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ITEM E.1.
(HANDOUT)

Benishek Clark, Anne

From: Schmidt, Christopher
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2015 2:36 PM
To: Benishek Clark, Anne
Cc: Dryer, David; Monks, Anne; Crawley, Katie; Woulf, Mark; Knepp, Eric
Subject: Memo to PBMVC re: Hill Farms Plan

TO: Pedestrian Bicycle Motor Vehicle Commission
FROM: Alder Schmidt
RE: University Hill Farms Neighborhood Plan
DATE: November 23, 2015

Tonight you are being asked to consider the recommendations of the Community Gardens Committee, which has already seen the Hill Farms neighborhood plan. The CGC made recommendations regarding Vernon Blvd, which I suspect is why the CGC is asking you to review it. My request is that the committee does discuss that portion of the CGC recommendations that are within its purview, but not address the others regarding parks. The CGC recommendations have not been reviewed by the Parks Commission, and to the best of my knowledge the neighborhood plan steering committee has not formally reviewed them either. The use of park space in District 11 for community gardens is a delicate issue and I hope to avoid raising concerns unnecessarily and before there is a public and open discussion of the issue with the neighborhood.

On December 3 I will be meeting with representatives from the Sheboygan Gardens, CGC, and City Staff to discuss a process and plan for addressing the request to place the gardens on City property (be it a park or otherwise). Also, this plan was not referred to the Sustainable Madison Committee, and even though they did discuss it they were not a formal referral.

Thank you,
Chris