

## APPENDIX B: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

### General Membership Meeting Results April 19, 2005

#### Question #1: In 10 years, people will live, work and recreate in the neighborhood because...?

1. Lake Access, Easy "commute" to place of work (especially bike access/bike lanes)
2. Old growth trees/landscape (not as "sterile" as suburbs)
3. More interesting architecture ("older") than suburbs.
4. Lake Access with a path to walk along the water and a beach that's not all skanky.
5. Shops that are pleasant to walk to & among.
6. Library/bookstore
7. Friendly suburban atmosphere that has convenient bike & train access to downtown.
8. A nice place to walk after dinner.
9. It is safe and clean, quiet and convenient to activities within the city.
10. It is quiet/peaceful.
11. It has public access to the water
12. It has woods, parks & great school
13. It has bike paths & friendly streets to bike and jog on.
14. The neighborhood has the lake, parks, and a bike path to draw people for recreational purposes. The location of the neighborhood vis-à-vis the University and downtown Madison make it a very desirable place to live. This is enhanced by the availability for mass transit which will become more important as time goes on.
15. Centrally located, close proximity to the lake, relatively affordable.
16. Convenience to downtown Madison.
17. Access to the lake (for the whole neighborhood not just those living on the lake) for canoes, kayaks, etc.
18. Ability to walk to various businesses - grocery, restaurant, etc.
19. Neighborhood feeling- not just a place to live.
20. Its environment: the lakes, trees, etc. Which make it a casual, livable, fun neighborhood. (Including the lack of sidewalks).
21. In 10 Years..... Access to the aquatic environment in terms of the courtyards, being available and useable. Boating access & canoes, wading areas and fishing pier at courtyards. Maintain access at swimming and harbor for boats. Walkable, bikeable friendly area access. Views of lake, reduce height of houses.
22. As a part of the city of Madison, we have access to all city of Madison resources, yet we are able to maintain our own Spring Harbor identity/community.
23. Lake access-Quiet, relatively closed neighborhood, closeness to the university, large lots.
24. It provides a safe, calm, natural environment that capitalizes on the lake frontage. Access is available to all residents.

25. The lake
26. The park.
27. The (hopefully) handy community, friendly store on University Ave.
28. The school ( Spring Harbor)
29. The micro neighborhood, which are manifest from the many dead-end streets.
30. Proximity to University & UW Hospital, to lake and beach and Harbor and the park. Walking distance from Hilldale Mall and bike path.
31. In our neighborhood because- it is our campus, but separate, it is clean and safe, it near the lake.
32. In 10 years people will live, work, & recreate in the neighborhood because of its aesthetic beauty, access to public transportation (i.e. bus & commuter train) and neighborhood camaraderie.
33. The neighborhood is a friendly, small town feel to the area. It has many features, including shops that are good in a neighborhood.
34. Because of the lake, because of easy access to downtown on University Ave., the beauty of Lake Mendota Drive between the golf course & Oak Forest on shore of Lake Mendota.
35. Diverse opportunities for living, working, and recreating in our neighborhood. This means a wide range of housing stock and types of workplace. How transportation operates in our area will have MAJOR effects on our quality of life. I support improved public transport & restricted automobile use.
36. Proximity to the lake, uniqueness of the homes, convenience to capital.
37. Because it will be even more desirable due to proximity to lake and Madison without losing charm of architecturally diverse, non-ostentatious, friendly neighborhood.
38. Sustainable shops (grocery etc.) will be available to walk to & the traffic corridor will be underground/or lower w/bridges over the flow.
39. Access to lake, parks, and University.
40. The neighborhood culture, single family homes.
41. Walkable.
42. Proximity to UW, Central City, State Gov. and great area to live. Access to the lakes, the beauty of the lakes, the trees, good access to major highways, clean neighborhood.
43. Access to schools for K-12 is good, access to shopping malls-excellent
44. They can walk to the lake, grocery, bank and restaurants. Because-the area seems to remind them of old lake cottages from many years ago. They can take bus to UW or ride their bike.
45. Neighbors willingness & belief in the preservation of history and wildlife
46. Because neighborhood is close to downtown, includes nice walking & biking trails near lake, and includes a public school.
47. Relatively close in (to central city)
48. Bike & Public transit & walking as alternative to getting in car-traffic around town will get unbearable.
49. Location in City

50. Neighborhood – Family feeling. Access to future/new co-op/grocery store on foot, train access to downtown, etc. All located in neighborhood (contained- don't need to drive for everything)
51. Put in Blvd on University and walkways across from rest of neighborhood to lake.
52. We will live here for the quiet, friendly neighborhood and for its convenient access to the lake, to shopping, and because of the character of the neighborhood. Very important to keep these attributes.
53. Proximity to work - ease of commute.
54. SH has great access to downtown. It has the lake/harbor close by and wonderful open space parks. All draws. Also, it is not sterile, like the commercial far west suburbs with instant -off -the-truck- in- a- day landscaped gardens. Everything here is natural albeit modest; it has a historical aspect with Indian mounds nearby and residents who actually have lived its history to tell.
55. There are pedestrian friendly paths and open spaces, community garden, regular mass transit (train) and decreased traffic flow, and a diverse, mixed-income community.
56. The quality of the Lake Mendota is such that people will not be grossed out by it.
57. Bike trails to downtown for commuters.
58. Attractive neighborhood with good selection of more modest homes, or compared to huge mansions & close shopping, also convenient to downtown.
59. Water connection, beach, trees, community, and access to downtown through biking, bus.
60. Urban & rural character
61. Proximity to UW & downtown.
62. Recreation and access to lake, parks.
63. Bikeable and walkable.
64. I like this neighborhood because of all the nice, cool people I get to live by and because it is not just a neighborhood, but a big community of working people, and because it looks so nice and it is so close to that lake.
65. Live here because it is safe. (Traffic, crime)
66. Recreate here because of the public lake access & well-kept, unique green spaces.
67. Lake Mendota is a wonderful aspect of the Spring Harbor Neighborhood. It provides recreation and natural beauty for the people. As a student of Spring Harbor Middle School, Kettle pond, the beach, and the harbor provide good educational opportunities. I feel that it is important to restore Kettle pond to what it looked like originally, preserving the natural environment in the neighborhood is very important to me as well as our environmental school.
68. Proximity to lake, bike trails, and parks.
69. Convenience to downtown, campus and the west side of Middleton.
70. Informal character.

**Question #2: The best part(s) of our neighborhood is/are...?**

1. Doesn't feel too suburban, bike access to UW & easy car access, lake access, beach and parks
2. Casual atmosphere and lovely gardens
3. Convenient bike access to downtown, a nice place to walk after dinner
4. Safe, clean & quiet! (In that order)
5. Our neighbors, the water, ice rink, cross country skiing, the beach, the parks, the woods, the bike path, cul de sacs at the water.
6. This is a beautiful neighborhood with parks and great areas to walk and bike.
7. Centrally located, close proximity to the lake, relatively affordable.
8. Access to lake, more of a neighborhood feel, than some others. Also, something of a lake, vacation type area.
9. Its environment, also, convenient location, park land
10. Walkable, bikeable friendly area, access
11. The lake and the friendly neighbors who are willing to work together to maintain our own identity.
12. Not crowded and heavily traveled as well as near the lake.
13. The "cottage" feel to the environment of houses, yards, meandering streets.
14. Access to Lake Mendota and Green Space.
15. Quiet, trees, proximity to UW, City of Madison amenities.
16. Best part is the people and feel, it feels safe and inviting.
17. The best part of our neighborhood is the mixed income/varied ages of residents. Close proximity to UW and downtown, as well as the country side and the lake.
18. Location of lake, beach, school and walker/biker friendly.
19. Definitely the lake, (but only if 500,000,000 gallons of liquid manure has NOT been spilled out. What this means to me is the Merrill Springs Park and making it beautiful again. The feel of the "funkiness", cottage neighborhood with old forest feel.
20. Community, peaceful and quiet while being close to the city, proximity to the lake.
21. Because it is architecturally diverse, non-ostentatious friendly neighborhood.
22. Proximity to UW, Hilldale Mall, Country, Beltline. Lakes, Green space and small houses.
23. Safe neighborhood, limited multiple residency, limited local traffic, not a "development."
24. Walkable.
25. The peace and quiet, the beauty, closeness to many parts of the city. Access to good golf for people of any ability – and much park areas. Please avoid "Miami beach" look, keep mixed home values.
26. The lake, parks, and people as well. Is easy access to downtown.
27. Family, friends, and neighbors.
28. Best thing is the access to the lake.
29. Location, access to lake, beach and boat launching.
30. No sidewalks

