

From: [Joan A Bell-Kaul](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Vote NO on Agenda Item 8, Parks Commission Request to cut trees in Greenways Without First Obtaining Public Input
Date: Monday, July 18, 2022 11:57:46 AM

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Dear Alders:

As Lead on Nextdoor's "Environmental/Nature/Wildlife Group" (now 720+ members), I am asking you to deny the Parks Commission permission to cut/trim trees in all city Greenways WITHOUT FIRST obtaining prior public input.

We are particularly concerned that the trees within and bordering the new Hartmeyer Natural Area will be trimmed and CUT in ways that will be detrimental to the wildlife which currently enjoys this area as its habitat and source of food.

So we ask that public permission be procured prior to the Parks Commission's doing any work on the existing trees and shrubs in this new "preserve."

Respectfully,

Joan Bell-Kaul

From: louie.pris@gmail.com
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: [All Alders] Agenda Item 86 on 7/12/22 Council Agenda
Date: Monday, July 11, 2022 12:08:24 PM

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Would you like us to contact you? Yes, by email

Message:

Dear Alderperson:

My name is Louis Cornelius, and I live at 13 Sauk Creek Circle in Madison.

I am writing to urge you to reject an amendment under Agenda Item 86 on the July 12 City Council Meeting Agenda. I understand that it is under the “Introduction of New Business for Referral Without Debate”. I further understand that it is Agenda Item 86, file 72259, and amends Section 10.101 1 b. The provision provides the City Engineering Department with the authority to allow staff to prune or remove trees in a greenway when necessary.

This provision will authorize Engineering staff to take actions in the City’s Greenways with either no or token neighborhood consultation and with the lack of accountability and transparency. The pruning or removal of greenway trees, which may be arbitrary, discretionary and unchecked without genuine neighborhood input may result in:

- The loss of “quality trees” in the city’s greenways
- An increase in carbon dioxide emissions in the city
- An increase in urban heat in the city
- A contradiction to the City’s Sustainability Plan page 17 and
- A contradiction to the City’s policy of inclusion of city residents in our “Participatory Democracy.”

Thank you in advance for the consideration of my concern and request.

Louis Cornelius

From: [Susan Hessel](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Objection to July 19, 2020 Common Council Meeting Agenda Item 72426
Date: Tuesday, July 19, 2022 11:19:25 AM

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Good morning,

This item looks like a simple subcommittee appointment. However, I have received some information that today's Common Council Meeting Agenda Item 72426, would give the Parks Commission permission to cut and trim the trees/shrubs in all greenways without public comment.

I am opposed to suspending public comment at this point. Given that the Parks Commission perspective has been out of sync with the public and the understanding that we need to preserve the trees we have NOW! While we need to grow more trees, we need to preserve the trees we have now as much as possible to contract urban heat island effects, which are already being exacerbated by increasing summer temperatures. We are being spared in this particular moment from the extreme heat wave currently engulfing the planet, but there is no guarantee our exception will be maintained. We need the voices of the people to be heard regarding trees that are near to them and effect them.

Thanks,
Susan Hessel
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