

PETITION TO PROTECT AND ENHANCE MERRILL SPRINGS PARK April 2012

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BACKGROUND: The Margetis property (5100 Spring Court) was purchased by the City on December 28, 2011 for expanding adjacent Merrill Springs Park. Merrill Springs Park is currently a small quiet park with a few trees, a historic spring, two stone picnic tables, and offers fine lake views. The original and expanded park area totals 0.63 acres and is located in the Spring Harbor Neighborhood and zoned R2.

The Merrill Spring Park has historical value. It is located in the Merrill Springs Mound Group II Archeological District of the National Registry of Historic Places and was a part of a large Native American village dating back to the Woodland Stage. In 1910, Ernest N. and Lillian B. Warner gifted land for \$1 to Madison's Park and Pleasure Drive Association, forerunner of the Madison Park System. Merrill Springs Park was formed from this gift and included an easement from the Park to Lake Mendota Drive that remains a footpath today. The original park area features a spring cistern built by the Wisconsin Emergency Relief Administration in 1934, recently partially restored by the Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association.

PETITION: We, the undersigned, respectfully request the Parks Department to preserve and enhance Merrill Springs Park consistent with the long-standing historical uses of the original park. Specifically, we ask the Parks Department to adhere to the following in any future development of the Merrill Springs Park:

1. Do not transform the park to commercial use by renting out the former private property. A rental scheme will cause conflicts between renters, the Parks Dept., and general public users and the neighborhood. The rundown small cottage should be removed.
2. Keep development and addition of hard structures to minimum to keep this Park consistent with the past and current uses of the original Park. Viewing the lake and the historical spring has been the greatest use of the original Merrill Springs Park.
3. Keep the park to walk-in access, add an ADA trail, and replace the poorly designed driveway that threatens the WERA stonework with one ADA parking spot. Spring Harbor Park just one block away has bathrooms, drinking water, a boat launch and dock, parking, and a playground. Also nearby with parking and lake access is Spring Harbor Beach and Raymer's Cove on Frautschi Point.
4. The Parks Department should work with the Spring Harbor Neighborhood park and garden volunteers to restore the property and shoreline with native vegetation.
5. Keep the park rules for the expanded area the same as the original park area: 10 pm close, No night-time lighting, no fires.

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Bernard Weisblum		4/22/12	5110 Lake Mendota Dr.	
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James Gern		4/22/12	5136 SPRING CT MADISON WI	
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