31. Quiet streets and natural beauty of lakeshore, topography-contribute to wonderful recreational walking!
32. I have only lived here a little over one year, but I like the location to downtown, and the lake. I like families and the landscape, trees, Kettle Pond etc.
33. Would like whole neighborhood to feel more connected, I feel very separate South of University, part of Spring Harbor.
34. We live here for the quiet, friendly neighborhood and for its convenient access to the lake, to shopping and because of the character of the neighborhood. Very important to keep these attributes. Convenience to the above.
35. Safe, rural-like the SHNA is a terrific bonding agent.
36. The lake access, bike paths, and green spaces, and small businesses.
37. Also, I think that steps should be taken to increase the input of renters (and rental unit owners) younger people, and those of different ethnic back grounds, and lower income brackets. (The character on the other side of University is quite different.)
38. The lake, we all have lake front property as far as the runoff into the lake is concerned. Water is one of our most precious resources. We have the chance now to clean it up.
39. Attractive neighborhood with good selection of more modest homes, as compared to huge mansions and close to shopping, and convenient to downtown. Also, close to lake.
40. The connection to water, the Indian history, the legacy of the parks/landscaping – some need work – done 40 yrs ago
41. Casual residential atmosphere.
42. Semi rural/Semi urban character, proximity to UW and downtown. Outdoor recreation and access to the lake, and parks. Lots of trees, brings forest character.
43. Although some of the most expensive houses in Madison are here, there are still modest homes and a varied income level among families. You feel safe to walk around. The Spring Harbor Park, and playground equipment.
44. Proximity to the lake, bike trails and parks. Convenience to downtown, campus, and the west side of Middleton. Informal character.
45. Smaller low profile homes and a view of the lake.
46. Walking meandering streets without sidewalks.
47. Bicyclers riding, joggers jogging
48. Brennans, other small businesses
49. Nice to see free swimming at beach and people fishing at the boat launch area.
50. Centrally located, close proximity to the lake, relatively affordable.

## **Visioning Meeting Results**

**June 6, 2005**

### **Land Use and Redevelopment**

#### *Residential*

1. Keep most residential
2. Residential primarily, keep as is, courts could be sold then use money for big beach area or bigger harbor area
3. Maintain residential areas
4. Promote "small houses" design for new and remodeled homes, keep the profile low
5. Maintain mix of age/income levels by keeping affordable housing ratio high
6. Keep new residential development in line with current structures-don't Mc Mansionize our neighborhood
7. Ordinance to control house & building size as % of lot size on & near lake , see Shorewood model
8. Keep residential area that way, Develop areas around Brennan's and parking, but not other areas like Heim

#### *Commercial*

1. No more buildings like the Erdman Buildings at the corner of Whitney Way & Old Middleton Rd
2. Marshall Erdman campus could look nicer
3. Encourage the Erdman people to fully utilize their land-keep or bring more employers to city payroll.
4. Do not allow large commercial development in the Perkins-Erdman area
5. Redevelop Erdman property
6. Build high density commercial/residential/office mix at Whitney Way & University Ave
7. University Ave frontage should have no future commercial development.
8. Maintain open spaces by allowing commercial development only in currently zoned commercial areas
9. Do not rezone residential to commercial ANYWHERE
10. Put commercial on University instead of houses
11. Sidewalks, so that pedestrians can be safe, especially busy Old Middleton Road
12. Make University Ave underground expressway
13. Better up-keep of land under the overpass on University Ave (entrance on bike path from Indian Hills Park)
14. Be sure University Ave doesn't become a divided highway-it will change the character of the neighborhood
15. Reduce the cluttered appearance of the businesses on University Ave near capital
16. All commercial buildings should have green area with trees in front
17. Consistent visual image of SHNA (Kiosks, planters, intersection beds)
18. Reduce ground level commercial parking lot spaces by encouraging below ground structure
19. Businesses before Pancake House & Norman Way look run down a bit, need a face lift, but don't want the usual new boxes in a row
20. Business along University Ave need "sprucing up" like the businesses between Pancake house & Norman Way are ugly.

21. I would like University Ave to be less ugly strip mall & more shop like-more accessible, less trash
22. Businesses oriented toward residents and "convenience" stores for travelers-not "magnets" drawing traffic from outside neighborhood
23. Stores/restaurants should be useful to neighborhood, as much as possible
24. Keep businesses oriented toward neighborhood-not big box stores
25. Commercial property along University should be focused on local use, NOT as a regional
26. Can we aim for more neighborhood friendly businesses that bring people together? Bakery?
27. Development of more neighborhood friendly shops, restaurants, cafes, etc.
28. Keep-encourage restaurants, Perkins, Pancake House, Blue Mountain Coffee shop

*Overall*

1. Land use-keep buildings low profile, no high rises
2. No building should be over 3-stories tall
3. Provide shadow casting renderings before considering rezoning that includes change in footprint or height
4. 2-3 story commercial buildings (instead of 1-story) & beautiful street lighting, trees and other plants, outdoor seating (one model could be Knickerbocker Square on Monroe St)
5. Keep building height low-no high rise
6. Height restriction
7. No large residential buildings (Condo's etc.)
8. Enforce building codes to ensure visual lake access, i.e. no super tall buildings or homes
9. Central Height of buildings and size to preserve land ratio to buildings
10. Appropriate zoning changes to allow more development on University Ave and less on side streets
11. Possible limit to building heights
12. Build high density commercial/residential/office mix at Whitney Way & University Ave
13. Keep streets free (between Univ & Lake Mendota Dr) sidewalks, curbs to keep rural feel of neighborhood
14. Keep Lake Mendota Drive as is, but lower speed limit to 20 mph
15. No unnecessary changes, no more cement
16. Retain rural feel, more vegetation, less pavement, emphasize rain gardens over sidewalks
17. No cement curbs, sidewalks, keep rural streets as they are now
18. No more curbs and gutters
19. Road maintenance without curb and gutter
20. No curb & gutter
21. No sacrificing a tree lined street for sidewalks
22. I don't want to see the streets without sidewalks or curbs, get them
23. No sidewalks on streets currently without them
24. Improve bike path

25. Change the plan to take trees down on Capital-find another way to provide sidewalks if necessary
26. Keep the historic areas intact, this is one of the most historical neighborhoods in the City.
27. Examine, improve historical preservation designations of landscape, buildings
28. Conservancy land on the 1800 Block of Camelot Drive, should be maintained & trees replanted, no street-drive should be allowed
29. Parks should be maintained, a dog park should be added (maybe in the eastern portion of Spring Harbor Park)
30. Improved water drainage down Minocqua Crescent
31. A community herb garden or rock garden might be considered in the vicinity of Spring Harbor itself

*Organizational*

1. The SHNA has a statutory right to review all conditional use permit application for 30 days prior to plan commission. SHNA should find a way to review
2. Good prior notice on city public works projects-e.g. some in Indian Hills were unaware of road closing for storm sewer work
3. Training for all incoming neighborhood assoc. board members in Roberts Rules & bylaws
4. Liaison with Shorewood Hills, Middleton governments and with other Madison neighborhood associations-1



## **University Avenue**

### *Pedestrian*

1. Ped safety
2. Need responsible pedestrian crossing at Norman Way
3. Put a stop light for pedestrians across University at FlamBeau
4. Create safer way to get across University Ave by Indian Hills subdivision, pedestrian bridge or stop light
5. University Ave-sidewalks on both sides
6. Ease of crossing University for both bike & People
7. More pedestrian friendly, safer
8. Make crossing University Ave safer, especially at the west end (near Allen Blvd)
9. Provide some additional methods for pedestrian crossing of University
10. University Ave can serve life a barrier-people always J-walk to the bus stop by Blue M/Klinkes-this is dangerous. Crosswalk or light? Or move bus stop?
11. Surrounding communities developing, growing so fast, University Ave peds had to take the brunt of volume, what other means of transportation can change this?
12. Put sidewalk on other side of University Ave
13. Add bike/sidewalk lane to University Ave whole way
14. Add turn lane to University Ave (Pedestrian, bike refuge while crossing)
15. Sidewalk on both sides of University Ave

