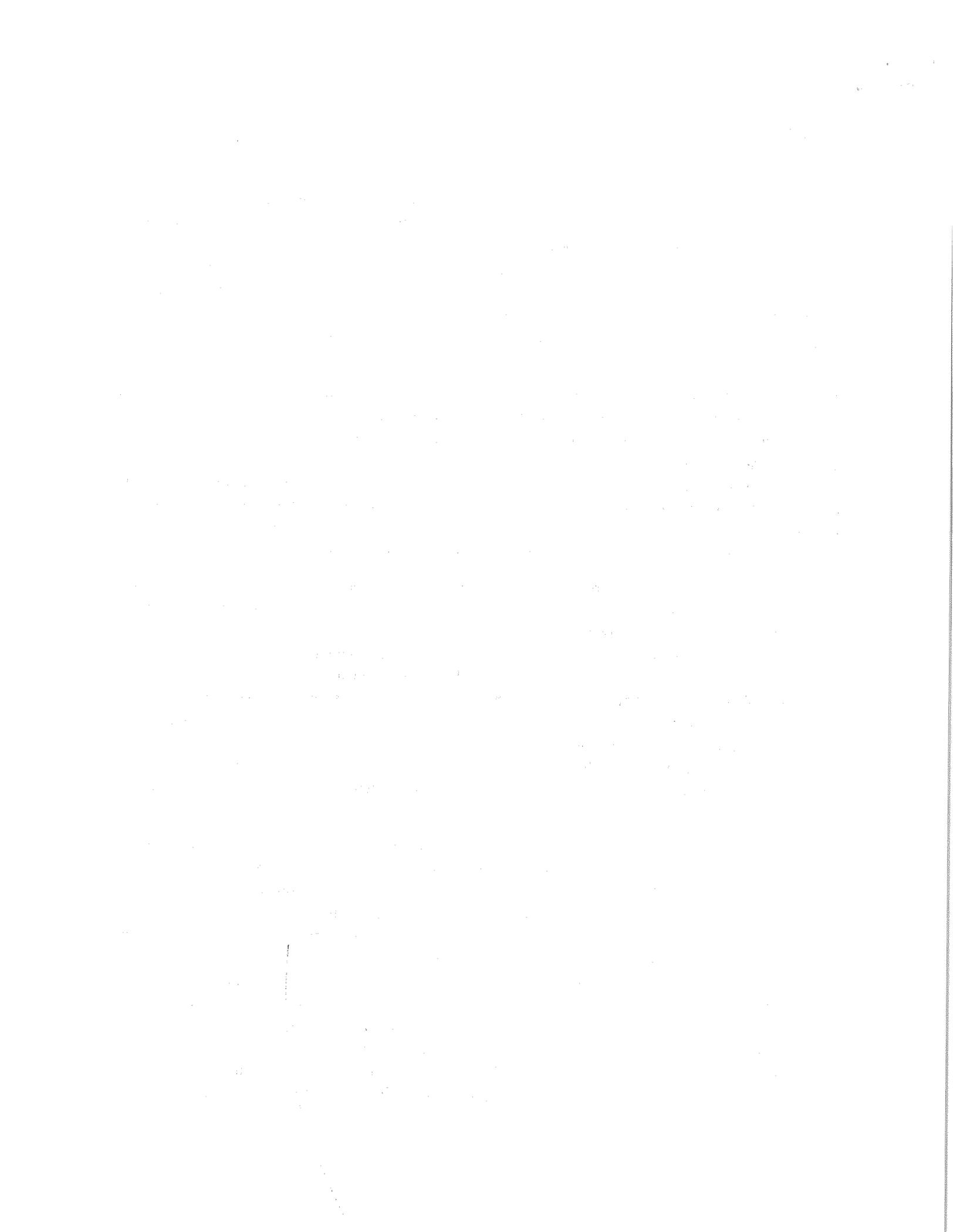
To the Golf Sub-committee:

On behalf of the Women's Municipal Golf Association, I'd like to voice the league's opposition to any closure of golf holes, whether at Monona or Yahara Hills. The WMGA has been in existence since 1953, sixty-four years of golf enjoyed on the Madison City Golf courses. The league has two parts, women who play nine holes each week and those who play eighteen holes each week. The 9-hole group, which this year had so many new members that it closed to new members (60+ I believe), alternates play between Monona and Yahara; the 18-hole group (55 active members) alternates between Odana and Yahara. Thus, league members have been long-term consumers of the golf services offered by the City, and have a strong interest in the future of the Madison Golf Enterprise.

