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These are my comments to the Board of Park Commissioners on Item 10 of your October 13, 2021 meeting regarding options for placement of the new paved bike path in Olbrich Park. I will not be able to attend the meeting.

I have lived a few blocks away from Olbrich Park for nearly 40 years and use the park regularly for its many recreational and educational features. Biking through or past the Park along Atwood Avenue has always been a challenge. I have appreciated the barriers allowing on-street biking in the past year and really look forward to a safe passage with the new path.

I prefer Option 3 for several reasons. First, it appears to be the most compatible with the sledding hill area, which is a very important feature of the park. The sled hill should be re-configured to have no pavement, curbs, or trees in the way.

Second, moving bikes efficiently and quickly from the hilltop at Lakeland and Welch to the new path along Atwood Avenue is better than having bikers constantly travelling along the shore as in Option 1. Both the construction and continuing bike traffic along the shore is disruptive for folks enjoying that part of the park, and bikers can take the dead-end path to the pier if they chose.

Third, creating another bike path on the North side of Atwood, as in Option 1 appears that it would be quite disruptive and costly, require removing many trees. It is really not needed with the new path on the opposite side. Of course, there should be safer crossings installed at the Olbrich entrances, perhaps with crossing lights controlled by pedestrians or bikers.

Thanks for considering my opinions!
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