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From: Fred Klancnik <faklancnik@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 15, 2023 12:50 PM
To: Lake Monona Waterfront Committee; Sturm, Michael; Knepp, Eric; Anna Cawrse
Cc: ROSS STREET DESIGN, LLC; Tim Anderson; Doug Kozel; Larry Matel
Subject: Three areas of concern about the updated Draft LMW Master Plan
Attachments: 0823 Design Update_Ad-hoc Committee.pdf; ATT00001.htm

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To: Members of the LMW Ad Hoc Committee, Parks Leadership and the Sasaki Design Team

My comments are based on the presentation made to the Ad Hoc Committee at their August 23 meeting. Please include this email in the Public Comments section of the meeting minutes for the September 27 LMW Ad Hoc Committee meeting. I previously submitted similar comments to Allen Arntsen, who passed them on to Mike Sturm, who then forwarded them to the LMW Ad Hoc Committee, Parks Leadership and Sasaki before the August Ad Hoc Committee meeting. When I saw that none of my comments had been addressed in Sasaki's Updated Presentation at the August meeting, I prepared more back-up information on each issue and sent it via email to Allen and Mike after that meeting. Here is a quick summary of my three main concerns about the updated Draft Master Plan (August 23, 2023).

1. the recent change in access/egress to/from the proposed underpass entrance to the Signature Park - the updated plan no longer shows a Bike/Ped trail connection to Broom Street in addition to the North Shore Drive connection. Why not?
2. the site layout of the proposed boathouse area on the North end of the project - the Sasaki plan continues to show a boat launch ramp for motor boats dividing a recreational beach into two parts with boat launch operations). Potential dangerous mix of uses?
3. the lack of a Bike/Ped/ADA path connecting the Downtown (at the Wilson Street easement next to the Marina Condos) to the Capital City Path along the lakefront as part of the construction of the land bridge - an elevator is proposed by Sasaki to transport bicyclists from the amphitheater plaza down 20 feet to the water's edge. I thought providing this Bike/Ped lakefront link for Downtown residents, workers and visitors was one of the main objectives of the project - isn't it?

Sasaki had not incorporated solutions to these three design issues into their August update plan. I haven't received any indication that they plan to revise their plan to address these concerns.

It is my understanding that The Ad Hoc Committee has the responsibility to provide direction to the Sasaki Team as to which design options to explore and the authority to decide on the preferred option for each of the key design issues. I am looking forward to hearing the Ad Hoc Committee's discussion and the decisions you will make about these and other key LMW Master Planning issues at your September 27 Ad Hoc Committee meeting.

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Zixuan Ann Tai <atai@sasaki.com>
Date: August 23, 2023 at 1:02:21 PM CDT
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Cc: Allen Arntsen <allenarntsen@gmail.com>, "Ryan, CJ"
<CRyan@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Fwd: 0823_LMW Design Update Slides_Ad-hoc Committee

Forwarding the slides for the ad-hoc committee meeting tonight, to Nicole (and CJ) as well. Thank you!

Best,
Ann

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From: **Zixuan Ann Tai** <atai@sasaki.com>
Date: Tue, Aug 22, 2023 at 8:36 PM
Subject: 0823_LMW Design Update Slides_Ad-hoc Committee
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Hi Allen-

Please see the attachment for the slides for design update discussion with the ad-hoc committee tomorrow. Please let us know if you have any questions!

Thanks,
Ann

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Sturm, Michael

From: Sturm, Michael
Sent: Friday, September 15, 2023 2:16 PM
To: Sturm, Michael
Subject: FW: Impact of John Nolen Drive plans on Blair Street Gardens

From: Verveer, Michael
Sent: Tuesday, September 05, 2023 11:45 PM
To: Sturm, Michael <MSturm@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: Gary Tipler <garytip8778@gmail.com>; Anne Walker <annewalker@homelandgarden.com>; Mary Knapp <mknapp@uwalumni.com>; Kevin Earley <earleykevine@gmail.com>; 'Ellen Henningsen' <info@blairstreetgardens.org>; Rummel, Marsha <district6@cityofmadison.com>; Ryan, CJ <CRyan@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: RE: Impact of John Nolen Drive plans on Blair Street Gardens

Hi Mike,

Good to meet with you today. Please respond to this Lake Monona Waterfront Master Plan concern by the Blair Street Gardens leadership. I received the inquiry while on vacation and neglected to forward it to you for your response on behalf of the Parks Division (assuming you haven't received the inquiry previously). Thanks in advance for your response to the volunteer group.

Thanks,
Mike

From: Ellen Henningsen
Sent: Monday, August 14, 2023 3:07 PM
To: Verveer, Michael ; Rummel, Marsha
Cc: Gary Tipler ; Anne Walker ; Mary Knapp ; Kevin Earley
Subject: Impact of John Nolen Drive plans on Blair Street Gardens

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As you know, Blair Street Gardens maintains two public gardens on city property: Wilson Green is on E. Wilson Street, next to Crowley Station (Lakefront Porch) and across from The Cardinal Bar; and The Gateway Garden on Willy Street across from Machinery Row Bikes. These gardens have been maintained for decades by volunteers who fundraise, mulch, weed and plant. They are lovely green spaces in a dense urban landscape which provide a calming effect among noise and concrete.

This is a request to preserve these two gardens when the John Nolen Drive corridor plan is finalized. Can you advise if the plan does that or if the plan impacts either or both of BSG's gardens? Any specifics you can provide would be appreciated.

Thanks for your consideration. We know you have so much on your plates and appreciate you keeping this in mind.

Ellen Henningsen

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