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From: Ellingson, Susan

Sent: Thursday, May 23, 2013 9:54 AM

To: Knepp, Eric

Cc: Clausius, Joe; Clear, Mark; Briski, Kevin; Rutledge, Kay; Romines, Charles; Peter Nause; Linell Davis; Percy Mather; Roland Rueckert; Dorrie Sundquist; Stark, Sandy; email redacted; Si Widstrand; Briana Frank

Subject: Support for Glenway Woods and Glenwood Children's Park

To the Habitat Stewardship Subcommittee and the Board of Parks Commissioners:

You will review plans for Glenway Woods and the Glenwood Children's Park. I support both these plans and urge you to adopt them.

The Children's Park plan was first considered a year ago. At that time it included proposals to remove many large, undesirable trees (especially black locust). Neighbors objected to the extent of the removals. Since then, the plan has been updated with more modest and manageable goals. We had a neighborhood meeting, and everyone there was happy with the new plan.

The work our neighbors have done (as volunteers!) is remarkable. We owe them many thanks for their care of our city.

Thank you.

Sue Ellingson

From: Arnold Alanen

Sent: Sunday, May 19, 2013 11:41 PM

To: Ellingson, Susan

Subject: Glenwood Children's Park

Hello Alder Ellingson:

We are residents of West Lawn Avenue, and participate in the events and activities that are associated with Glenwood Children's Park. We also have considerable background experience in landscape history, landscape architecture, and parks. I taught landscape history and preservation in the Department of Landscape Architecture at the UW-Madison for 35 years; Darrel Morrison was my colleague for several years, and Steve Christy and Si Widstrand are my former students. And I've followed Glenwood for the 39 years I've lived here. For example, in an interview that appeared in Madison's Isthmus newspaper (1990s), I expressed concern over the lack of attention that Glenwood was receiving from the city. The neighborhood and city are indeed fortunate that Peter Nause has spearheaded the effort to restore Glenwood during recent years.

My wife (Lynn Bjorkman), a former National Park Service employee in Michigan, has lived in Madison for some 13 years. She is also very familiar with the work of

Jens Jensen, which dates to her pursuit of a Master's degree in planning from the University of Michigan.

The following is just of brief listing of issues that are of special concern to both of us:

Over the past five years the DMNA Parks Committee has been engaged in developing a management plan for Glenwood. Since so many volunteer hours have gone into the planning and grant writing process, it is time to enact the plan.

Glenwood's unique status as the city's only neighborhood park with a forestry plan attests to the efforts of many volunteers. It is time that these efforts are recognized.

Because of its historic landmark status, Glenwood deserves attention as a city-level resource.

Because Jens Jensen is noted as one of the nation's leading native plant proponents, greater emphasis needs to be given to the removal of the park's invasive species. As recommended in the revised plan, the replanting of native trees, shrubs, and understory should be pursued.

Thank you for giving the above your support and attention.

Sincerely,

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