

From: [Park Commission](#)
To: [Joan A Bell-Kaul](#)
Cc: [Plan Commission Comments](#)
Subject: RE: OPPOSE AGENDA ITEM 5
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 11:26:23 AM

Dear Joan,

I found it. You're looking for the Plan Commission. This was item 5 on their agenda for yesterday. I've CC'd them on this email.

From: Joan A Bell-Kaul <joan.bellkaul@wisc.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 11:16 AM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: RE: OPPOSE AGENDA ITEM 5

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It is/was in regard to the Harmeyer Natural Area ZONING issue item on your agenda....

Joan Bell-Kaul

From: pacommission@cityofmadison.com <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 11:13 AM
To: Joan A Bell-Kaul <joan.bellkaul@wisc.edu>
Subject: RE: OPPOSE AGENDA ITEM 5

Dear Joan,

Which committee's agenda is this on?

Respectfully,
City of Madison Parks Division

From: Joan A Bell-Kaul <joan.bellkaul@wisc.edu>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 3:22 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>; Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>; paul_noeldner@hotmail.com
Subject: OPPOSE AGENDA ITEM 5

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To All Concerned Regarding the Rezoning of the Hartmeyer Natural Area:

In order to protect the wetland and the upland nature and the century-oaks on this property, the 16 acre parcel designated to be saved in its current state in the Hartmeyer Special Area Plan NEEDS TO

BE REZONED to CN.

Respectfully advised,

Joan Bell-Kaul

Group Lead: ENVIRONMENTAL/WILDLIFE/NATURE GROUP (173 members) NEXTDOOR Madison
Website

From: [Greta Casey](#)
To: [Mayor](#); [Foster, Grant](#); [Abbas, Syed](#); [Virginia Scholtz](#); [Plan Commission Comments](#)
Subject: OM is too dense, Hartmeyer too small!
Date: Monday, April 26, 2021 4:45:44 PM

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If there is one thing the Pandemic taught us all - it is the value of outdoor spaces.

Please Vote NO to Agenda Item 5 Oscar Mayer Area Proposed Rezoning to PR general parkland and RMX High Density.

The 16 acre proposed park area should be rezoned to CN to protect the wetland and upland natural area and the old oaks.

The remainder should be rezoned for lower density with the option for more open space as supported by the Oscar Mayer Special Area Plan.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING SAVE THIS HISTORIC URBAN WETLAND ECOSYSTEM FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS!

VTY,
MArgaret Casey
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From: [Dave J. Bierman](#)
To: [Plan Commission Comments](#)
Cc: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Plan Commission Agenda Item 5
Date: Monday, April 26, 2021 4:55:01 PM

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To: Plan Commission, City of Madison
City of Madison Common Council Alders

Date: 4/26/2021

Re: Agenda Item 5

Dear Alders,

I am writing to request the planning land use map as detailed within the Oscar Mayer Special Area Plan (OMSAP) is honored and utilized moving forward. Thousands of community members worked with city staff and city leaders on this plan over the course of several years. Area Constituents worked diligently in conjunction Common Council members to come to a common ground with a plan that reflects the smart and environmentally which you approved adopted in 2020.

The current "proactive" RMX type of development and associated recommendations presented by planning staff are not in keeping with OMSAP nor are in keeping with the common consensus of the constituency. **RMX is not what is recommended in the OMSAP.**

OMSAP details medium and high density housing but also reflects the missing middle housing concept that is talked about in the Comprehensive Plan as well as in the OMSAP. RMX does not represent this in any way shape or form.

During the planning process, grass roots action by Constituents, led to the eventual approval by the City Council for the retention of 16 acres for wetland and wetland upland protection including the creation of an urban wetland natural area, a public natural conservation space. These 16 acres now require and deserve the protection of proper zoning. Nothing less than CN.

I do not support the proposed roadways that surround the ancient oak trees located on Roth Street. The Hartmeyer property was once an Indigenous village site from Roth Street on down to Commercial and places to the south. This is confirmed by the Wisconsin State Historic Society. Two hundred and fifty year old oak trees, sentinels that witnessed changes from wetland marsh to agriculture and a return to established wetland. Animals including waterfowl, ducks, deer, migratory birds, snakes, turtles, frogs, and rare plants thrive on this land. Despite descriptions by city staff this is an active and thriving wetland ecosystem.

The roads proposed as detailed within the current plan will destroy this fragile ecosystem if the as testified by multiple wetland resource professionals from the public and private sector during the OMSAP plan process. The City of Madison professes to be a Tree City, which evokes the perception that at all levels proceed in an environmentally sound manner. The proposed roads need to be re-route at least 150 feet outside of the largest portion of the tree crown, as the *critical root zone* extends far outside the tree crown. If the roads are built as proposed the wetland upland and trees will be lost.

I respectfully request that you do not vote in favor of the recommended "proactive zoning" as if

does not reflect the land use that is in the OMSAP that involved extensive community input.

I also request that the City enact a more publicly direct and thorough process that involves the public and allows for a better understanding by all for what is being recommended for zoning. The Constituents have a right to learn about proposed changes in zoning and all other issues affecting the future of their neighborhoods through direct personal engagement, town hall meetings, mailings rather than the slight of hand methods currently employed where actions are passed and the Constituents find out after the fact.

David Bierman
District 18