

Madison Plan Commission Members

Suggested change to:

Northport-Warner Park-Sherman Neighborhood Plan

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Add:

14. Consider changing the lane configuration on North Sherman Avenue south of Packers Avenue to three (3) lanes and two (2) bicycle lanes. The middle lane would be a two way left turn lane (TWLTL) except at high at high volume intersections where it would be a dedicated left turn lane.

Comment: In addition to creating a smoother traffic flow with no lane changing, better ingress and egress from driveways, improved bicycle access and mobility, uniform traffic flow, it also creates much safer pedestrian crossings of the street with only one through lane in each direction.

Similar wording (without "consider") was rejected by the Long Range Transportation Commission on a vote that could have gone either way, depending on who could have been the acting (non-voting) chair and who missed the meeting. Those who did not vote for the change did so because of a statement by Alder Satya Rhodes-Conway who did not want it included because the issue was still being discussed.

The new wording above has added "consider" to reflect that the issue is still under discussion and is still being considered.

Please include the statement in the plan. The Northside is the most bicycle deficient part of Madison. The infrastructure needs to be vastly improved. Right now there is not even a single bike lane on the Northside.

Thank you.

Michel W. Rewey

Member: Board of Public Works
Long Range Transportation Planning Commission

9/11/2009

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Horvath, Linda

From: Horvath, Linda
Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2009 2:44 PM
To: 'Cyndi Wood'; Joan Bell-Kaul
Cc: Tom Blake
Subject: RE: Concerns of the Lakeview Hill Neighbors Regarding the Plan for Warner Park

Thank you Joan for your input. I will share it with the Board of Parks Commissioners at the meeting tonight.

Best,
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From: Cyndi Wood [mailto:mswood@ameritech.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2009 2:35 PM
To: Joan Bell-Kaul
Cc: Tom Blake; Horvath, Linda
Subject: Re: Concerns of the Lakeview Hill Neighbors Regarding the Plan for Warner Park

Good afternoon Joan,

First, I want to thank you for contacting me about your concerns. I agree that we need to preserve as much green space as possible for the welfare of the wildlife.

The meeting tonight will address the concerns regarding the wildlife and revisions that are needed on the Northport Warner Park Sherman plan. Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the meeting tonight, so to ensure your feedback is on record I am cc'ing Linda Horvath, City of Madison and my co-chair Thomas Blake.

Working together as a community we will make a better north side for ALL residents and our future. Please do not hesitate to contact either Tom or myself with further feedback.

Best regards,
Cyndi

--- On Tue, 10/13/09, Joan Bell-Kaul <bellkaul@wisc.edu> wrote:

From: Joan Bell-Kaul <bellkaul@wisc.edu>
Subject: Concerns of the Lakeview Hill Neighbors Regarding the Plan for Warner Park
To: mswood@ameritech.net
Date: Tuesday, October 13, 2009, 3:59 PM

October 13, 2009

Dear Commissioner Wood,

Having read, in the OPINION page of The Wisconsin State Journal of 10/12/09 Trish O'Kane's valid concerns regarding the "new neighborhood plan" which you will be discussing at tomorrow's meeting at Warner Park, I will add my support to her plea. The "new plan" must be GREEN enough to preserve (and hopefully even expand) the existing habitat for migratory and permanent-resident birds.

O'Kane is correct in assuming that too many Planning Commissions are tempted to look only at serving more human needs, sadly at the expense of the dwindling habitat for wildlife in our city. This doctoral candidate is right to say that we must seek to preserve the wildlife habitat that truly makes part of Warner Park an eco-haven in an urban setting. The National Audubon Society reports in its magazine of March, 09, that many, if not most, of our once-common migratory bird species are threatened with extinction, primary due to habitat loss due to human development of currently wild/open land. O'Kane notes "They NEED the undisturbed marsh island, unmowed meadows and woodlands" to live and to raise their young. Take this away, and we become just one more governing body that naively ignores the human need for biodiversity and the right of all species to continue to survive for generations to come, wrongly ignoring the deep ecological aspects of "future planning."

I strongly urge you to act on this knowledgeable young woman's advice that, as you plan for the future of Warner Park, you will "Keep Warner Park Wild." Habitat preservation will not only benefit the survival of birds, but it will also ensure that future residents of Madison (and all visitors) will have the opportunity to enjoy the rich natural biodiversity that Warner Park currently provides in the midst of an otherwise urban setting.

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October 9, 2009

To: Board of Parks Commissioners

From: Trish O'Kane

Re: Changes to Northside Plan (Warner Park Chapter)

Thank you very much for all your efforts to improve the plan. As a result of this process, one of the plan's most egregious elements--a new parking lot--has been removed. Unfortunately, several other egregious elements still remain: paddle boats, paving around the perimeter with lighting and sidewalks to nowhere, and the "clearing" of trees and shrubs that are now called "invasive species." Although city officials have greened the draft by inserting environmentally-correct language, the plan is still essentially pro-development and anti-wildlife. It also does not include Audubon's alternative vision for using the park for environmental education. I hope to be part of any future process to promote that vision and will help in any way that I can. In the meantime, I propose seven tiny language changes to this latest draft, to try and provide an environmental perspective. Thank you for your consideration.

1. Pg. 37: Add the following introductory phrase to "b"

b. Do an environmental impact study to...

2. Pg. 38: Change first line of "c" to

c. Study the need for a more extensive...

3. Pg. 38: Add the following introductory phrase to "d"

d. Study habitat use by birds and other wildlife before clearing...

4. Pg. 38: Change "e" to

e. Upgrade Monterey/Warner Park playground area and study the need for a sidewalk...

5. Pg. 39: Change introductory phrase of "j" to

j. Study environmental impact of promoting water-related recreational activities in Warner Park...

6. Pg. 49: Add the following phrase to last bullet of point 5

- Study the need for a sidewalk...

7. Pg. 49: Add the following introductory phrase to second bullet of point 8

- Study habitat use by birds and other wildlife before clearing...