

**From:** Park Commission  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 21, 2021 3:01 PM  
**To:** 'Laura Vogel' <lauralvits@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Burrows Park event September 12

Dear Laura,

I have attached your comments to the September 22, 2021 agenda. I did not attach the sound file you attached to your email because it was already sent by someone else and has already been attached.

Respectfully,  
City of Madison Parks Division

**From:** Laura Vogel <lauralvits@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 21, 2021 2:23 PM  
**To:** Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Burrows Park event September 12

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Park Commissioners,

I am forwarding to you an email I sent to Alder Abbas regarding a September 12 event at Burrows Park. Can you please attached this to the September 22 Agenda so it becomes part of the record. In addition, I registered to speak at the meeting on Wednesday, September 22.

Thank you.

Laura Vogel

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Laura V <lauralvits@gmail.com>  
**Date:** September 16, 2021 at 9:58:19 AM CDT  
**To:** Syed Abbas <district12@cityofmadison.com>  
**Subject:** Burrows Park event September 12

Alder Abbas,

Thank you for your voice message. At your request, I am sending an email summarizing the Burrows Park event on Sunday afternoon and evening (September 12).

Beginning at approximately 3:30 a group that had reserved the shelter and received an amplification permit began playing live music. Except for intermittent breaks this music continued until 9:00 pm. The noise

was excessive and not at all conducive to activity one would expect to find in a small neighborhood park located in the middle of a residential area.

The noise was heard several blocks away. Numerous neighbors called the Park Ranger on duty. Rangers McKenzie and Alex (my apologies if I misspelled their names) responded several times by visiting the park, taking decibel readings and asking the attendees to turn down the amplification. The rangers were very courteous, professional and interacted well with the distraught neighbors. Unfortunately there was not much they could do as the Madison Ordinance allows for 75 dB of amplified sound within 150 feet of the source. This kind of noise is unacceptable. The shelter itself, along with its location on Lake Mendota, is such that any sound emanating from the shelter is projected throughout the surrounding neighborhood. Electronic amplification makes a bad situation worse.

The neighbors of the surrounding homes love to see the park used for events such as family reunions, weddings, yoga classes and graduation parties. These types of events are more in keeping with the park's location. This is the type of activity that should be promoted and encouraged.

Attached is an audio of Sunday's event that was taken on our back porch, approximately 150 yards from the shelter. To listen to this please turn the volume up to high, as that is representative of the sound that we heard on our porch for 6 hours on Sunday.

I appreciate your assistance in determining what we can do to ensure this type of activity is not allowed to happen in the future.

Regards,

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