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DOWNTOWN DIALOGUE

An Open Letter to Prospective Developers

By Davy Mayer, President, CNI

So you want to build something new downtown? Wonderful! Downtown Madison is an exciting place to be and we welcome new residents and businesses. You might have heard that the city's approval process is difficult or that neighborhoods are hostile toward development. That is just not true. Look around and you'll see a multitude of 150-ft cranes rising above construction sites and newly-finished projects all over the isthmus. Truly, Capitol Neighborhoods, Inc. is pro-development.

We have high standards. The city and its neighborhoods have put a lot of time and effort into developing neighborhood plans, the Downtown Plan and the zoning that goes with it. That time and effort has paid off by making downtown neighborhoods what they are today and we want to see new construction fit into that lofty ideal. Here are a few pointers on how to get the job done.

DO: Engage the neighborhood early. Taking part in the neighborhood process is important to your proposal's success. Gaining the neighborhood's support isn't mandatory and lack of it won't necessarily stop your proposal, but support can smooth transit through the city's approval process and add fuel to its momentum. Plus, you'll meet with neighbors who have experience from serving on previous committees and can give you invaluable and straightforward advice on your proposal and on the city process. Most developers who meet with and listen to neighborhood committees actually end up saving time and money and come away with a far better project.

DON'T: Try the old bait and switch. Many a developer has proposed a building that far exceeds the story limit or some other zoning restriction, only to come back later with a "modified" plan that now only slightly exceeds it under the guise of making some great sacrifice. Adherence to zoning is not doing the city and the neighborhood a special favor; it's doing the right thing.

DO: Make a proposal that fits within the target parcel's zoning. If you try to fit a square peg into a round hole, you just end up with a lot of splinters. If you must make a proposal that requires rezoning or a PD (Planned Development), make a compelling argument for it. Of course you're trying to maximize your profit -- that's your job and we understand. But how does exceeding the zoning benefit the neighborhood and the city? Can you make a case for it? Would you want to live next to what you're proposing?

DON'T: Run down your properties prior to a request for demolition. True, many buildings must be replaced. But if you buy up decent properties just to let them sit and degrade for an easier demolition argument later, it won't happen. You may find yourself liable for neglect and you won't have made friends with those who've lived adjacent to your "investment" all those years. Being a good neighbor is your responsibility, too.

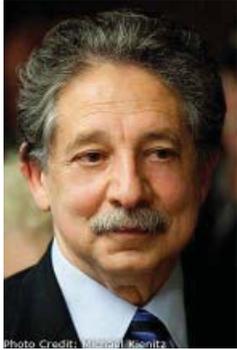
We look forward to hearing your proposal and working with you to make it the best project it can be. We don't even charge you for our time unlike some consultant ... because we want you to succeed so that our neighborhood succeeds.



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Public Art and Placemaking: “Roads Diverge” Installed at Rotary Centennial Plaza

By Paul Soglin, Mayor



Are you at a fork in the road wondering which road to take? Try the road less traveled and venture to “Roads Diverge” at the intersection of N. Pinckney and E. Mifflin on the stage at Rotary Centennial Plaza. The City recently installed “Roads Diverge,” a playful art piece made of street signs that reference poems, lyrics, children’s games, and common idioms, with sources as diverse as Bob Dylan, T.S. Eliot, Shel Silverstein, and Emily Dickinson. Roads Diverge is a project of the Madison Arts Commission, Rotary Club of Madison, and Madison Children’s Museum created by collaborative design team including: consulting artist Aaron Stephan, Rotarian and Landscape Architect

David Schreiber, City Planner Rebecca Cnare, & Artist and Madison Children’s Museum Director of Exhibits, Brenda Baker.

“Roads Diverge” is a great example of the kind of Placemaking opportunities that can bring together art, community and people in a space to explore, play and enjoy our common places. The local design team hoped to take inspiration from consulting artist Aaron Stephan’s vision, and create an interesting and fun Placemaking opportunity to enhance the Museum’s outdoor stage. Fifty signs in blue and green are set atop the existing light poles to create a word canopy above the stage and provide a lighthearted backdrop to all of the great activities surrounding Madison Children’s Museum. The bright colors and mischievous language tries to speak to visitors of all ages and ask them “Should I stay? Or should I go?”

This new piece is just one example of Placemaking in Madison. Lighter, quicker, cheaper, we are seeing it in neighborhoods around the city. Feel free to share your ideas with me and other city staff. Together we can make this an even better place to live, work and raise a family.



