From:	Jon Becker
To:	Finance Committee
Cc:	Jon Becker
Subject:	For SEP 12 MON Finance Committee meeting, re FY23 capital budget
Date:	Friday, September 9, 2022 11:18:36 AM
Attachments:	REINDAHL-FInancials to Parks Board-2022-08-10 (rev2022-09-07).pdf

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Please see attached fiscal analysis.

Delaying construction of the proposed new Library+Pavilion (Imagination Center) until FY24, so that a site outside of Reindahl Park can be found that allows for the condo-style design approach used for Pinney and Sequoya PLs, provides these benefits:

1) $3,175,130 in potential savings; more if a property is donated for the facility (as was offered in 2015, but turned down)
2) Opportunity to provide additional low-cost housing along or near the proposed East/West BRT corridor
3) As much as ~$250,000/yr (in 2022 dollars) in additional property tax revenues, annually, from mixed use of the site
4) Potential appreciation of library condo space owned by city, should it ever wish to sell it
5) The Public Market can be funded in FY23

Another possible benefit of a site outside of Reindahl Park, which is distant from most existing residential stock in the area: A site that is better ped/bike access.

Please be aware that siting of the Library+Pavilion (Imagination Center) in Reindahl likely will require the construction of a bike/ped (multi-use) crossing over or under both HWYs 151 and 51, to provide safe non-vehicular accessibility.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jon Becker
608 469 0316

Imagination Center vs Condo-Style Library and Sperate Park Pavilion
Fiscal Analysis (baseline)
v.07SEP2022

$1,000,000	Tenney Park Pavilion (2012)
$10,600,000	Pinney Public Library (2020; includes $3.2 million condo space purchase)

In 2022 dollars, inflation-adjusted:

$ 1,290,434	Tenney Park Pavilion
+ 12,134,436	Pinney Public Library
$ 13,424,870	Total

$ 16,600,000	Imagination Center (library + pavilion) as proposed, despite potential shared facility amenities (e.g., restrooms)
$ 3,175,130	Savings possible

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$ 1,545,000	Imagination Center first year operational budget (incl. 4 security positions).
$ 220,000	From Mayor's FY23 budget proposal: "Additional operating costs for the IT partnership is [sic] estimated to be $25,000 and the operating costs for the Parks partnership is [sic] estimated to be $195,000."
$1,765,000	TOTAL

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Madison's Condo Style Public Libraries

2021 Net Municipal Revenues

Pinney Public Library [521-523 Grand Oak Tr.]

	$ 233,662	Property taxes from Royster Commons private units (after credits)
+	29,785	Options in Community Living ~ Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT)
	263,447	Municipal Revenues
-	39,000	Royster Commons Area Fee paid by Pinney PL
	$ 224,447	Net Municipal Revenues

Sequoya Public Library [555 S. Midvale Blvd.]

	$ 349,524	Property taxes from Sequoya Commons private units (after credits)
-	78,156	Sequoya Commons Area Fee paid by Sequoya PL
	$ 271,368	Net Municipal Revenues

Sequoya and Pinney condo data are from City of Madison:
David Schmiedicke, Finance director
Matt Mikolajewski, DPCED Economic Development director

From: Gwen Long
To: Finance Committee
Subject: #11665 Sauk Creek Greenway
Date: Sunday, September 11, 2022 4:45:37 PM

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From: Ted Drewsen
To: Finance Committee
Subject: Agenda Item 26
Date: Saturday, September 10, 2022 9:30:37 PM

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To Finance Committee of the City of Madison,

I am opposed to the Reconstruction of the Sauk Creek Greenway.

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Ted Drewsen
7621 Farmington Way
Madison, WI 53717
ted.drewsen@gmail.com
920-251-9640 (cell)

From: Susan Bruegman
To: Finance Committee
Subject: Feed back on tonight"s item agenda #26
Date: Monday, September 12, 2022 1:40:53 PM

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Here are my points regarding the current Sauk Creek Greenway project at this time.

I am in favor of environmentally friendly stormwater improvements to the Sauk Creek Waterway. However, any improvements must be developed with full public disclosure and input. Such a plan should be consistent with sustainability objectives and not cause significant environmental damage to the 5,595 trees and habitats of birds, bats, and vegetation in this unique urban 26.5-acre woods and 1-mile waterway corridor. (More than 400 community members have signed this opposition petition.)