### *Bikes*

1. Bike lanes
2. Ease of crossing University for both bike & People
3. Add bike/sidewalk lane to University Ave whole way
4. Complete bike path
5. Add turn lane to University Ave (Pedestrian, bike refuge while crossing)

### *Transit*

1. University Ave can serve life a barrier-people always J-walk to the bus stop by Blue M/Klinkes-this is dangerous. Crosswalk or light? Or move bus stop?
2. Surrounding communities developing, growing so fast, University Ave peds had to take the brunt of volume, what other means of transportation can change this?
3. Nicer looking bus stop areas to encourage use
4. Improve efficiency on University Ave

### *Specific Intersections*

1. Improve access at University/Flambeau
2. Traffic light or overpass at Norman Way & University
3. Make crossing University Ave safer, especially at the west end (near Allen Blvd)
4. Improve crossing of University Ave between Capital Ave & ? (by the school, Spring Harbor Drive?)
5. Recognize the dangerous ½ mile of University Ave between Allen and Capital. 46 accidents were handled there by Madison Police between 2002-2004
6. University corridor-how to have traffic not just treat University condos as a means to their end-out of city traffic abuses our streets (??? Capital Ave)
7. University Ave can serve life a barrier-people always J-walk to the bus stop by Blue M/Klinkes-this is dangerous. Crosswalk or light? Or move bus stop?
8. Hard to cross University Ave at Flambeau, this is a major place for Indian Hills residents to cross to take the bus (Midas)
9. Businesses to support walking to improve crossing the street, around 5500ish University Ave by businesses
10. Add sidewalk to east side of University Ave between Capital Ave & Norman Way to access businesses
11. Can we make it easier to turn left out of Indian Hills onto University Ave? the middle lane is not suppose to be used this way
12. Close off the dangerous intersection at University Ave & Laurel Crest
13. Keep the left turn arrow for traffic going west on University Ave onto Whitney Way

### *Infrastructure*

1. Bury power lines
2. Remove utility lines on University
3. Underground utilities
4. Underground utilities
5. Power lines should be buried
6. Bury power lines
7. Bury utility lines on University Ave
8. Bury utility lines and control traffic speed
9. Get rid of power lines that line University Ave
10. Improve looks, put wires underground
11. Bury telephone lines
12. Cover entrance to tunnel under University Ave for cleaner steps and less maintenance
13. Maintain underpass, under University Ave at Spring Harbor Drive
14. Cars with 3 or more people have a lane to themselves on University Ave
15. Make University Ave safer by having limited access
16. University Ave-nothing which interferes with neighborhood and traffic

17. Develop a University Ave corridor on a raised level? Currently too much access to University Ave
18. Limit University Ave to 2 lanes, this obviously will have regional implications/or transportation
19. To discourage use as major artery to downtown by those west (Hwy 12)
20. Make lanes on University Ave narrower, put in curbs, now it looks like a highway. Follow E. Washington development
21. Improve University Ave smooth bumps
22. Repair University Ave, very rough, particularly inner lanes
23. Repave University Ave with proper under-bed to allow frost
24. Limited access to University Ave & restricted left turns to and from Ave.
25. Smooth out University Ave from Whitney to Capital
26. Add turn lane to University Ave (Pedestrian, bike refuge while crossing)
27. Turning lanes at intersections (similar to the one at University Ave & Capital near Brennan's)
28. Need turn off lanes for University Ave
29. Left/right turn lanes on University Ave to eliminate accidents
30. Can we make it easier to turn left out of Indian Hills onto University Ave? the middle lane is not suppose to be used this way
31. Maintain University Ave 4 lanes with center turn lane
32. Alliant Energy substation should be made more attractive

#### *Land Use Decisions*

1. Buffer between businesses and homes
2. Require new businesses to set back further from University and have a green buffer between University Ave and parking lot
3. Encourage mixed use buildings on University like the building containing Firefly restaurant (University and Farley)
4. Redevelop some buildings on East portion of University (Merrill Springs motel) change to mixed use? Or green space?
5. Strict code to give/define the neighborhood character
6. 2-3 Story commercial building max-should have some coordination of design (Shorewood as an example)
7. Selective-low impact development along University Ave (office space-not retail)
8. Car wash at Capital & University-no exit on Capital-ices up hill at only light for neighborhood exit
9. Don't allow ugly growth on University
10. Clear idea about businesses set back so that future parking is possible
11. There is a "strip mall" feel developing for the businesses on University Ave, some requirements for building facades & landscaping should be considered
12. University corridor design needs coherence (low profile)

### *Commercial*

1. A full line of quality, creative shops including food
2. Keep it local businesses
3. Small grocery store, or food co-op on University (Willy St. Co-op)
4. Quality shops on University Avenue
5. Encourage mixed use of small businesses
6. Car wash at Capital & University-no exit on Capital-ices up hill at only light for neighborhood exit
7. Spring Harbor Art Haven-Haven for Arts
8. Maintain low profile businesses, increase landscaping to beautify
9. University Ave is ugly from Spring Harbor to Capital (except for Brennan's) what can we do?
10. Small grocery store within walking distance, Brennan's is great, but doesn't have cut food or Kleenex
11. Improve the access to businesses; improve the visuals of University Ave?
12. Commercial buildings on University between Norman & Capital are a hodge podge, they look junky
13. Any commercial redevelopment along University Ave should have carefully designed entrance/exits

### *Traffic Calming, Noise Buffering*

1. Consider noise reduction improvements to University Ave viaduct
2. Enforce speed limit
3. Enforce speed limit on University
4. Traffic calming features
5. Sound barriers should be installed, especially over the Camelot Greenway (where a cyclone fence was installed a few years ago without resident or neighborhood assoc. in put.
6. SLOW DOWN TRAFFIC-stop lights, bump outs? Traffic calming affects all streets in Spring Harbor, traffic used to going fast
7. It is time to set aside right-of-way for sound berms & barriers.
8. Be sure to put traffic noise mitigation into the plan
9. Enforcing reasonable speeds on University Ave
10. Slow cars down on University Ave

### *Landscaping/Signage*

1. As much green space and landscaping as possible along University Ave
2. More gardening in public areas
3. Better landscaping/grassy medians
4. Consistent signage
5. Maintain low profile businesses, increase landscaping to beautify

6. More comprehensive look (than other neighborhoods) at how changes on roads around SH, changes roads on SH i.e. St. Dunstons & Helm Ave
7. University Ave is ugly from Spring Harbor to Capital (except for Brennan's) what can we do?
8. University Ave needs to have a nice clean organized look
9. Signs on University Ave look terrible
10. Need flowers in front of businesses on University Ave
11. Landscape University Ave
12. There is a "strip mall" feel developing for the businesses on University Ave, some requirements for building facades & landscaping should be considered
13. Maintain a variety of sign styles on University

## Transportation

### *Transit*

1. Commuter rail-local rail service
2. More frequent bus services or mass transit in whatever form
3. We need a commuter train transfer center or depot in our area
4. Rail for rush hour
5. Rail transportation
6. Clean rail, no diesel fumes, please! No horns also!
7. Consider commuter rail in this neighborhood, if it is coming to Madison
8. Light rail
9. Rapid transit from West to East side
10. Rail corridor probably good-like D.C area metro- we do not have room to park and ride!
11. If rail is coming, I want it to stop here!
12. Bring light rail to reduce traffic congestion
13. Further development of light rail concepts
14. Rail transportation along University Ave access to downtown
15. Guarded interest in light rail/street car possibilities
16. Rail system at Whitney Way & Old Middleton when interurban line begins
17. Have a light rail stop in back of Borders Book Store
18. Have UW Hospital create outlots for park & ride rail
19. Light rail system on University Ave, connecting to the Isthmus (n,s,e,w)
20. Do not put large tram/light rail station on Whitney Way and University-parking lots should be further from City Center
21. Need Rail & Bus improved to work together
22. Electric bus lines to downtown, sidewalk on University Ave
23. Maybe small bus on Lake Mendota Rd to connect to main bus system
24. Bus service is to frequent on 60/61 lines during the late hours ( 1 hr later 5:50/6:50 from University Ave)
25. Bench/bus shelter in front of Midas
26. Increase frequency of busses on University Ave
27. Stylish bus shelter on University in front of Auto body shop?
28. Covered bus shelters for all stops
29. Walking path from Indian Hills Park up the slope to get to Hills Farm bus stops (we have few bus lines, so need to access routes 14, etc.)