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Helping Our Neighbors in Need

By Joe Parisi, Dane County Executive

Dane County's residents have a history of coming together to help their neighbors in need during difficult times. I've always felt that the Dane County budget is a reflection of this trait, and our residents' values.

The 2014 county budget that passed in November is no different, containing more than \$1.6 million in initiatives aimed at helping individuals who are homeless



or who are in danger of being homeless – in addition to more than \$31 million for mental health services and \$8.6 million for alcohol and other drug abuse treatment, two root causes of some homelessness.

The 2014 budget helps provide stability for children and their families with a new \$25,000 "Youth Eviction Prevention Fund," to be administered through the county's Joining Forces for Families program. The fund is targeted to families who do not qualify for, or cannot access, other forms of emergency assistance.

And with over \$68,000 in new county funding, Youth Services of Southern Wisconsin will create a temporary housing unit for runaway youth and homeless youth in Dane County, an addition to existing resources through Briarpatch.

The budget also includes \$2 million to ensure the new Domestic Abuse Intervention Services (DAIS) shelter will open on time next year. The facility will be four times bigger than DAIS' current shelter and will help protect survivors and their children from homelessness and further violence.

The county is also working with the City of Madison to help create more affordable housing and better coordination of homeless services. A \$700,000 capital investment in the 2014 county budget will help secure property for approximately 100 new affordable housing units.

The budget also creates a new "Housing Inventory Specialist" to help the county, city, and non-profits collaborate in the smartest ways possible to identify and maximize available affordable housing options.

Together, these investments will help prevent adult and youth homelessness, and help strengthen our communities.



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Essential Activity on April 1, 2014

By Mary M. Kolar, District 1, Dane County Supervisor

April 1st has a long history of people playing practical jokes on unsuspecting friends or family. This April 1st, consider a much more essential activity—voting.

Voting is an essential activity in American democracy.



Politicians are guided by what voters say. Making phone calls, writing letters and emails, are ways to communicate with elected officials, but our collective participation at our polling places often determines who receives our communications. Our way to make our positions known is

by voting. This spring's election in Dane County is an opportunity to make your opinion known on two advisory referendums that will be on the ballot.

One of the referendums has been getting a great deal of coverage by local media. In a 2010 referendum, over 75% of Dane County voters supported the legalization of medical cannabis. On this April's ballot, going beyond the proposal to legalize the use of marijuana for health reasons, voters will be asked, "Should the state government enact legislation legalizing marijuana?"

The legalization of marijuana is not just a debate about recreational drug use. It is also a significant factor of racial disparity in America including Dane County. For example, African-Americans are 4 times more likely to be incarcerated for the possession of marijuana than Caucasians. We, as a nation, spend billions of dollars prosecuting and imprisoning marijuana users. Is this what we want to continue to do? Make your opinion known on April 1st.

Receiving less attention, but an equally, if not more, important advisory referendum on the April 1st ballot is, "Should the Wisconsin Constitution be amended to

require a nonpartisan system for redistricting legislative and congressional districts in the state?" The importance of this referendum is due to the fact that redistricting has at least a decade impact on who represents voters at every level of our government. Quite literally, how redistricting is done will impact legislation on marijuana, healthcare, the environment, and a multitude of freedoms we may take for granted.

The most recent Wisconsin redistricting process resulted in "safe" super majority districts for Republicans and Democrats, but with more for Republicans. With Wisconsin's current form of redistricting, the party in control can greatly influence how districts are delineated. The result in the 2010 was that, though 174,000 more voters voted "Democrat" in the Wisconsin Assembly elections, Republicans won 60 percent of the seats.

There will be no primary election in February in the city of Madison. There are no contested races for Dane County Supervisors therefore there is no need for a primary. Yet, if you are an eligible voter in Madison, your participation in the April election will still make a difference. Voting is an essential activity.





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Bipartisan Bill Will Change How We Investigate Officer-involved Deaths

By Representative Chris Taylor

On November 9, 2012, Madison resident Paul Heenan was shot by police officer Stephen Heimsness, after mistakenly entering the wrong home in the early morning hours. Mr. Heenan was intoxicated and unarmed. Though Officer Heimsness later resigned following the police chief's own complaint against him, alleging death threats directed at co-workers and investigatory misrepresentations, he was cleared of any wrongdoing



in the Heenan death.