The closure of Monona and/or Yahara Hills (some or all) has been posited as alternatives in the written report. Vocal opposition to the potential closure of Monona was raised at the August 8 meeting. The WMGA will not repeat that opposition but would like to add its voice to that opposition. Monona Golf Course is a rare, in-city, golf facility whose design lends itself to golfers of all skill levels, from the Junior golfers of the First Tee to the senior golfers of the Madison Area Retired Golf Association. The 9-hole golfers of WMGA would be displaced from their home golf course, and the future of that part of the league would be jeopardized. The 36-hole aspect of Yahara Hills provides unique opportunities for growth, and when the weather cooperates is a fine golf facility (notwithstanding the bunkers).

That said, there can be little debate that something needs to be done to address the state of the Golf Enterprise. It is important, however, to remember that we did not arrive at this "crisis state" overnight, or because of a single year of inclement weather. Rather, the Golf Enterprise is now facing the impact of years of deferred maintenance and deferred decisions. To rush to judgment without fully exploring the options would be foolhardy. As more than one speaker at the August 8 meeting observed, a closure decision would be final and that bell cannot be un-rung. Park space, particularly golf course space, is not easily created, and the City should be cautious in any decision to convert green park space to residential or commercial use. And, it must be remembered that not only golfers use our golf courses. Winter sports, such as cross country skiing, use the golf course/park space in the winter. Additionally, the existing facilities could support other sports such as disc golf or foot golf with minimal investment. Opportunities abound.

On the fiscal side, options that should be explored include rate increases, particularly at Odana Hills, the City's "premiere" facility. Other municipal golf operators, i.e., Milwaukee County, have established different greens fees for different courses, dependent on both course condition and demand. On both prongs, Odana could survive a modest fee increase. Dedicating a portion of every round, or a portion of the cost of any level of annual pass, to a capital improvement fund is another alternative that would provide fiscal relief. The public is very familiar with "facility fees" at performing arts venues. Those costs are simply blended into any ticket purchase; the consumer barely notices. A similar set up could be done with the golf courses, SO LONG as the funds remain with the Golf Enterprise for the improvement of the courses, and not siphoned into any general fund. Public-private partnerships, similar to that which led to the construction and operation of a municipal swimming pool, should be explored (as should capital campaigns like are used to fund new libraries). Funds could be raised for capital improvement through golf outings on the city courses. If the city-course golfer knows that proceeds from an outing will flow to



course improvement, I believe those outings will be successful. If they are not, then the courses can be closed and the golfing public will have had their chance.

