

**Olbrich Botanical Society
Excerpt from March 18, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes**

Whereas, Olbrich Botanical Society (OBS) and the City of Madison (City) through Madison Parks partnered to undertake an architectural planning effort for Olbrich Botanical Gardens' facilities with a twenty-five year horizon, and

Whereas, The firm HGA of Milwaukee was selected and conducted an extensive public process with five community participation sessions, and

Whereas, Informational presentations on the facilities plan have been made to the Parks Commission, the Urban Design Commission, and the Mayor's Office, and

Whereas, OBS leadership has researched its own fund-raising capacity, and has developed a plan for phasing the project, and

Whereas, The city has in its long range capital budget a project of \$10 million with funding split 50/50 between the City and OBS,

Therefore be resolved that Olbrich Botanical Society Board and Board of Advisors in consideration of the master plan and weighing financial issues now supports the following Phase 1 plan. Phase 1 includes a new Education Wing and connecting glass corridor to the present facilities, replacement of the existing 30 year old production greenhouse for a more energy and space efficient production greenhouse, with an alternate to be bid for the repurposing of the present atrium into a relocated library and visitor service facility. Phase 1 also includes the sustainable green roof feature for the education wing and additional site restoration, repairs to the atrium building, relocation of activities normally programmed in the Atrium and additional HVAC and site issues that will be identified in design development. (see attached document)

Let it be further resolved that OBS commits to a financial/fundraising plan of \$5 million to match the city's share in the same amount, which shall consist of a capital campaign to raise at least \$3 million; a commitment of \$1 million from the Society's operating reserves, and a fund potentially comprised of a portion of bequests not otherwise donor-designated to be transferred to endowment if not required by the capital campaign. This component to be discussed with the Olbrich Botanical Society Foundation Board.

A motion was made by Mr. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Lauffer to approve the resolution. Motion carried unanimously.