That incident, the investigatory process and resulting determinations, shook our community, the family and friends of Paul Heenan, and individuals in law enforcement.

From my perspective as a policy maker, this incident caused me to examine the process by which officer-involved deaths are investigated and how determinations are made about officer fault. In any profession, investigating possible criminal conduct of colleagues is daunting. In policing, investigating colleagues is especially challenging given that officers may depend on their colleagues for their individual personal safety. Bias inevitably creeps in.

In approximately 125 years, there have been only a few incidents in Wisconsin where an officer has been criminally charged in an officer-involved death. Even when a Milwaukee Inquest Jury found "probable cause" that three police officers had committed a crime in the 2011 death of 22-year-old Derek Williams, who suffocated to death in police custody, a Special Prosecutor refused to criminally charge the officers. As I began to look at

this issue, talk to constituents, law enforcement and other concerned individuals, I became convinced that we needed a statutory framework establishing an independent, transparent investigatory process and review of these incidents.

I teamed up with Gary Bies, a Door County Republican and former Deputy Sheriff, to introduce AB-409. This bill aims to provide a reasonable framework to make sure investigations when officer-involved deaths occur are independent, comprehensive and as unbiased as possible. It does this primarily in two ways: Requiring the involvement of outside investigators, and, creating a review board that can be utilized to make sure every stone in the investigation was adequately and accurately examined. This bill in no way changes or impacts the constitutional authority of District Attorneys to make charging decisions.

Law enforcement officers have one of the hardest jobs in the world and are confronted with life threatening situations on a regular basis. Yet their ability to do their jobs depends on the trust of their community. This bill appropriately balances these realities with a structure to ensure a better process when officer-involved deaths occur. This better process serves to strengthen trust between law enforcement and communities.

Wisconsin has a unique opportunity to be the first state in the country to enact an independent framework for the review of officer-involved deaths. It is important that we do so.

If you would like to share your thoughts on this or any other legislative matter, simply email me at rep.taylor@legis.wi.gov, or call my office at 266-5342.



Lamp House

By Michael Bridgeman

Frank Lloyd Wright's Lamp House in downtown Madison would be better protected if the recommendations of a special, ad hoc municipal committee are adopted and implemented. Created by the Common Council with the support of Mayor Paul Soglin, the committee of six citizens and two alders approved its final advisory report on Tuesday, January 15 at the last of seven meetings since first coming together in October.

Several steps remain to secure the report's implementation. Alder Ledell Zellers, whose district includes the Lamp House, said that the report still needs to be reviewed and approved by three city commissions and the Common Council. Even if accepted, the report contains only guidelines and recommendations since the committee was not empowered to change existing neighborhood plans, zoning or other ordinances. Such changes, if any, will need to be made by the Madison Plan Commission and Common Council as they consider the report. The schedule for commission and council reviews has not been determined.

"The committee and city planning staff did an impressive job in a remarkably short period of time. The results are very hopeful for those of us who want to protect the Lamp House and its site," said Jack Holzhueter, who has written extensively about Wright's designs for Robert Lamp. He said that the committee worked diligently to consider the interests of both developers and preservationists.

The Lamp House, which is a privately owned, residential rental property, is already protected by Madison's landmark ordinance and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Nonetheless, preservationists have been wary of high-rise developments that could encroach on the integrity of the building, its site, and views of Lake Mendota from the third story. Recent changes to Madison's Downtown Plan and zoning ordinance would permit such developments.

The ad hoc committee's report includes a number of recommendations including:

- exploring creation of a small historic district that would include the Lamp House and several adjacent buildings,
- preserving some views to the house from the street,
- preserving views from the house to Lake Mendota. This includes reducing building heights on some adjacent and nearby parcels.
- requiring shadow studies to ensure that sunlight reaches the Lamp House rooftop, which was originally a garden with views to Lake Mendota and Lake Monona (no longer visible because of taller buildings).

The recommendations do not prohibit new development on the block. For example, a proposal by Rouse Management Company for a six-story, 58-unit apartment building immediately to the rear of the Lamp House could proceed. The advisory report does, however, suggest specific guidelines to mitigate the impact of this and other future projects on the Wright landmark.

The Lamp House, completed in 1903, is the earliest surviving work by Wright in Madison, the city he considered his hometown. It is uniquely situated in the center of a block in what the committee report describes as a "rare downtown enclave" just one block from the state capitol building.