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Sincerely,
Susan Bruegman
313 Sauk Creek Drive
Madison, Wi 53717
susan.bruegman@att.net

From: Jesse Lassiter
To: Finance Committee
Subject: Feedback re: Sauk Creek Waterway Project
Date: Sunday, September 11, 2022 8:51:39 PM

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To whom this may concern,

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For the proposed projects, we do not believe there has been full transparency for the environmental impact. There are ways to achieve the desired watershed improvements with less impact to the trees and animal habitats. Please accept the feedback from the community that we are not supportive of the current plans, and we would like to share input before the project proceeds any further.

Sincerely,
Jesse Lassiter

From: Erick Lafuente
To: Finance Committee
Subject: Feedback re: Sauk Creek Waterway Project
Date: Sunday, September 11, 2022 8:50:34 PM

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Sincerely,
Jose Lafuente

From: Ibelisse Lassiter
To: Finance Committee
Subject: Feedback re: Sauk Creek Waterway Project
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Ibelisse Lassiter

From: Elizabeth Mijaria
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Sincerely,
Elizabeth Mijaria de Lafuente

From: Gwen Long
To: Finance Committee
Subject: Item #26
Date: Sunday, September 11, 2022 10:48:18 PM

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Budget time is never a good time. I do not envy the challenges of determining the multi million dollar City budget.

My concern: Since the Sauk Creek Greenway flows through private land, the Greenbriar Apartment property (S. High Point Rd/Tree Lane/Randolf Dr), what are the plans/cost to obtain that creek property?
Without that Sauk Creek Greenway land, why is the city proceeding with the Sauk Creek Greenway section 3&4 project? It seems that section will continue to be an issue. IF the creek is truly a flooding issue at all!. There are so many other undersized under-street culverts causing water bottlenecks, and undersized retention ponds on this stretch of the watershed causing problems.

I understand the DOT needs to get involved in street/road/ highway projects to correct the undersized culverts, And they are extremely expensive multi million dollar projects. But I do not understand the order in which these projects are moving forward. And why the Sauk Creek Greenway project 3-4 needs to remove so many trees and disrupt so much wildlife.

Riparian woods are so beneficial in stormwater and watershed planning, yet we keep destroying them. Over 80% of the 5,600 trees in the 26 acre woods could be cut down for this project, per 2018 City Engineering tree survey report. We need to come up with tree sparing ways to fix these potential stormwater conveyance challenges.

Riparian Forest project
https://cwp.org/the-self-recovery-of-stream-channel-stability-in-urban-watersheds/

Riparian buffers benefits
https://www.fs.usda.gov/nac/practices/riparian-forest-buffers.php#:~:text=A%20riparian%20forest%20buffer%20is,primarily%20to%20provide%20conservation%20benefits.

Trees soak up rain, reduce run off
https://www.epa.gov/soakuptherain/soak-rain-trees-help-reduce-runoff

Trees help fight climate change
https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/trees-woods-and-wildlife/british-trees/how-trees-fight-climate-change/

From: James Long
To: Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose current plan for Sauk Creek
Date: Sunday, September 11, 2022 2:27:55 PM

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Please consider this in your decisions.

Thank you,
Jim Long
Madison

From: Cynthia Schott
To: Finance Committee
Subject: Opposition to Agenda Item#26 Sept 12
Date: Monday, September 12, 2022 9:44:29 AM

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The Sauk Creek drainage proposal is a big project that seems to be destructive of the environment by clearing massive areas instead of straightening the creek and supporting the creek's borders. The bike path proposal also seems totally unnecessary, it doesn't link anything and there are safe alternatives.
I have signed the petition from the Friends of Sauk Creek and agree with their position.
Cindy Schott

From: Randy Bruegman
To: Finance Committee
Subject: Sauk Creek Greenway Project
Date: Sunday, September 11, 2022 4:02:42 PM

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I am in opposition of this project moving forward without the engagement and buy-in form the community that it will impact. A group of concerned residents met with the mayor and asked about community engagement, and she indicated that the engineering department would hold a public meeting to discuss the project. There is a vast difference between a public meeting and public engagement. A public meeting is where they show you the plan, let the community vent for two hours, which allows them to say they held public comment, and then the city will do what they were going to do before the meeting ever took place. Public engagement is where the public is invited to provide feedback into the design process, which is usually a multiple step process, and results in a collaborative design between the needs of the city and the residents being impacted. That is what we would all like to see in this process.

