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Budget Meetings: Hour 3

Public comment continues as we move into the third hour of the budget hearings.

Looking ahead to the Capital Budget, it's evident that the weeks since the Mayor released his budget have been a time of drawing battle lines for Madison's alders. Most of the amendments come from two diametrically-opposed factions of Alders.

Alders Robbie Webber, Brenda Konkell and Marsha Rummel all alternately have a hand in a smattering of amendments that would delay seven major road projects by a year, for a combined savings of \$3.7 million in 2009.

Meanwhile, Alders Jed Sanborn, Judy Compton and Thuy Pham-Remmele are behind an amendment that strikes \$100,000 worth of funding from the Renewable Energy Project. Sanborn, Pham-Remmele and Alder Libby Monson made a bold move to remove \$250,000 from the budget that was intended to jumpstart the Central Park project between 2009 and 2011. And it was Sanborn, Pham-Remmele, Monson and Alder Michael Schumacher who got together to quash \$120,000 from the municipal art fund, which has already drawn protest from several members of the public tonight.

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"My secret arsenal is an infinite, ageless inkwell -- It's a fountain of youth and a Patriot's weapon of choice." I'm a writer, reporter and news anchor in Madison, Wisconsin. For sanity's sake, I try to approach every story with equal parts curiosity and levity. This is my unedited perspective, for better or worse. It's certainly no representation of those I work with or the organization I work for...and I wouldn't have it any other way.