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Sent: Tuesday, August 31, 2021 10:31 AM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: 67137

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As a nurse volunteer with Madison Care for the Homeless, MACH one health, I ask you to support this resolution to prepare a site for the homeless presently at Reindahl Park. Covid cases will continue to rise amongst the folks who lack housing options. Winter is fast approaching, and with it, more risks of frostbite, influenza, Covid, hypothermia. Please support this resolution to prepare a site at Dairy Drive.
Kind regards,
Nancy K. Wild

From: Tom O'Day <today5416@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 31, 2021 12:49 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>; Okeefe, James <JOKeefe@cityofmadison.com>; Knepp, Eric <EKnepp@cityofmadison.com>; Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Reindahl Park Agenda Items #23, 66, 67

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Thank you for recognizing the dire conditions at Reindahl Park and declaring a state of emergency. Your immediate action to relocate the encampment to a safe environment with the necessary facilities and proper oversight is crucial. I ask that you invoke a specific date, preferably no later than October 31st, to have all campers out of Reindahl. A definitive date will encourage cooperation with the relocation effort and deter further growth at the park. Relocation before the winter months is absolutely necessary. Please support these agenda items and continue to prioritize completion before the cold weather sets in and the situation at Reindahl gets worse. An end date needs to be in place.

Respectfully,
Thomas O Day

Submitted on Tuesday, August 31, 2021 - 4:57pm

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Details/Comments:

Hi,

I am trying to register in support of agenda #23 fir tonight's meeting but cannot find the link.

Thank you,

Netalee Sheinman

From: Linda Ketcham <linda@justdane.org>
Sent: Tuesday, August 31, 2021 5:05 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Support of Agenda Item 23

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Dear Alders:

I am writing on behalf of JustDane to ask you to please support Agenda item 23. This proposal will allow the City to begin preparing a new site at Dairy Drive to support some of the unhoused individuals currently at Reindahl Park. The plan for the site and information shared by Jim O'Keefe at last evening's Homeless Issues Committee, makes it clear that the proposed site will provide a more suitable, safer site than Reindahl Park. This is one step toward resolving some of the concerns and issues experienced at Reindahl as the City continues to develop and implement a range of solutions to reduce homelessness in our community.

Sincerely,

Linda Ketcham (she, her, hers)
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To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: [All Alders] Amendment to Agenda Item 23-Reindahl

Recipient: All Alders

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Message:

The Council needs to pass Alder Halverson's amendment setting a date for removal of the encampment. This timetable gives adequate time to prepare the Dairy Drive site.

It assures District 17 residents of the serious intent of the City. Those campers who don't want to move to the City approved site on Dairy Drive may decide to move elsewhere before Reindahl is closed to camping.

From: Megan Spielbauer Sandate <megan.spielbauer@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 31, 2021 7:42 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>; Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: August 31st Council Meeting

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Hello!

I was not sure what was happening with my audio, but I wanted to make sure that I stated what was needed:

Support for Items #18, 19, 20, 23
Oppose Item #66

I want to state my support for Items #18, 19, and 20 that will amend the appropriate ordinances to allow for different types of temporary/emergency housing. I do want to state my concern about additional police patrolling of such communities/zones - I want to make sure that we are building spaces that are autonomous areas for folks that do not force them to choose between housing and state prosecution.

I want to state my support for #23. I hope that alternative/secondary locations are found as the Dairy Drive location cannot serve everyone and it is quite far from the Downtown area. I agree with other speakers that we need to provide better mental health and addiction services, which means that we need to be looking at our budget drains - the police- and cutting their funding. We need to be putting our funding into improving affordable housing and employment services, etc. We also cannot ignore that people are living outside now and will continue to be living outside until those changes are able to happen. They need water, shelter from severe weather, and food. They should not be criminalized, which is why I oppose item #66. What good will it do to evict folks from an area and provide them with no where to go. Alder Halverson interrupted me when I called him out during a previous meeting, but I'll do it here where you are not able to assert your privilege. Alder Halverson is purporting that a ten tiny home village can 1) instantly be built and 2) house everyone that is currently living in tents in our city. It can't. We cannot pretend that people are not houseless, and we cannot continue to shove them further and further from downtown, so this city is "pretty and progressive" for white, wealthy Madisonians.

Thanks,
Megan Spielbauer Sandate
She/Her/Ella
University of Wisconsin- Madison Student
Economics and Environmental Studies B.A.

From: Steve Verburg <stverburg@gmail.com>
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To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: leadership

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Members of the Madison Common Council:

I am reluctantly supporting the mayor's proposal to spend \$2 million on 30 temporary housing structures, city utilities and on-site management on a small piece of land at Dairy Drive and Femrite.

The Dairy Drive land is in an industrial area a five minute drive from my home in District 16 on the East Side.

I am familiar with the site. Over the past twenty years, I have regularly driven to or pedaled my bike to a neighboring establishment.

I'm in favor of the mayor's Dairy Drive proposal because I think it's the best we can get. The politicians in this town have simply not demonstrated that they are capable of responding effectively or meaningfully to our glaring problems of inequality and homelessness. Six alders -- Charles Myadze, Syed Abbas, Sheri Carter, Gary Halverson, Barbara Harrington-McKinney, and Nasra Wehelie -- continue to block a long-planned permanent shelter that could help address some of the homelessness problems we are seeing today.

I don't know why we can't spend \$2 million to make a liveable place out of the encampment that is currently in a small portion of the sprawling Reindahl Park -- unless it's just that we want to hide the homeless from the view of the good people of Madison.

I am grateful to Ald. Jael Currie for working with city staff to make this Dairy Drive proposal something that might just have a chance of being beneficial.

I would like to hear much more tonight, and hear frequent updates in the weeks to come, about how the mayor's emergency shelter solution will be designed and staffed to prevent it from becoming dangerous to the most vulnerable among us as her Reindahl Park camp is said to be.

If the conditions at Reindahl Park have become a threat to the city's health and welfare, it's because of penny-pinching, inordinate devotion to developers, and lack of moral courage on his council and previous councils, on the part of this mayor and many before her, and on the part of the Dane County executive, who is currently trying to not to spend millions in federal dollars that are available to help avoid the next Reindahl Park.

Please rise above this history and approve the Dairy Drive proposal, and then make sure the resources are provided so it is done right, and that we start creating shelter that provides the basic

human dignity of the sort that each of us would like if and when that day comes that the tables are turned and we are on the street.

Thank you.

Steve Verburg
Wendy Lane, Madison, Wisconsin