The impact of essentially clearcutting the greenway would have negative impacts on most people who live in the area, but also the city.

- There have been numerous studies published on the negative financial impacts that occur on property values when adjacent or proximal green space is removed.
- The loss of so many trees would impact our local environment causing higher daily pollution counts and higher temperatures, let alone the impact on the entire city. As an environmentally friendly city, it is counter intuitive to me that they don't take a more surgical approach to the removal of established and healthy trees that remove a substantial amount of carbon from the air.
- The loss of habitats. The greenspace is home to many species, and they would be displaced or lost. This habitat adds to the uniqueness of this area, and it would be a shame to lose that.

I also agree with following statements that have been formulated by the neighbors that are working for a collaborative process and solution to the Greenway project as outlined below.

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In closing, the removal of groves of trees and woodlands is ongoing all over Madison, while the city presents itself as a very tree friendly and environmentally conscious city. In discussions with stream experts, UW scientists, environmentalists, climatologists, and geologists on this project it is apparent that there is a wealth of talent and expertise in this city that is largely being ignored, as evidenced in this project.

If this process is indicative of how the city is operating in each of its departments, there is a major disconnect with the residents that you are elected and hired to serve.

Chief Randy R. Bruegman, (Ret.)
Chief Fire Officer, Emeritus
Fellow, Institution of Fire Engineers, FIFireE
Rbruegman@outlook.com

From: Pris Boroniec
To: Finance Committee
Subject: Sauk Creek Reconstruction: Agenda Item #26 Opposition Pending Further Information
Date: Monday, September 12, 2022 12:53:25 AM

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My name is Louis Cornelius. I live in the Sauk Creek Neighborhood, and have lived here for 34 years. I have concerns about the proposed Sauk Creek Reconstruction as follows:

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From: WALTER R STEVENSON
To: Finance Committee
Subject: Sauk Creek Waterway Project
Date: Monday, September 12, 2022 10:09:31 AM

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Best Regards
Walt Stevenson
222 S Kenosha Dr
Madison

Sent from my iPad

From: Brian S.
To: Finance Committee
Subject: Sauk Creek Waterway
Date: Saturday, September 10, 2022 3:45:13 PM

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Brian Shore

From: jhirsch@chorus.net
To: Finance Committee
Cc: Conklin, Nikki
Subject: September 12th Agenda - 2023 Executive Capital Budget
Date: Monday, September 12, 2022 1:47:37 PM

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Finance Committee Members:

Thank you for your work in sorting through the details of the budget.

As a resident of District 9 on the westside of Madison, I have concerns about several of the capital improvements that are outlined in the Budget. These include projects such as roadwork on Mineral Point Road, storm water mitigation at the Sauk Creek Waterway, Wexford Pond dredging, sewer access and upgrades, and right-of-way landscaping and trees.

A review of the projects indicates that there is little coordination between them. There is little to no communication with the neighborhoods or residents of these areas or even between the City departments.

Yes, each department has their own priorities, budget and timelines. I expect the City staffs to be working across agency boundaries to develop projects that are good for the City and that have the input and support of the residents. This is not happening. The information that we receive is non-existent or conflicts with what is provided by other departments.

Until more information regarding these projects and their costs, I ask the Finance Committee to refer these expenditures to the Horizon List.

Awaiting more details and the opportunity for input in District 9.

Janet

Janet Hirsch

From: chris turner
To: Finance Committee
Subject: Sauk Creek Greenway
Date: Tuesday, September 13, 2022 4:28:31 PM

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Hello,
I write as a resident of Madison living in Sauk Creek. I am adamantly opposed to the city developing the Sauk Creek Greeway into nothing more than a big drainage ditch through which water can be funneled. Our society has known for decades that trees, bushes, plants, all the understory plants and animals, grass, weeds and dirt help rainwater to drain properly and NOT build up to cause flooding. So why in the world are city engineers not working with a coalition of outdoor environmental experts in riparian forests and plants to USE and RETAIN the natural surroundings in the Greenway?
Please don't continue to be shortsighted and tear down trees and plants and pave over the area; hardscaping is NOT the answer.
Thank you for your consideration.
Chris Turner
326 Sauk Creek Dr, Madison, WI 53717
608-609-6319

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Chris Turner