### *Pedestrian*

1. No more sidewalks
2. Do not put sidewalks in Indian Hills
3. Creating a walking lane on Lake Mendota Drive with paint
4. Sidewalks?
5. Sidewalk
6. Sidewalk on both sides of University Ave
7. Sidewalk to school along dog exercise area & leading to park path across from school
8. Install sidewalk from Brody to Marsha on Pauline for school students
9. Where is it written that sidewalks must be straight lanes of concrete? Create a walkway of packed limestone and meander the walkway around and through the trees
10. Bike/walking path on left side from BP to Allen (as heading west)
11. Have over pass for pedestrian traffic over University Ave to facilitate crossing
12. There should be sidewalks/bike paths on both sides of University Ave all the way from Whitney Way to Allen Blvd, one of the busiest streets in the City.
13. Promote healthy residents through easy access to bike and walking trails-at least every 2 blocks.

### *Bike*

1. Bike paths continue & connect
2. Transport more bike paths and walking paths
3. Bike lanes on University Ave
4. Improve bikability
5. Bike path should be connected from Capital to Spring Harbor Dr
6. Keep all streets except University Ave bicycle friendly
7. Bike paths extend & expand current paths to allow future use
8. Have a safe bike path connector segment along University Ave
9. No curb & Gutter, replace with slightly raised bike lanes
10. No curbs and gutters, rather raised for bicycles (2-3 inches)
11. Bike/walking path on left side from BP to Allen (as heading west)
12. Bike path
13. Allow bike and canoe parking on courts that lead to Lake Mendota for commuters.
14. Improve bike paths , especially those on extremely poorly maintained streets (such as Lake Mendota Drive) to make biking safe
15. More bike lanes ( not on University) most bikers go on Old Middleton & Lake Mendota because University is too busy, nosier and potentially dangerous (Speeders)
16. Bike lanes along Old Middleton Road

17. There should be sidewalks/bike paths on both sides of University Ave all the way from Whitney Way to Allen Blvd, one of the busiest streets in the City.
18. Promote healthy residents through easy access to bike and walking trails-at least every 2 blocks.
19. Extend Bike path along University from Spring Harbor middle school to Capital Ave
20. Cars turning into neighborhood from University Ave might conflict with bicyclists along University, especially along University asphalt path
21. Bike path on southwest side of University from Allen to Whitney Way
22. Slightly raised Bike lanes instead of curb and gutter
23. Bicycle bridge across RR tracks from Pauler & ????? to Old Middleton Rd-1
24. Pact with Thorstrand to let bicycles through
25. Widen bike path on Old Middleton Rd continue west of Old Sauk

#### *Roads*

1. Leave Craig Ave a dead-end
2. Put in traffic circles at "busy" neighborhood intersections
3. Concern for traffic on University Ave as areas in Middleton & Waunakee are more developed with homes
4. Speed restrictions (speed bumps, etc.)
5. Put University Ave underground so feeders are frontage roads and walk over easily
6. Divert traffic away from Lake Mendota Drive
7. Regrade Capital Avenue
8. Do not close off roads-access is limited due to lake on one side & Middleton areas on the other. Rather utilize structural changes (more constricted openings of streets onto University Ave) which will allow for emergency ingress/egress
9. St Dunstan's Drive should be made a two way
10. Make it safer to cross University Ave especially on the western edge of SHNA (Allen Blvd or Baker)
11. Limit speeds for care on all streets without sidewalks (Minocqua Crescent, Lake Mendota Drive)
12. Traffic calming- NOT to include more stop signs! Yield signs, traffic circles, etc. Less starting and stopping means less noise, less pollution, less energy consumption
13. Make University Ave safer with turn lanes
14. Keep the streets w/o sidewalks, but could we resurface? We have so many pedestrians and joggers, but pot holes are dangerous.
15. Traffic speed is a problem on streets to and from University (like campus) can we install bumps like on Yuma near Midvale Ave?
16. No curb & Gutter, replace with slightly raised bike lanes
17. Use traffic calming measures
18. Need stop signs thru-out neighborhood to slow down traffic
19. Speeding traffic on Capital Ave
20. Put in flower islands (traffic circles) look at circles in Shorewood
21. Dangerous crossing of Lake Mendota Drive at the Spring Harbor, many people with kids cross between the park and Harbor-blind curve



22. Keep commuter traffic off neighborhood streets & on University Ave
23. Cars coming into the neighborhood on Tomahawk up thru Minocqua Park and either up or down Minocqua Crescent needs to be slowed down.
24. Traffic on LMD-speeding, traffic calming flower islands (traffic circles)
25. Easier access turning into neighborhoods
26. Laurel Crest & University Ave (west side) intersection is dangerous and should be closed off like Baker is
27. Enforce lower speed limit on Lake Mendota
28. Like to see the policy changed on allowing street calming
29. Control Speed and rush hour traffic on LMD
30. Provide traffic calming on cut over streets between Old Middleton & University and Lake Mendota Drive & University
31. Reverse Norman Way from Old Middleton to Dale Ave
32. Cars turning into neighborhood from University Ave might conflict with bicyclists along University, especially along University asphalt path
33. Improve & upgrade the appearance of Lake Mendota Drive (Harbor to Camelot) resurface, speed bumps (4), rolled curbing and narrow sidewalk
34. Make University Ave easier to cross for walkers, maybe some islands or walkways

*Other*

1. Small businesses that are bikeable & walkable, avoid big footprint business
2. Local businesses serving the neighborhood, No drive thru businesses, no car wash, sidewalk on both sides
3. Use golf carts to travel to nearby malls or centers-reduce auto use
4. Current street lights are intrusive and could be improved-not as bright, it defeats our natural, lake house feel
5. Provide better access from the area of neighborhood to the other on University Ave
6. Make tunnel safer under University Ave
7. University underpass & Norman Way Bike or ???
8. Like to see the policy changed on allowing street calming

## **Parks, Recreation, and Lake Access**

### *Lake Access*

1. Preserve, enlarge & improve lake access (wheelchairs too)
2. Keep public access-maybe improve
3. Make public access pathways to the lake, more welcoming
4. Preserve and enlarge parks and access to lake
5. Long peer into clean lake water, like it was in Shorewood in the 1960's.
6. A pier should be installed at the end of Baker Ave for residents use and Baker should be made so motor boats cannot be launched there (Marshall Park and Spring Harbor Park are close)
7. Lake access points-emphasize upkeep in developed areas, boat launchers, beaches, parks and respect undeveloped areas as more natural as per City of Madison plan published Dec 2000
8. Free access to lake from all courtyard- no structures or other impediments in the courts.
9. Should be maintained as is w/o motor boat access at Marshall Park & the other "Alleys" used primarily for walking, Capital, Baker with mixed use maybe piers added on Capital & Baker.
10. Lets keep the access to the lake thru fire lanes COLLEGIAL, we live on such a path & greatly enjoy visiting with appreciators
11. Lake access should be more clearly signed & delineated
12. Determine uses of access strips from Lake Mendota Dr to the lake
13. I love the lake access on Lake Mendota, keep it natural and not too formal
14. The streets that end at Lake Mendota should be maintained as community access and should not appear as private drives

### *Boating Issues*

1. Add canoe racks to beach and other areas with lake access like Merrill Spring Park has.
2. Should be maintained as is w/o motor boat access at Marshall Park & the other "Alleys" used primarily for walking, Capital, Baker with mixed use maybe piers added on Capital & Baker.
3. A pier should be installed at the end of Baker Ave for residents use and Baker should be made so motor boats cannot be launched there (Marshall Park and Spring Harbor Park are close)
4. Slower motor boat traffic within close proximity to Lake Mendota shoreline.
5. Neighborhood boat storage or dock, buy into/aside from public access
6. Slow no wake on lake more often

### *Beach*

1. Spring Harbor Beach-keep bathrooms open
2. Spring Harbor Beach-keep lifeguard
3. Retain lifeguard at Spring Harbor Beach
4. Make sure the beach remains open

5. Creating a way for wheelchair to access the beach at the Spring (removing the fence)
6. Ensure beach keeps lifeguard
7. Keep beach clean-removal of seaweed and duck waste