"In 1903 Wright was already working towards abstraction and away from his Prairie Style," said Holzhueter. "In the Lamp House, Wright was making initial exploratory steps toward the abstract as seen in the Larkin Building (1903), Unity Temple (1905) and the Yahara Boathouse project (1905)."



The Lamp House

Meet the Friends of James Madison Park

By James Tye, President, Friends of James Madison Park

While I now live in the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood and am the Parks chair for the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association, I am also a former resident of the Mansion Hill District. So, long before creating Friends of James Madison Park (FJMP), James Madison Park (JMP) was a special place for me. After talking with others in the community who felt the same way, I wanted to bring together those who cared

planning process for the future of the park, and raise Friends, funds and energy for the betterment of this vibrant and cherished Madison gathering spot. “Like” us on Facebook, as an easy way to be notified about events and other news.

James Madison Park is the first view many visitors have of Lake Mendota when arriving from the east via car, bus or bike. It is also the only instance where someone standing on the steps of the Capitol can look down an axial street—North Hamilton Street—and enjoy a clear view of the water. Although Madison has many wonderful parks, James Madison Park holds a special place in the hearts of many, from memories of relaxing in the



This fall, we were excited to see the snow fence go up in JMP to protect us from drifting snow. By mid-winter, we are looking forward to seeing it come down!

about the park. That is why, in June of 2013, I incorporated FJMP based on a desire to preserve and improve a much-loved park. Now, board members Peggy Furlan, Judy Karofsky, Fred Klancnik, Lupe Montes, Joe Lusson, James Tye, Ex Officio Ledell Zellers, and volunteer Theresa Vander Woude, are working to gather community support and turn a spotlight on the future of JMP. As the board continues to evolve and grow, we are looking for more to participate in this process.

Our website, www.friendsofjmp.org, has volunteer and contact information, a detailed park map, an outline and history, and helpful links. Future plans include organizing Sunsets in the Park, a series of community events centered on music, local food and watching the sunset in JMP. FJMP wants to be part of a larger open

sun on the open lawns, swimming over the sandy bottoms of Lake Mendota with a view of the capitol, or playing sports at sunset. Past generations bought their ice from the Conklin & Sons icehouse, took steamboat excursions around Lake Mendota, and rented boats from the Bernard-Hoover boathouse—all within the confines of what is now James Madison Park.

On October 23, 2013 the City of Madison Parks Division held a community input meeting for the park. Staff including parks planning development manager Kay Rutledge and landscape architect Mike Stern outlined existing conditions and recent improvements to the park and presented the current condition of the shelter. There was a strong community turnout, with

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Period Garden Park Update

By Joe Bonardi

As I write, we brace ourselves for what may be a record-breaking cold snap here in Madison. Like most of you, I will be staying indoors and keeping warm. As a gardener, I'm worried about the trees, shrubs and plants at Period Garden Park, here in the heart of Mansion Hill. Most of what we plant is native, and should pull through this winter, even at its worst. I'm optimistic and working on the plans for the growing season ahead.

I'm already arranging the annual spring workday with the good people of Blackhawk Church to rake, clean, and spread mulch. Some students in the UW-Madison Botany Department are growing flats of annual flowers as a class project; they're learning and getting credit as they help our community. We started this project a few years ago, and it is something I'm very proud of. We supply the seeds and the flats are ready to plant come spring.

We want to thank our main supporters.

- Without the help of Fred Mohs, none of our efforts would have become a reality. Thank you, Fred.
- We have recently been gifted by another generous soul, William Wartmann. Thank you, Bill.
- Corporate contributors include National Guardian Life, TREK, JH Findorff, and MG&E has been in the past.
- A big thank you to Ledell Zellers, who guided my efforts achieve the park's restoration.
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Another winter task is raising money to keep our beautiful public space lush and

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Downtown Business District News

By Mary Carbine, Madison's Central Business Improvement District (BID)

