

<b>Project:</b>	Vilas Park Master Plan	<b>Location:</b>	Skype
<b>MSA Project No.:</b>	15885004	<b>Date:</b>	May 14, 2020
<b>Meeting Purpose:</b>	State Agency Advisory - THPO	<b>Time:</b>	2:30 pm – 3:20 PM
<b>Meeting Organizer:</b>	Dan Williams		

### Attendees:

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### Action Items:

- Review concept plans
- Greenbush Neighborhood Grant Application
- Discuss/verify mound identification/setback as shown on “Compilation Topographic Survey of Vilas Park Mounds Area 2010”.
- Specific Questions:
  - Identify appropriate setback boundary for mounds.
    - WHS mounds boundary Doc 2205332 boundary is the initial mound management zone. This may not be the limit or extent of the mounds at the park. If there is a potential unearthing of artifacts in other areas outside the WHS boundary an archeologist will be required to further study and indicate additional mound locations.
  - Concerns of replacing the Dinosaur Playground in place? Relocation as shown in Concept C?
    - Development (such as the playground) has a direct, in-direct and an accumulative effect to the remaining mounds onsite. These include viewscapes and b) soundscapes.
    - “Although the playground is conducive for a park like location, the site is in fact a burial location and for a lack of a better term, a mortuary site. – Bill Q.”
    - Redevelopment of site and preservation of mound sites should consider viewscapes and soundscapes that effect the mound sites. *“These effects need to be taken into account when the City makes management and maintenance decisions. Do they only follow what minimally legally required by the burial law, or do they create better management practices for the protection and preservation of these sacred sites. – Bill Q.”*
      - *Viewscapes include features lighting and “Darksky” planning if the site is used for a cultural event or placement of built features that may block original views from the mounds to other natural or cultural features.*
      - *Soundscapes include considerations for noise levels (traffic, kids playing, etc.) adjacent to the burial mounds. Consider development in modern cemeteries, and respect for persons who which to pay respects to the deceased or take a moment for personal introspection.*
    - Per state law: Mounds are grave markers and should be treated as such.

- The mounds as visible today are not necessarily the original extent of the mounds.
- State Statute 157.70; Administrative Code 44.40
- Future Development: Soil disturbance on or adjacent to mounds should be monitored by qualified archeologist. Inadvertent discovery during excavation requires work stoppage and investigation by archeologist, if not already present. If development occurs as shown in Concept C, same steps should be followed, as inadvertent discovery is likely due to original nature/extent of the mound group.
- If no playground existed, the Ho-Chunk would recommend against placement a playground near the mounds. The hierarchy of the site as a historic and cultural site outweighs the need for recreation in this type of space.
- Are there other spaces within the Park boundary that need to be specifically considered, other than mounds group area?
  - Did not discuss.

### Past Meeting:

- From 12/9/2020 meeting. THPO suggestions or additional contacts:
  - Discuss regulatory process for proposed improvements.
    - Any land disturbance in the sites identified in the 2018 Archeological Report by Ryan Howell (Cardno) the must be supervised by a qualified archeologist.
    - No soil disturbance on mound – even during maintenance such as mowing.
  - Follow existing City of Madison Mound Management Plan regarding maintenance or disturbance (inadvertent discovery practice/protocol) around the existing mounds. (25’ management buffer is preferred.)
  - If neighbors are to assist in managing mound, if not already required, develop a release form to define guidelines and protocols.
  - Consider “Dark Sky” practices when considering site lighting to protect the nighttime viewsheds of the mounds and other culturally sensitive sites within the park.
  - If replacement of the “Dinosaur” playground is desired or required, consider location of replacement due to impact of excavation for the structures footings. (No need to disturb just to move, but make considerations if maintenance or replacement is to occur.) Archeological report/investigation required for new disturbance in the area.
  - Discuss project with Wisconsin State Historic Preservation Office as concepts are developed.
  - Consider National Register Designation and Cataloging of site

### Next Steps

- Future Meetings - TBD,
  - possible on-site review
  - review of final concept

### Attachments:

- Concept plans (A, B, C)
- Sections
- Concept Presentation
- Greenbush Neighborhood Grant Application
- Mound set-back