#### *Clean Up*

1. Clean up lake weeds with prevention & machines
2. Recreation harbor needs to be dredged again
3. Clean up Spring Harbor Beach
4. Clean beach (make the H2o more accessible)
5. Clean up Spring Harbor Beach, not swimming friendly, duck and goose haven
6. Spring Haven water quality, dredge sediment delta (1994 Feasibility Study-recommendations for maintenance)
7. Cleaner lakes
8. Promote use of lake friendly lawn products

#### *Merrill Spring*

1. Find a way to restore water flow to Merrill Spring
2. Restore Merrill Spring
3. Merrill Springs, park-review & restore, refill
4. Restore the springs
5. Restore the springs to their natural condition
6. Clean up Merrill Springs Park
7. Restore water flow to Spring Harbor
8. Renovation of Merrill Springs Park- decrease standing water, better access, stairs, improved canoe and kayak storage
9. A flowing spring at Merrill Springs Park
10. Revitalization of Merrill Springs
11. Seek native American Trail input on major changes to Merrill Springs Park

#### *Kettle Pond*

1. Keep Kettle Pond secluded
2. Keep the secluded environment in Kettle Pond
3. Provide money to dredge Kettle Pond
4. Improve hiking path through Kettle Pond
5. Dredge Kettle Pond
6. Make Kettle Pond into a park that you want to go to (grass?)
7. Kettle Pond should be better maintained, restored as a local wetland habitat

8. Kettle Pond-improve pond & vegetation (eliminate invasive)

#### *Parks*

1. Parks more play equipment at S.H. park, Indian Hills Park
2. Keep Spring Harbor park natural, keep the green space along University Ave near Spring Harbor Park
3. Parks year around
4. Keep public access-maybe improve
5. Preserve and enlarge parks and access to lake
6. Keep them as is
7. Get rid of scrub trees
8. Plan 20 trees a year
9. Landscape upgrade, better trees, better plan
10. Restore Spring Harbor Park to Oak Savanna
11. 10 Yr goal/or Spring Harbor Park: restore to Oak Savanna
12. Continued involvement of SH Middle School with improvements to natural environment of open spaces
13. Keep rural feel to the neighborhood
14. Better and more trash receptacles
15. The starting point should be to leave things the way they are
16. Garlic Mustard Removal
17. Remove invasive spp from private lands & parks-especially Spring Harbor Park
18. Plan for parks to get rid of junk trees & garlic mustard
19. City mowers, stop spreading grass clippings in street
20. The west end of Taychopera, which has never been paved or made into stuet. Should be changed to "conservancy" green space maintaining its current use
21. Restore fountain at Flint Stone Park
22. High priority to retain park/recreation areas/Indian Mounds
23. Extend bike/hike path beyond Camelot to Thorstrand walk through there to Marshall Park
24. Land & lots with mounds, trees, drainage, require buffer set-backs to prevent buildings on the edge.
25. Provide poop receptacles for dogs, like a County dog parks
26. Keep dog exercise area across Lake Mendota Drive from Harbor
27. Increase Park land south/west of University Ave

## **MEMORIES**

1. Years before moving here, I was biking along Lake Mendota Drive, passing by the Harbor, I wondered- "Where am I?"
2. Getting up very early one summer morning with my wife to watch the sun rise at Merrill Springs Park.
3. University access i.e. Flambeau, and boat ramp to Spring Harbor
4. Sailing, canoeing, fishing on Lake Mendota, neighborhood walks, and friendly neighbors.
5. Wonderful neighbors, snowplowed for 2000 (snowiest Dec on record)
6. Memory of 3 children going to S.H. school and now grand daughters on here.
7. Lots of beach memories.
8. Neighborhood memories-neighborhood family gatherings.
9. Going for evening walks, and almost getting hit by a car crossing University Ave to the bus stop.
10. Biking to University and into Middleton
11. One August I spend most of my time at Spring Harbor Beach.

## **IDEAS FOR THE FUTURE**

1. Create a historical park next to school on hill with Indian Mound.
2. Need a change to Capital Ave traffic. It is not rational engineering to have majority of traffic from University Ave to only one way to get to Sauk and Rosa Roads, this is appalling.
3. Better police coverage
4. Canoe racks at lake access
5. More frequent brush pick up, especially in the spring.
6. Better communication with other nearby neighborhood Associations.
7. Storm Sewer drains where needed to reduce prop damage and road erosion.

## **Focus Group Responses**

**July 18-19, 2005**

### **Businesses**

*Do you currently own or rent your building? Is this your long-term goal for your building?*

1. Own and plan on being in business at current location
2. Plan results have a large impact on business-University Ave is good for business
3. Lease the property with no major plans to change/move

*What physical improvements should be made to make your business more successful?*

1. Turning lane on University Avenue along the whole distance to improve access to businesses
2. Turning west onto University Ave is extremely dangerous from the south side of the street
3. Consistent conditions along University Ave
4. Put power lines underground on University Ave
5. University Avenue is not visually pleasing
6. Better streetscape would make the street safer
7. The stoplight at Spring Harbor is a good addition for bringing speeds down
8. Turning lane would allow for medians to act as pedestrian refuges
9. Some customers are UW students and have to cross University to access businesses, which is dangerous
10. West on University from Segoe approach leads to speeding and causes many accidents, something should be done to slow traffic
11. Would a shared turn lane or a boulevard be better for safety?
12. Perkins/Good-N-Loud/Flambeau is awkward and seems dangerous

*Do you have adequate access, parking, and visibility?*

1. Unlike East Wash, there are many smaller businesses that need to be accessed from University Ave, so restricting access might be hard
2. The turning lane has made it much safer
3. Visibility is adequate
4. The speed of the street causes people to fly by businesses without noticing them
5. The street connection isn't necessarily an improvement
6. The two sides of the neighborhood should be better connected
7. There should be a better connectivity throughout the neighborhood
8. A controlled light at Flambeau might be a good thing to reduce speed and improve access

*What are your concerns/hopes for the Hilldale redevelopment project for your business?*

1. Hilldale is not connected to any community, they should fall within some neighborhood, so that the impact is considered
2. How will traffic be affected along University Avenue
3. Depending on what kinds of businesses are going in will affect the type of competition that follows
4. University Ave doesn't handle traffic gracefully now, so until the street is taken care of, business will always be at the whim of dangerous speeds

*Are there any other issues/concerns facing businesses in the neighborhood that were not discussed above?*

1. Putting colors on a map can be limiting in scope, some projects are regional in scale
2. Economic flexibility is important as time change
3. If changes are proposed to the land use, make the category very broad
4. Turn signal on Capital Ave would be an improvement
5. No traffic can turn west during the evening traffic from Capital
6. Emphasize the significant danger along University Ave
7. Who would be willing to give up the land to add a more turning lane?
8. All businesses issues return to the poor condition of University Avenue
9. Add a left turn lane from at least from Whitney Way to Capital Ave
10. Should be done simultaneously curb and gutter
11. Rail will impact businesses differently
12. Stop and go/grab things might not work
13. Destination businesses might benefit
14. University Avenue plays two roles of being a county/state highway and a neighborhood main street
15. By ignoring the problem the state/county/city makes the problem worse and in effect will continue to cause sprawl
16. Most commuters are state and university employees, who don't need to work at traditional hours
17. Give those employees free bus passes
18. Encourage the employees to work on flexible hours
19. Police service only stops speeding for the short period (week or so)
20. There are already informal sidewalks on both side of the street, so new ones would not be bad
21. Auto services are listed as I in the comp plan, which would create some non-conforming uses
22. The neighborhood needs a diverse mix of businesses
23. Employment doesn't seem to serve the neighborhood well
24. If the plan is meant to bring in attributes that the neighborhood is lacking, and remove those that aren't, then Employment is not a good designation

## Rental Property Owners

*How long have you owned/managed your property? Do you own other rental property in Madison?*

1. Non-occupying owner rights are the same as occupied owner rights
2. Plan will be adopted as part of the comprehensive plan by the city
3. Concerns about storm water run-off on Camus Lane
4. Front/back yard issues on the lake-side property (lake is front yard, not street)
5. Some owners do own other units outside the neighborhood
6. Some participants do own units outside of the neighborhood

