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| <b>Project:</b>           | Vilas Park Master Plan          | <b>Location:</b> | Conf Rm CCB 108   |
| <b>MSA Project No.:</b>   | 15885004                        | <b>Date:</b>     | February, 13 2020 |
| <b>Meeting Purpose:</b>   | Review of Public Comment Themes | <b>Time:</b>     | 3:00 – 4:00       |
| <b>Meeting Organizer:</b> | Dan Williams                    |                  |                   |

**Attendees:**

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**1. Update Project Scope and Schedule:**

- A. Project Status: Phase II Design Development – on going focus group meetings, beginning concept plans

**2. Open Items:**

- A. Does EMS use Vilas Park drive? Would closure have an impact on response time?  
 B. Has City considered paid/permit parking?

**3. Discussion: Public Engagement Themes**
**A. Mobility and Safety**

– Vilas Park Drive –

1. Maintain One Way Traffic or Close to through Traffic
2. Realign road further from Lake Wingra
3. Reduce speed limit and design to slow traffic
4. Separate pedestrians (runners and walkers) from vehicles

– Parking Conflicts

1. Zoo, Buses, Overnight, Football Saturdays, Neighborhood Streets

**B. Environment**

– Improve Water Quality of Lagoons and Lake Wingra shoreline

1. Naturalize shoreline
2. Dredge lagoon or allow portions of the lagoons to return to wetlands

C. Community

– Shelter

1. Location and style

- Continued engagement with neighborhoods and park users for improvements and programming

**4. Meeting Comments:**

- Joseph (Zoo) will inquire about the fence line along Vilas park drive.
- Effect on response of through traffic closure of Vilas Park Drive time would be limited for Fire/EMS.
- Police use Vilas Park Drive more frequently.
- Fire (truck) could use a multi-use path if designed for fire truck weight.
- 10k route around lake. Post event traffic tends to be unruly.
- Park Rangers typically have requests for 5-6 road (Vilas Park Drive) event closures each year for events in the park, usually on Saturdays.
- Data from Madison Police Department Feb. 2019 to Feb. 2020, 629 total calls
  - 579 calls = no report (Park Ranger case number for standard park route = 1 report, route is completed daily)
  - 50 calls for service, 37 citations issued.
- Boat launch parking reorganization helped to reduce drug use at south shoreline
- Zoo lot= poorly marked lot, possibly add to traffic issues
- Zoo = how would sound and music from Park events such as movies or concerts effect the welfare of the animals?
- Consider shared use of Edgewood parking lot?
- No specific boat launch used for access to lake Wingra – Che to inquire if launch is necessary
- Brush rig could access the island over the new bridges
- Weed cutting schedule modified to 1 x per year for amphibian habitat
- Public Health Sampling in lake Wingra???
- Reorganization of north lot is of interest to the zoo
- Rhino and giraffe exhibit may be redeveloped into a savannah
- Does Parks use the “y” near the bridge on the north side of the lagoons
- (Zoo considering using the existing entrance promenade for new entrance)

**5. Next Steps:**

- A. Next Meeting (#4) – March/April review preliminary Concept Plans
- B. Meeting #5 – May – Review Draft Concept
- C. Meeting #6 – Late August – Finalize Draft Plan

**6. Action Items– identified during meeting**

- A. What, if any, effect on crime/vandalism be if Vilas Park drive was closed to through traffic?

**7. Action items from Public Engagement**

- A. Does the Fire Department use/need the boat launch in Vilas Park?
  - 2/14/2020 Follow up from MFD – “We have better access to Lake Wingra from the Wingra boat launch at the end of Knickerbocker St., so we wouldn’t need to use the Vilas Park location if it was eliminated.”
- B. Have the lagoons or lake been tested for PFAS?
- C. Why has the zoo reduced the number of public entrances to two, one north and one south?

*– 2/13/2020 - From Joseph Darcangelo – entrances have been consolidated for public safety (control access in and out of zoo), additionally limiting entrances reduces control points if an animal were to escape from an enclosure.*

- D. Can the zoo charge for parking or utilize city owned lots if the City charged for parking?
- E. Has the zoo considered or would they be willing to operate boat rental in the lagoons?
- F. How many beach closures occurred in 2019?
- G. What is the future of the pump station on the north side of the lagoon.
- H. What would be the anticipated effect (increased number of cars) of putting commuter traffic from Vilas onto surrounding streets if closed to through traffic?