The annual **Madison Winter Festival** brings winter sports and family activities to the Capitol Square on February 15-16, featuring a tubing hill, snowshoe obstacle course, Frosty 5K Run & Walk, Kids Run, Dog jog and more. Enjoy an ice sculpting exhibition on Saturday February 15 from noon-4:00pm, next to the Wisconsin Veterans Museum, sponsored by Madison's Central Business Improvement District (BID) and the Greater State Street Business Association. BID Ambassadors will staff a Downtown Information table at the Wisconsin Historical Museum (30 W. Mifflin St.) Saturday-Sunday February 15-16 from 11:00am-3:00pm in the lobby, where the public can drop in to warm up with hot chocolate and explore the exhibit, Wisconsin Women of Style. Stop back downtown Saturday February 22 for the **International Festival** at Overture Center for the Arts, with arts, crafts, food, and performances representing more than 25 cultures from 11:00am – 5:00pm. And in a sure sign of spring, mark your calendars for March 16 and the **Shamrock Shuffle** run/walk on State Street and the **St. Patrick's Day Parade** on the Capitol Square.

Downtown businesses are "going sustainable!" In the Mpower Business Program, Sustain Dane works with selected businesses for a full year to help them develop and roll out a customized sustainability strategy to reduce waste and energy use, increase employee engagement, and achieve measurable results. Congratulations to the 2013 participating downtown businesses featured at Sustain Dane's recent **Mpower Champion Public Showcase**: Community Pharmacy, Madison Environmental Group, The Plaza Tavern & Grill, Redamte, and Tutto Pasta State Street.

Looking to learn a new skill, make new connections or just have some fun on a winter weekend or evening? Check out the free events, workshops and seminars offered by **DreamBank-American Family Insurance** on the Capitol Square. DreamBank offers several events

each week, which run the gamut from Family Saturdays with Kids Zumba to crafting and "Pinterest Parties" for all ages to Small Business seminars and financial planning workshops. A full schedule is at amfam.com/dreambank/ or stop in at their One North Pinckney location in the historic American Exchange building.

Through early May, the Downtown Visitor Center at 452 State St. is open Sunday-Wednesday 11:00am-2:00pm and Thursday-Saturday 11:00am-5:00pm. Stop by for maps, directions, and event information, or see visitdowntownmadison.com, or call (608) 512-1342.



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Keiran Murphy, Principal Historic Researcher. Tuesday, February 25, 10 am. Register at 266-6581.

Meet the Author: Jill Muehrcke

In her book *Waking Up Happy*. Jill shares memoirs that offer ideas on how to live through some of the most difficult challenges in life. Tuesday, March 11 at 1 pm.

Forgetting: Is it normal aging or should I be concerned?

Joy Schmidt from the Alzheimer's and Dementia Alliance. Tuesday, March 4, 10 am. Call 266-6581.

Wellness 101: Ask the Trainer

Learn ten of the best and easiest exercises you can do at home. Free.

Thursday, March 20 from 10 am, MSCR Course #44287. Register at 204-3031 or 266-6581.

Sugar : How sweet!

Find out how you can reduce your sugar cravings from Dr. Kyle Nye and Dr. Bailey Nye on Thursday, February 20, 12:15 pm. Call 266-6581.

From Bonnets to Hats, 1830-1930

Leslie Bellais, Curator of Costume & Textiles at the Wisconsin Historical Society, will explore stylistic changes over time, illustrating with bonnets and hats from the Society's collection and reproductions for audience members to model. Tuesday, March 25 at 1 pm. Register at 266-6581.

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Events at the Library

Central Cinema Thursday Films

6:30 pm, Visit <http://www.madisonpubliclibrary.org/calendar/film> for descriptions and a complete calendar of films.

Classic and Contemporary Films for Cinephiles

March 6 – *Repulsion*, by Roman Polanski.

Community Cinema - Independent Lens films followed by community-led discussions

February 13 – *The Trials of Muhammad Ali*, by Bill Siegel. Ibrahim Saeed from the Islamic Center of Madison and local author, Stu Levitan join us for the discussion.

March 13 – *Medora*, by Andrew Cohn.

Bad Cinema

February 20 – *The Burning*, by Tony Maylam.

March 20 – *Roller Boogie*, by Mark Lester.

Wisconsin Film Festival Sneak Peak, FREE

March 21, 7:00 pm - Watch clips from this year's films then learn about the ins and outs of WFF from Christina Martin-Wright, Managing Director. This event is taking place simultaneously at Central, Pinney Branch, and Sequoya Branch.