*How many units do you rent in the neighborhood?*

1. Participants own any where between 1 and 24 units (2 owned 1 unit, 1 owned 2-8 unit buildings, 1 owned a 4 unit, and 1 owned a 24 unit + 3 office spaces)

*What are your general plans for your property? Maintain number of units? Expand? Convert to condominiums? Other improvements?*

1. Highwoods and Carrington are converting from rental to condominium
2. Joyce Reid property is talking about taking down a historic home and putting up 6 houses
3. Anchor Property Management (Sleepy Hollow) was 154 units in 6 buildings but now they are converting to condos. It used to be a HUD property

*What the key neighborhood issues around your property? Access? Parking? Safety/security? Parks and open spaces?*

1. Drainage problem behind Pancake House
2. Storm sewer drains to Lake Mendota
3. Can something be done to slow/mediate drainage to keep lakes clean?
4. Possible rain garden program
5. Parking lot greening
6. Lake side access through the courts
7. People don't know the are allowed to use the public lake accesses points
8. Sidewalks
9. Were placed along Capital (from University Ave to Old Middleton Rd) when they weren't wanted
10. Pedestrian safety question
11. Cost was a concern
12. Trees were lost
13. Sake walking is possible currently in the neighborhood



14. A green, sustainable, long-term solution should be explored
15. Sidewalks disturb the local character
16. The process was unfair
17. Trails/paths might be acceptable
18. Commuters were deterred in Shorewood with implementation and enforcement of a 20 MPH speed limit
19. Crossing University Ave to bus routes in difficult
20. Camus Lane encourage traffic to go around the block to access University Ave
21. One child (renter) was killed on University Ave near Camus Lane within the past 5 years
22. Sidewalks should incorporate engineering and maintenance solutions (storm water, ease of implementation, character)
23. Bike issue coming down University Avenue against traffic
24. Erdman property development would affect density and character of the neighborhood
25. Small neighborhood store/services, but avoid the strip mall
26. There aren't very many places to redevelop
27. Height is limited in the area
28. High density isn't currently in the neighborhood character
29. Possible to see redevelopment at University Ave and Whitney Way
30. Possess some problems with access, short stacking
31. Possible incorporating recreation facility into a redevelopment site
32. Tenets might not need/use light rail
33. Where would the parking go?
34. Sidewalks on major roads are safe for tenets with young kids (possibly would promote lake access use)
35. Neighborhood should build off main highlight which is the lake
36. Neighborhood is also a transit hub
37. Traffic on Lake Mendota Dr is too fast
38. No left turn off of University Ave during rush hour
39. Properties are used as a public street
40. Middleton Bus Company (1971-1975) could be revived
41. Possible city bus route with Shorewood from Middleton along Lake Mendota Dr
42. Spring Harbor brochure to new tenet/residents with neighborhood assets listed
43. Proximity to UW Hospital, downtown is a big appeal to tenets
44. Selection of tenets ebb and flow affects safety/activity of community (but this has gotten better over the past couple of years)
45. Trillium Apartments is turning over to condos
46. It can be very hard to keep/get good tenets
47. Lake access should be visibly public
48. Rental buildings can be a micro-neighborhood (a balance of neighborhoodlyness can be helpful)

49. Merrill Springs redevelopment-restore water
50. Trillium Apartment History
51. Built by Floyd Voight in the late 1940's-early 50's
52. Most tenets at the time were married UW students who were veterans, many with children
53. It was a precursor to Eagle Heights
54. Once Eagle Heights was constructed the student families moved out
55. Neighborhood went down hill after that
56. Faced drug/crime issues
57. Was recently bought by Joe Griese and a bank
58. Currently being converted from rental to condominiums

## Residential

*Are there enough open spaces/parks throughout the entire neighborhood to meet your recreational needs?*

1. Kettle Pond used to be used recreational (there was standing water, sledding hill)
2. Why did they cut down the trees at Kettle Pond?
3. Kettle Pond should be more accessible
4. No recreational park on the south side of the neighborhood
5. Kettle "Pond" is now a mosquito breeding ground
  - a. It used to be a beautiful spring
  - b. There is no pond anymore
6. South side of University Avenue has no facility for kids
  - a. Neighbors on both sides should want to cross University Avenue for amenities on both side
7. Kettle Pond needs a master plan, but shouldn't have to be a big project
  - a. The city said that it needs improvements, possible dredging
  - b. Maybe use some of the land for a more active park
8. The greenway probably shouldn't become an active park
9. Parks be included into new redevelopment areas (particularly near Whitney Way)
10. Parks are under funded for maintenance, neglected by the city
  - a. Playground equipment
  - b. Invasive species
11. Neighbors walk to Marshall park and take the cut through Thorstrand Dr
12. Marshall park needs equipment
13. Ropes course-older age appropriate activities possibly at Kettle Pond
14. Trillium development has no close playground, so they cross University Avenue to Spring Harbor Park, which is dangerous, should be considered for new redevelopment
15. There are a lot of beautiful places for parks, but maintenance of it can be so expensive
  - a. Merrill Springs is a classic example of what can happen to parks
16. Water should flow again at Merrill Springs
  - a. Mow the grass
  - b. Neighborhood already is working on a plan for the springs

*Lake access has been a significant issue in the neighborhood in the past. What is the status of this issue in the neighborhood? Is it adequate? Does it need to be expanded and extended?*

1. There is no signage stating that those are the public access to the lake
  - a. Something attractive should be placed to mark all lake access courts so all neighbors can enjoy
  - b. Beach especially
2. The lake access courts don't look public
3. What are people trying to access? A quality lake!
  - a. 1995 when the harbor was dredged the city said that they would maintain it, but they haven't
4. Do something to create warm water in winter, so people don't walk out on thin ice in winter
5. Open view of the lake doesn't not currently exist in various courts
6. Plantings in the court could contribute to improving the lake quality
7. Maintenance of the courts are important and people living around them would like to see the city do something
8. The greenway should be better maintained because now it's a swamp that is a breeding ground for mosquitoes
9. Maybe put a pier in on the left side of Lake Mendota Dr on the greenway, at the lake
  - a. Neighborhood could fund it
10. Encroachment on city property (courts) discourages public access
  - a. Vehicles
  - b. Compost piles
  - c. Fence
  - d. Can be visual as well
  - e. Subtle claims of the rite of way are not acceptable
11. There are other dead ends in the neighborhood that property owners are also encroaching upon
12. Individual property owners should be encouraged to plant flowers, to make the lake front inviting to the public

*What do you think about residential redevelopments near the lake? Should there be restrictions on height, size, scale, massings, and views of redeveloped or expanded homes? Should there be resident design standards?*

1. There are regulations now
2. Exceptions should be more tightly regulated
3. Neighbors should become more active in approving or disproving such development
4. Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association should have the ability to be active in variance hearings
5. Lots are narrow, so it's difficult to come up with a architectural drawing that is attractive and useful, therefore standards should not be too stringent
6. Remind the plan commission to stay on their toes, because of the history of the neighborhood
7. No need to go set design guidelines
8. Roofline/sightlines are fairly consistent and maybe that should be the standard, give or take a little

9. Neighborhood is not a neighborhood of covenants, there is a more eclectic feel in the neighborhood, that has drawn residents here
10. Neighbors should set up and be a more active participant in the process
11. Current city codes are acceptable
12. Neighborhood association should not officially sign off in the approval process
13. Neighborhood association could act as a clearing house of information
14. Planning commission does not follow through on meeting conditional use standards
15. Building inspections are understaffed and therefore don't have the time to come out and enforce the conditional use standards
16. Protect the water table and restrict how deep residential homes can go
  - a. This allows people to go low and then build the to the standards
17. Make sure people can't raise the lot so that people can't construct 2.5 stories on top a tall mound

*Are there any neighborhood services that you feel are missing from the neighborhood that should be explored?*

