

City of Whitewater  
Indian Mounds Park Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, February 9, 2010 - 5:00pm  
Cravath Lakefront Room - 2nd Floor, City Municipal Building  
312 W. Whitewater St. Whitewater, WI 53190

**Draft Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm by Matt Amundson.

Present: Mariann Scott, Carol Christ, Sue Scherer, Richard Helmick City Staff: Chuck Nass, Matt Amundson

**Approval of January 12, 2010 Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved on a voice vote.

**Review of proposed signage for site**

Amundson explained signage proofs and requested changes. Scott raised concerns regarding the signage and using a “park” sign at the site. Scherer commented that the proof looks nice and is consistent with current park signage. Christ felt that the sign looked good and likes the look of the current park signage. The group consensus was to stay with the proposed signage and ask for a revised proof to address some font concerns with the name of the park. Amundson discussed incorporating the local and national historic identifications into the proposed signage. After some discussion it was decided that Amundson should request proofs with the local sign indicating “Whitewater Local Landmark - 1994” and the national “National Register of Historic Places - 1991”. National should be listed 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Update on proposed park name change**

Amundson reported that a notice has been sent out to local media outlets and that a legal notice will appear in the February 11<sup>th</sup> Whitewater Register. The name change will go to the Common Council for approval at the April 6<sup>th</sup> Common Council meeting.

**Discuss current and future park maintenance**

Nass reported that the current practice is to mow once a week which includes the trail and the mounds. Scott commented that the soil cannot be disturbed within a 5’ buffer of each mound. Scott will contact John Broihan from the State Historical Society to review laws pertaining to property lines and the mounds.

Nass also commented that Burr Oaks can be planted at the site in efforts to create an Oak Savannah which would allow 6 trees per acre. Discussion also focused on the potential use of prairie grass on the mounds to define the mound locations and use prescribed burns to maintain. Scott discussed possible delineation of the park site in the future by installation of a fence. Scott suggested a garlic mustard removal on Make A Difference Day. The Friends of the Mound Group would potentially supervise volunteers.

**Friends of the Mounds Group**

The group is just starting, 7 people attended the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. A presentation was given by Frank Steckel. The next meeting is Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at the Library. A tour will be held on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Questions or Citizen Comments**

There were no citizen comments

The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM. Sue will be unable to attend. The meeting adjourned at 6:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

***Matt Amundson***

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Parks & Recreation Director