

AGENDA # 5

City of Madison, Wisconsin

REPORT OF: LANDMARKS COMMISSION

PRESENTED:

TITLE: 402 North Thornton Avenue –
Alteration to a Madison Landmark –
Tenney Lagoon Shoreline Restoration
& Tenney Park (E. Johnson St.) Bike
Path. 2nd Ald. Dist. Contact: City of
Madison Engineering & Parks Division

REFERRED:

REREFERRED:

REPORTED BACK:

AUTHOR: Amy Scanlon, Secretary

ADOPTED:

POF:

DATED: March 16, 2015

ID NUMBER:

Members present were: Stu Levitan, Chair; Erica Fox Gehrig, Vice Chair; Christina Slattery, Jason Fowler, David McLean, Marsha Rummel, and Michael Rosenblum.

SUMMARY:

Sarah Lerner, City Parks, registering neither in support nor opposition and wishing to speak.
Corey Stelljes, City Engineering, registering neither in support nor opposition.

Lerner explained that City of Madison Parks and Engineering are planning projects that may alter the appearance of Tenney Park. Those projects include the maintenance of the shoreline, the removal of ash trees and the widening of the bike path including the installation of improvements. Lerner described the shoreline erosion that has been occurring for some time and the proposed plans for stabilization which include coir log installation and graded access. The plans also include the retention of existing or planting of appropriate vegetation. The bike path will widen the bike path from 8 to 10 feet and will include installation of limestone retaining walls at the shoreline near the bike path and three new light poles. Ash trees will be removed and replaced in accordance with the historical landscape plans of the O.C. Simons and John Nolen plans. The tree removal will allow an opportunity to enhance the prairie aesthetic and appropriate native plants. Lerner explained that the project must balance the deterrence of the muskrats with the preservation of the turtles.

ACTION:

A motion was made by Rummel, seconded by Slattery, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for the alteration of the landmark site as proposed. The motion passed by voice vote.