Extending the Stage – Madison Opera

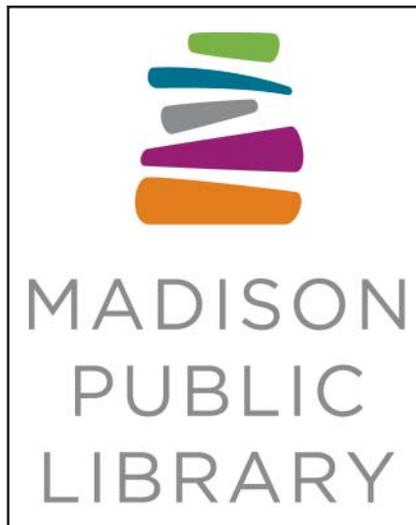
In anticipation of their production of *Dead Man Walking* on April 25 and 27, 2014, Madison Opera is partnering with Madison Public Library to present an array of educational activities in the months leading up to the performances. Ranging from panels to previews to films and culminating with the discussion between Sister Helen Prejean and Jake Heggie.

Incarceration and Inequality, a panel presented by

UW Center for the Humanities, March 10, 5:30 pm
Dead Man Walking, a free screening of the film based on the novel by Sister Helen Prejean., March 27, 6:30 pm

Library Friends Seek Book Store Volunteers

Interested parties should be able to commit to at least two two-hour shifts per week between 9-5 Monday through Saturday. Duties include: organizing and sorting donated books, answering customer questions, operating a cash register, opening or closing the book store, and maintaining/straightening the store during open hours. Applicant should have good cash handling skills, the ability to lift 15 pounds, and enjoy working with the public. Please contact Friends Book Store Manager Kathi Kemp at batonrouger2@yahoo.com for more information or to apply.



Save the Date: Book Club Café

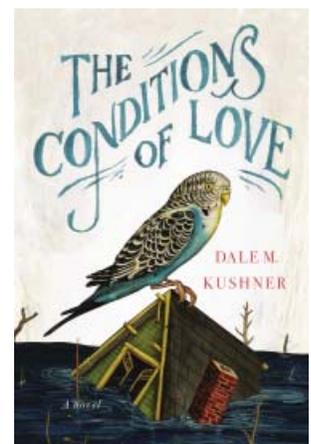
Author **Dale Kushner** is the featured speaker at the Friends of the Madison Public Library's 17th Annual Book Club Café on Thursday, May 22, 7:00 pm. Visit <http://www.madisonpubliclibrary.org/cafe> for more information or to purchase tickets in March for this annual fundraiser.

Media Lab at Central Open Hours

Work with experts to create your own videos, sound files, images or publications using the library's audio and video creation and editing equipment and software, animation software, Adobe Creative Suite and more.

Media Lab Open Hours

12-6 pm Mondays
2-8 pm Tuesdays
12-6 pm Wednesdays
2-8 pm Thursdays



10 am–2 pm Fridays
10 am–2 pm Saturdays

Media Lab Classes

Make It Monday (for teens) – Mondays, 4 pm
Technical Recording – Mondays, 6 pm
Intro to Animation – Tuesdays, 12 pm
3D World Building – Wednesdays, 6 pm
Live Sound – Thursdays, 12 pm
One Life – Thursdays, 4 pm
Photoshop – Fridays, 2 pm
CD Modeling – Saturdays, 2 pm
Stop Motion Animation Lab – Sundays, 1 pm

For class descriptions and more information visit madisonbubbler.org



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some 60 attendees that stayed past 8:00 p.m. to listen and share their views after the presentation. One speaker reminded attendees of the sacrifices made by private homeowners and historic homes demolished in order

to clear land for the park. One student expressed his wish to keep the community feel and open space of the park while adding more bike space; another community member wanted to preserve the difference between the energy-filled west end and quieter, more peaceful east end. Environmental concerns, such as runoff to the lake, were referenced. While specific ideas for the shelter were shared, a majority agreed on the importance of a master planning process for the park as a whole, including programming, so that the shelter's function can reflect the needs of area residents and stakeholders. Representatives of FJMP were in attendance, and passed out brochures with information about the group and details about becoming a Friend.

Friends of James Madison Park is still in its very early stages, and we ask like-minded individuals of the Capitol neighborhoods to contact info@friendsofjmp.org. Before FJMP can have any fundraising potential, it needs a strong Friend and volunteer base. With the partnership of city and community stakeholders, neighborhood associations and the citizenry at large, we can establish James Madison Park as Madison's premier urban lakefront destination and gateway to downtown.

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Views of the Period Garden Park. See Joe Bonardi's update to find out how you can help support it
