

Village of Shorewood Hills
Approved Recreation Committee Minutes
CORP Public Hearing
Monday, January 29, 2024

1) Administrative procedures

- a) **Call to Order** – Chairperson Dietmar Bassuner called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.
- b) **Roll Call** – Mr. Bassuner, Santhia Brandt, Andy Curtiss, Peter Wickman, Kat Hurley, and Ty Cashen were present. Joel Fields was excused. Also present were Caitlin Shanahan of CARPC, Carol Barford and David Boutwell from the Parks Committee, Administrator Sharon Eveland and Administrative Services Coordinator David Sykes. Residents in attendance were: Kathie Brock, Bob Falk, John Imes, David Anders, Jose Parra, Nancy Heiden, Cara Lee Mahany, Kelda Roys, and Jan Tymorek. Residents who joined via Zoom were: Mary Gulbrandsen, Annette Mahler, Geoff Pan, the Price family, and Eric Kettner.
- c) **Statement of Public Notice and note compliance with open meeting law** – Ms. Eveland confirmed that the meeting had been properly posted.

2) Public Hearing on 2024 Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Program (CORP)

- a) **Call public hearing to order**
Mr. Bassuner called the public hearing to order at 7:09 pm.
- b) **Presentation of the Draft Corp**
Caitlin Shanahan of CARPC explained the Committee has been working on the draft CORP since April of 2023. The impetus for the plan was the 2021 Comprehensive Plan and the desire to apply for DNR grants to improve Village facilities and recreation programs. Ms. Shanahan provided an overview of the Plan to the audience.
- c) **Public Invited to Speak**
Annette Mahler thanked Ms. Shanahan for the well done plan and asked how the walking radius to the parks was calculated.
Mary Gulbrandsen also complimented everyone on a well written document, especially as it relates to accessibility.
Bob Falk asked if there has been any effort to coordinate with the University of Wisconsin.
David Anders was concerned about the Shorewood Blvd./bike path interface. It does not seem safe for bikers and pedestrians. A number of the Village roads need some traffic calming efforts. He also feels there is a need for an adult basketball court to engage more young adults. The majority of green space in the Village is tied up with Blackhawk Country Club and Shorewood Hills School. In the long-term, we should think more strategically about green space and working with these two groups.
“Sam” Cara Lee Mahany is pleased that the Plan looks at Blackhawk Country Club to incorporate it more for community use. Similarly, how the Plan looks at the Shorewood Hills School property. She feels the Village should not take down invasive trees if they are healthy. She asked how the Village is going to prioritize the grant opportunities. She added that McKenna Park access needs to be improved for all.
Kathy Brock also thought the CORP is a good plan, well organized. As a Parks Committee member, the Committee feels that parks are natural areas and widening the

paths in the parks may change their character. She cautioned the Village to be careful when “improving” the parks.

Jose Parra mentioned a number of improvements and other items:

- Create an adult fitness circuit.
- McKenna Park needs bathrooms.
- Dudley Davis Park looks more like a mulch storage pit than a park.
- Find a use for Blackhawk Country Club in the mornings before the golfers go out on the course.
- Invest in machinery to make ski trails on Blackhawk Country Club in the winter.
- Create a Community Center space that could be used for dance/exercise classes in addition to other uses.
- He is also concerned about the Shorewood Blvd./bike path intersection and traffic calming measures on Lake Mendota Drive.

Kelda Roys said she appreciates the residents input. She feels the Plan needs more emphasis on traffic safety, sidewalks, speed bumps and closing the Lake Mendota Drive bridge to traffic. She also suggested better access to Lake Mendota and upgrading the Pool to extend the hours and season and possibly moving the Community Center to the old Fire Station location.

d) Recreation Committee Questions and Comments

Carol Barford called out the efforts of David Boutwell as the CORP was being developed. He is a life-long resident and the Village Historian, so he was a wealth of information to Ms. Shanahan.

Ms. Brandt thanked everyone for their input and comments tonight.

e) Close Public Hearing

Mr. Bassuner closed the public hearing at 8:08 pm

3) Recreation Committee Discussion/Possible Action to Recommend the CORP to the Village Board for Approval

The Committee decided to take no action tonight.

4) Future Meetings

- a) Monday, February 12, 2024 at 7:00 pm – CORP focused Recreation Committee meeting.
- b) Monday, March 11, 2024 at 7:00 pm – Regular Recreation Committee meeting.

5) Adjourn – Mr. Curtiss moved and Ms. Brandt second a motion to adjourn the meeting. The Committee unanimously approved adjourning the meeting at 8:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David Sykes
Administrative Services Coordinator