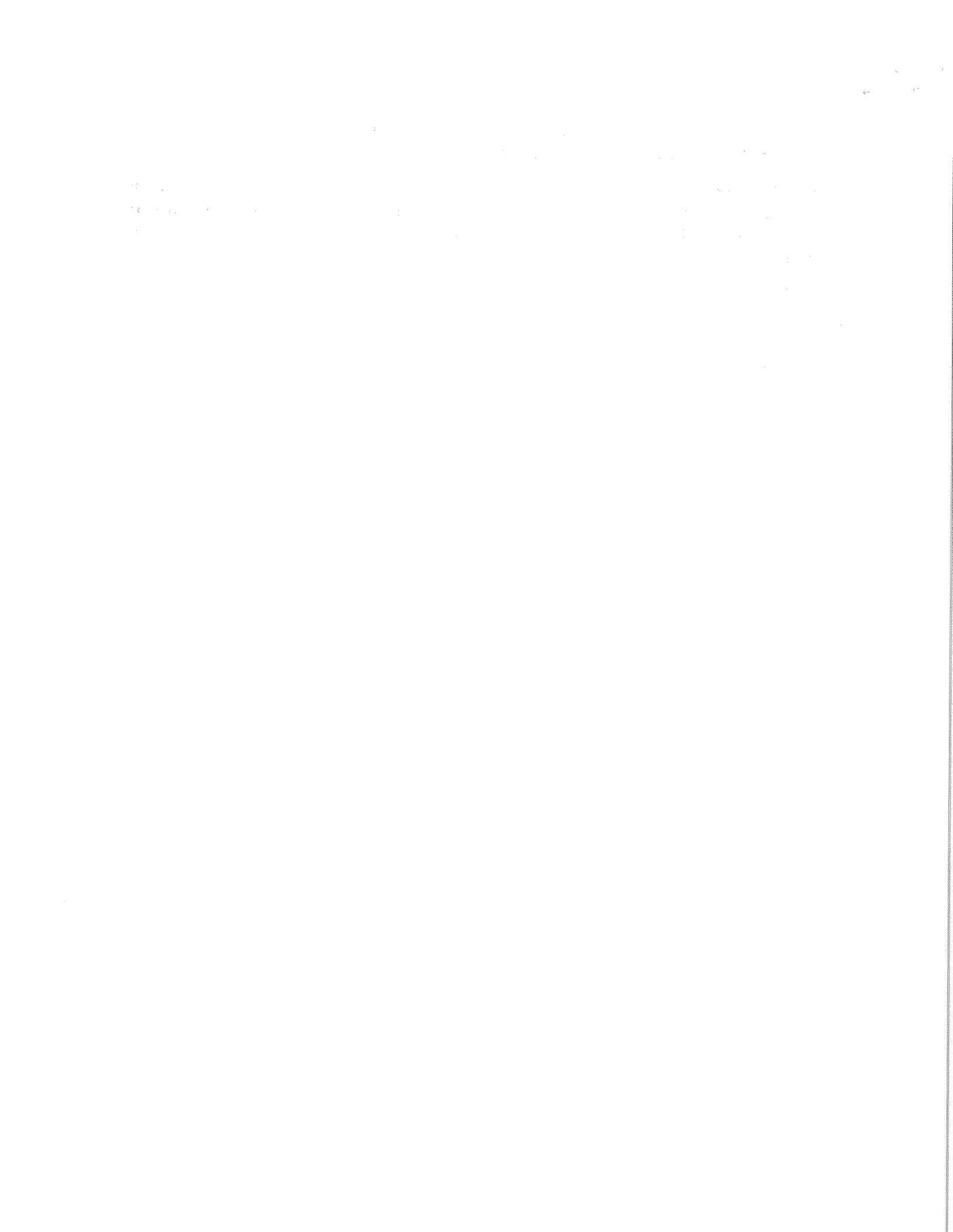
Madison has a reputation for moving slowly on big decisions and involving all stakeholders in the decision-making process. This process seems to be going too fast to allow the identification of solutions that multiple stakeholders can support and that will start to address these long-term issues in a positive way and not a knee-jerk manner.

Respectfully,

Peg Carlson

President, WMGA

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I wanted to put in my two cents worth concerning the city golf courses. I have golfed the city golf courses 50 years. I have been a member of the yahara golf association since day one until this year when it finally disbanded. I am a low handicap golfer and the game of golf is based on 18 hole golf courses. By taking away a course such as Yahara would be a huge mistake. I never could figure out how Odana being a city course costs more to play than Yahara to begin with. There is no way I will pay to travel from the Far East side of Madison to play my golf. I certainly won't play golf at Monona where all the young kids and people just learning the game play. It is horrible to take so long to play. I can get a membership at a course such as Evansville for much cheaper than the city courses cost but have stayed loyal to Yahara. I hope you take under consideration the number of golfers that will not consider playing just nine holes of golf on Monona. I feel you would be better served to making Yahara a good 18 hole course and get rid of one of the courses there to cut back on costs. I hear people talking about selling Yahara to Ho Chunk and have them make a high end course and we have enough of the high cost courses to play already that many people can't or won't pay to play. I feel you fail to understand the numbers of golfers you would get to Yahara if rates were kept the same but had a great conditioned course and not one where you have to play where sand traps are ground under repair. What a shame !!

