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Dear Ms. Padorr-

I am writing to follow up on our discussion on Friday, September 25 regarding the use of Rennebohm Park and its shelter for the 2010 All-City Swim Meet being hosted by Hill Farm Swim Club. The meet will run from Thursday July 29 through Saturday July 31, 2010.

The All-City Swim Meet is a 49-year-old Madison tradition. Over 1,500 young swimmers of all abilities from twelve local swim clubs compete in a variety of events over the course of three days. The All-City Swim Meet is one of the largest (if not the largest) city-wide age-group swim meets in the country. It is a cherished community event that promotes good sportsmanship and healthy life choices.

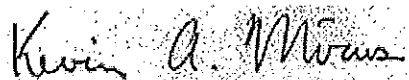
The teams competing in the All-City Swim Meet rotate as hosts of the meet each year. Hill Farm Swim Club last hosted the meet in 1998. The City of Madison allowed us to use Rennebohm Park to house the large number of participants in team tents between events. The City also allowed for the closing down of Eau Claire Avenue between Regent Street and Buffalo Trail so that the young swimmers could walk safely from the park to the pool. Due to the tremendous success of the event in 1998, we would like to use the park in roughly the same manner in 2010. Here is a general overview of our request for next summer:

1. Referring to the initial site plan on the last page of this letter, you can see that we propose to set up twelve team tents in Rennebohm Park along a corridor parallel to Regent Street running from Eau Claire Avenue to about Langlade Lane. The team tents serve as a place for camaraderie and relaxation in the shade between events. No All-City Swim Meet would be complete without its "Tent City."
2. At the east end of the team tent corridor we propose to set up somewhere between eight and twelve port-a-potties and a commensurate number of hand washing stations. We intend to have trash and recycling cans set up at each team tent and at the hand wash stations. We will have volunteers regularly empty the cans and bring the refuse to a dumpster we will rent and keep on our property during the meet. The port-a-potties will be professionally serviced throughout the event.

3. We would like to reserve this corner of Rennebohm Park and the Rennebohm Park shelter starting Wednesday July 28, 2010 so that the tents, port-a-potties, hand washing stations, trash and recycling barrels, and signage can be set up before the first event on Thursday morning.
4. We ask that the reservation for both the park and the shelter extend through Sunday August 1, 2010 so that we have time to dismantle the above items, perform any last clean-up, and have a team potluck dinner in the shelter when the work is all done.
5. We would like to use the park shelter during the meet as a location for updates to the swim meet and for parents to relax in the shade.
6. We would like to use the parking behind the Rennebohm Shelter for meet officials and team coaches.
7. We would like to close the block of Eau Claire Avenue from Regent Street to Buffalo Trail for two reasons: 1) so that swimmers and spectators can cross the street safely, and 2) we believe the large number of pedestrians continuously crossing the street would severely impair traffic on Eau Claire Avenue. We realize that closing this block of Eau Claire Avenue will necessitate the re-routing of certain bus routes over the three days. However, this was done in 1998, and we believe that this temporary closure is critical to the safety of all the swimmers, spectators, and the public.
8. We would like to reserve street parking along Buffalo Trail and a portion of Door Drive for more parking for meet officials and coaches, if possible.
9. We would like to enforce a no parking policy on the north side of Regent Street from Eau Claire Avenue to Langlade Lane Thursday through Saturday so that parents can safely drop off their children by the team tents in Rennebohm Park.
10. We intend to engage security during the overnight hours.

We are extremely excited and proud to host the 2010 All City Swim Meet at Hill Farm Swim Club. The plans described above will allow us to continue this Madison tradition for the swimmers and the community that supports them. I hope we have provided the information needed for the Parks Commission to approve our event for next summer. I am happy to provide any additional information you may need. I look forward to working with the City of Madison to make this event the best it can be. Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,



Kevin Mirus



**Initial Site Plan for All City Swim Meet
Hosted by Hill Farm Swim Club
July 29 - 31, 2010**

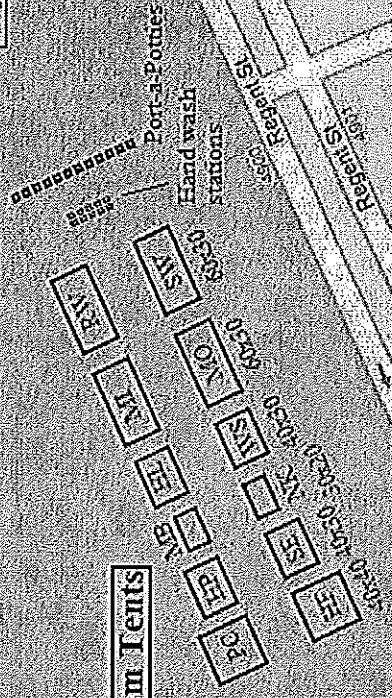
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Note: Buses could be rerouted from Whitney Way to Door Drive to Buffalo Trail.

Possible new bus stops

Existing bus stops

Team Tents



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