1. Roads are terrible to the extent of being dangerous
  - a. Lake Mendota Drive
2. Pea gravel on Lake Mendota Dr is not a long term solution
3. Huge flooding due to lack of curb and gutter
  - a. Baker off Capitol
4. The city should allow curb and gutter without adding sidewalks (Shorewood example)
  - a. Should be more flexible in retrofitting the neighborhood
  - b. Can be difficult to add sidewalks because of the various lot sizes
5. There are never police cars in the neighborhood
  - a. Can be good, but from a traffic standpoint it would be nice to see them enforced
  - b. Speed signs placed in the neighborhood
  - c. Not just about roads, traffic is also about services
6. Noise at 35/40 mph would be acceptable, but at 45/50 mph the noise is exceptionally loud
7. Sanitation is great
  - a. Recycling
  - b. Trash
  - c. Brush
  - d. Could there be a central access compost point (brush, etc) in the neighborhood
  - e. Hazardous materials (light bulbs, batteries, paint) disposal should be more responsibly promoted
  - f. Snow plowing is terrible, especially this past winter
  - g. Sand barrels should be added throughout the neighborhood, at a smaller size than the ones there before

8. More trash cans should be located throughout the neighborhood
  - i. Baker Ave
  - ii. Capital Ave
  - iii. Spring harbor park and boat launch
  - iv. School parking lot
  - v. Recyclable receptacles at the boat launch
9. New sidewalk on University Avenue is covered in thistles
10. Education about how to keep the lakes healthy
11. Neighborhood sledding hill between (1775) Norman Way and Spring Harbor might be lost to development
12. After school childcare should be considered if there is a need
13. Roads should not be blocked off of University Avenue
14. More yield signs, curb alignments, traffic calming to reduce traffic speed, but do not increase pollution
15. More crosswalks should be present on University Avenue

## Residential Renters

*Why did you chose/how did you come to live in Spring Harbor neighborhood?*

1. Whispering hills by chance, but are happy with decision
2. Sleepy Hollow has a great location-plan to buy one of the new condos
3. Drawn towards being close to the lake
4. Property values would stay stable close the lake-Indian Hills
5. Answered an ad, loved the trees, close to the lake, lots of shopping, close to the beltline
6. University gets you to downtown or to the east side easilier
7. Close to Hilldale, West Towne, Westgate
8. Basically safe

*How long do you plan to live in the neighborhood? Why?*

1. Don't know
2. Plan to stay for awhile

How do you usually travel to and from work? Are current transportation services meeting your travel needs both within the neighborhood and into other parts of the region?

1. Getting out onto University Ave is hard especially on:
  - a. Craig Ave
  - b. Norman Way
  - c. Time the light better on Spring Harbor Dr. People run the red light on University Ave
2. Rosa Rd and Old Middleton Ave
3. Lots of renters are looking for bus routes
  - a. Route 60 is convenient
  - b. Students
  - c. Hospital Employees
  - d. The schedule seems to be adequate
4. One car family uses the bus frequently
  - a. Going downtown is good
  - b. Going to Greenway Station can be difficult on the 61 just because there are 3 buses in the morning and three in the evening
  - c. Hill Farms buses are pretty accessible to the neighborhood
5. Biking to campus starting with the new Black hawk trail is easy

6. Don't want light rail running behind Sleepy Hollow
  - a. Noise
7. Freight trains several times a week are enough
8. Light rail depends on how often it runs
9. Why do rail? Buses are more flexible
10. Track had been expanded from existing track to Greenway Station in Middleton
11. Bus to downtown during rush hour is fine, working late is hard because the bus runs only once an hour
12. Turning left onto University Avenue from Norman Way is hard
13. Residents take the bus an extra stop so that they can cross University Ave at a stop light
14. University Ave is a divider in the neighborhood
  - a. Some bridge or tunnel should be put in place
15. The stop light at Spring Harbor Drive thought would have helped, but it hasn't slowed traffic
16. Is the cost of rail worth it? Property taxes are already high

*Do neighborhood parks and open spaces adequately serve your needs? What connections should be made to improve parks and open spaces and your ability to access them?*

1. Spring Harbor Park used a lot by dog owners
2. Spring Harbor Park is adequate concerning services
3. Lots of residents don't have time to use them
4. Madison has lots of parks, so it's not unique to Spring Harbor
5. Parks just outside the neighborhood serve the southern half of the neighborhood
6. Sleepy Hollow residents are served by the equipment onsite
7. Tunnel under the train tracks goes to Konacki's Grocery and Oakcrest Tavern
  - a. It is in disrepair
  - b. It would be nice to half that back
8. Perhaps restore it for ecology purposes
9. Clean up the lakes they continue to get worse
10. Kettle Pond is used every year by Spring Harbor Middle School
11. Are there safety and security issues that need to be addresses in the neighborhood?
12. Sleepy Hollow-majority of residents feel comfortable
  - a. From time to time there are issues
  - b. Sometimes car are broken into in the garage
  - c. Windows broken in parking lot
  - d. All property damage, no personal
  - e. Shooting once on Craig Ave



13. Is some concern, but things happen anywhere
14. More light on Norman Way
15. Lighting in general
  - a. Brody
16. Problems at the Stop-N-Go
  - a. Panhandlers
  - b. Robbery
  - c. Driving away without paying for gas
17. Once in 9 years, there was one rash of home break-ins one night
18. Trillium seems to have more concern
  - a. However, the future is looking brighter
  - b. Half owned by the bank
19. Sometimes walking through Trillium can be unnerving
  - a. Past tenets had been interesting characters
  - b. Better now

*Are you aware if there is a possibility that your home will be converted to a condominium ownership? How would this impact you?*

1. Two buildings at the bottom of Norman Way-just below playful kids day care are going condo
2. Sleepy Hollow good for first time buyers
  - a. 1 bedroom – 80,000
  - b. 2 bedroom – 110,000
3. Trillium
  - a. 110,000
4. Condos are good for the neighborhood
5. At Sleepy Hollow 90% of residents are being displaced
  - a. It's happening fast
6. Hate to see the nature of Trillium change
  - a. Size of buildings
  - b. Commercial property should develop at neighborhood scale and allow Trillium to keep it's character
  - c. Good for elderly or starter homes
7. Worry that the south half of the neighborhood could change and it shouldn't
  - a. House sizing are appropriate and a good addition to the neighborhood
8. Of 16 units on Norman Way that are going condo, most people are moving
9. Residents are transient and so "displacement" is natural to renters
10. Condo owners have pride of ownership and take better care of the neighborhood

11. Scattering density of residential would be better than the pockets in existence now
12. A lot of older units are turning condo, and puts pressure on renters who can't afford \$800 a month for a newer unit
13. Property taxes in the city are too high

*What are other neighborhood issues that need to be addressed?*

1. When taxes go up the cost gets past onto the residents, which creates a squeeze
2. High educational costs, are they worth it?
3. Renters in the neighborhood are very satisfied
4. Something that gives the neighborhood a sense of community
  - a. Coffee store, with juice bar, outdoor seating
5. Services wanted in the neighborhood
  - a. Drugstore
  - b. Blockbuster
  - c. Mixed-Use
  - d. Add second floor to Brennan's
  - e. Good-N-Loud scale buildings
  - f. More local restaurants at the same scale as existing ones
    - i. But the current ones have bad architecture
6. Things not wanted
  - a. Drive through
7. Less litter on Brody Dr
  - a. Especially from Brody Drive Townhomes
8. Dogs off their leashes should be regulated
9. Parking on Brody Drive

## Transportation

*Why are sidewalks not desired? Are streets currently safe enough for pedestrian travel throughout the neighborhood?*

1. Temkin has sidewalks and appreciate them especially with small kids
2. Pain due to maintenance but necessary
  - a. Social aspects
3. Age of kids makes a difference
  - a. Young kids you want sidewalks
  - b. Older it's not as big of a deal
4. On a dead end there aren't that many people who walk on the street
5. Dollars should be spent on improving the roads
6. Land costs are too high to sacrifice to sidewalks
7. Capital avenue, while controversial, carries a lot of traffic, and sidewalks are needed in order to feel safe
  - a. Sidewalks are needed along the busier street
8. Lake Mendota drive, currently people are used to pedestrians on the street, but when improvements are made, could a paint stripe be created
  - a. Spring harbor park to up the hill, major blind spot
  - b. Parked cars cause blind spots of pedestrians to drivers
  - c. Shorewood hills past the golf course...curbs made the street 18 inches wider and that feels much more safe
    - i. Defines the street more
  - d. Looks better, people don't park on the street randomly
9. What's the status of Lake Mendota drive? Can it be improved or not?
10. Why do they clean Lake Mendota drive so often?
11. Aesthetics are the reason for not having sidewalks
  - a. Old character of the neighborhood
12. Slowing traffic down would help reduce the need for sidewalks
13. Trees are important to the neighborhood
14. In some of the hilly spots of the neighborhood, sidewalks may not be very safe either
  - a. Especially in winter, walking on streets the streets would be more regularly plowed
  - b. Originally there were no storm sewers and that may be why there are no sidewalks
15. Improve the tunnel because otherwise you wait a long time to cross the street
  - a. Improve lighting
16. Where to put sidewalks
  - a. University Avenue on both sides all the way to city boundaries and further on to Middleton
  - b. Along the school and the park, connect the existing talks

- c. University to Whitney way merge lane there is a blind spot crossing the one lane
- 17. Where to put traffic calming measures
  - a. Traffic Island: West on Brody, left on Lorraine the intersection is a huge uncontrolled intersections
    - i. Same at Marsha, where it meets Temkin
    - ii. Marsha, Brody, Lorraine become a cut through from around University Avenue and the corners are dangerous
  - b. Epcorth Ct and Lake Mendota Dr
  - c. Spring Harbor Dr and Lake Mendota Dr
  - d. More wide curb lanes on all streets coming onto University Avenue

*What important pedestrian and bicycle connections and improvements should be made in and beyond the neighborhood?*

1. Flambaeu connection needs to be made to the existing Blackhawk path in Indian Hills Park
2. Continue the Blackhawk path to the west to Whitney Way
3. Bus stop access needed at Segoe Rd and University Avenue
4. University Avenue is a barrier to the lake for the neighbors living to the south of it
5. What is the status of the lease for access for bike path to Marshall Park
6. Light on Norman Way (multiple concerns!!!)
  - a. Maybe a foot bridge instead
  - b. Might be too many lights
  - c. Turn lane because of the hill and all of the larger vehicles
7. Sidewalks are not on the side near businesses on University, which is alright in summer, but dangerous in winter
8. Connect the bike path on University Avenue from Spring Harbor to Baker Ave
9. Should the path be strictly bike or multi-modal?
  - a. Some say yes
  - b. Some would prefer just a sidewalk
  - c. What is federal policy when that street is improved? Does a commuter bike path have to go in?
10. Land use should dictate the path/route
  - a. Businesses should have direct routes to them
  - b. Recreational paths can be less direct
11. Employee/Tenets concerns?
  - a. Getting on and off University at Perkins area
    - i. Lots of curb cuts
    - ii. Controlled intersection at Flambaeu?
  - b. In the future, how will University be able to handle more traffic?
12. Turns lanes off of University Avenue
13. Closer to Middleton heading towards campus, making a left hand turn causes many accidents
14. University Avenue turning right into Asbury church is dangerous because of the traffic, speed, and hill

*What improvements are needed on neighborhood streets and intersections? Please be specific about problems and locations.*

1. Coming towards campus on Laurel Crest, on the west side you are not allowed to turn left, but people do. Instead it should be closed off to University Ave
2. Baker is a bottle neck when some is trying to turn left.
3. Blind spot on Baker and Taychopera due to shrubs being overgrown
4. Don't keep graveling Lake Mendota it runs to the lake
5. University Avenue floods in front of Dale Heights
6. Right of way questions at Flambeau and Tomahawk
7. Near Minoqua Cresent has been under construction for months
8. Minoqua Spur and similar streets would never qualify for traffic calming
  - a. Traffic calming should be allowed/done on unimproved streets
  - b. Brody Drive
  - c. Capital Avenue the whole thing
  - d. Lake Mendota Drive (follow what Shorewood did)
  - e. Greening Lane narrow but people still speed
  - f.
9. Speed bumps are second to traffic islands, but still would be appreciated
10. Crossing Flambeau and Tomahawk is dangerous
11. Cars race towards the light on Capital from the north onto University Ave to make the light
12. People don't stop at Lake Mendota Dr and Capital
13. Supposedly traffic calming will happen on the south side of Capital, is that true?
14. Traffic circles
  - a. Two ends of Brody
    - i. Temkin and Marsha
    - ii. Brody and Lorraine
    - iii. Pauline and Lorraine
  - b. Spring Harbor and Lake Mendota Drive
  - c. Lake Mendota Dr and Capital

*What improvements need to be made to University Avenue in order to make that street more safe, efficient, and matching in neighborhood character? What land uses should line University Avenue? What should those uses look like?*

1. Not a clear right of way for bike path users and side street bicyclists
2. Bike turning off of University Avenue into neighborhood is hard to see other bikes
  - a. Yield/stop signs might be helpful on bike path
3. Put utilities underground

4. Center lane should be reconstructed
5. Neighborhood Association has a policy on University Avenue
6. Would too many improvements “out” how great the neighborhood is?
7. It is important to think of ways to take traffic from the Erdman Property and PSC
  - a. Accelerating lanes on University
8. How Whitney Way interacts with University should be studied
9. Light at Flambeau should be studied
10. It should be more like Mineral Point Road with wide bus lanes
11. University Avenue doesn’t do anything well, except scare people
12. Bike lanes, slower traffic, lined with local businesses would move University Avenue away from being a ugly highway towards a local neighborhood street

## Neighborhood Public Forum

October 24, 2005

*Comments Posted by the Public on the Draft Recommendations*

1. Existing businesses, such as Midas, are an important service on the corridor and for the community. (#3)
2. Chapters 5, 1, 2) It would be great to get more daily/weekly services, e.g. – hairstylists, pharmacy, groceries, and restaurants.
3. 84% white population, encourage more neighborhood diversity.
4. What does enhanced opp mean? (#2)
5. Item 4-24—disallow installation of sump pumps that are intended to continuously “de-water” a basement that was dug too deep into springs.
6. When business/commercial like Erdman Property builds seven stories high, will residential neighborhoods still be stuck at one story? If skyline becomes more urban, can we build up too? (#1)
7. We do not need an additional retail outlet which will increase traffic problems when entering and exiting University Avenue! (#2)
8. Try to maintain “small shop” flavor similar to Monroe Street, with good walking accessibility. (#1)
9. Building height should be the actual structure height. Currently the height is determined by base height at the road gutter. If sloped, lot could result in 60 -70 feet high homes.
10. Be sure to shield any residential lighting in area to maintain quiet manner to the neighborhood.
11. Chapters 10, 1, 5) add street light at Norman Way and University Avenue.
12. Chapter 10, 4) add runoff issues Baker and Capital (Baker to University)
13. Chapter 8, 4) Does this mean identifying signs?
14. City needs to be more sensitive to owners of historical homes in neighborhood – bad results in Capital Avenue sidewalk issue – not listening to people in Wesley Peter’s home – installing retaining wall on their land.

### Transportation

1. Need enforcement of speed on Capital Avenue between University and Old Middleton and also on Old Middleton – cars are often going 40+ in 25 mph zones. Never seen any enforcement in the area! Also cars frequently are blowing through stop sign at Capital and Old Middleton.
2. Encourage a bike shop to open in the area
3. Continuous bike path on north side from Whitney Way to Allen – (next to University Avenue)
4. Bike path from Spring Harbor to Capital
5. When is Spring Ct going to be rehabilitated? The road is like a road in Afghanistan. No drainage of surface water, road covered with puddles of water. Cars park every which away. No sidewalks, children running into streets under cover of bushes
6. Prevent possible increased car traffic on Lake Mendota Drive with increased traffic on University Ave with speed bumps like near Seminole Hwy and the Arboretum, especially if Lake Mendota Drive improves.
7. No tax increase – yeah right.

8. No curb/gutter and sidewalks on Lake Mendota Drive.
9. Make it easier for bike traffic to cross University.
10. Chapter 3, 5, 16—I feel a kilometer rail station would be the single most important element that would bring the most pedestrian traffic, commercial revenue and city access to Spring Harbor residents.
11. Retrofitting sidewalks is the financial burden of the property owner as far as current city policy goes. Retrofitting sidewalks on University Avenue should not be the entire financial burden of the business owners in the neighborhood plan; otherwise, we may drive small businesses out of business. The city in all fairness should change the policy and assume the cost of retrofitting.(1)
12. How about planting crab apple trees along the streets?
13. The City promised to plant trees on the 1600 block of Capital after sidewalk construction! Without the trees the corner of Capital and University has a very commercial, urban feel to it that it didn't have before. Instead of beautiful Maple trees, we now have ugly street signs!!! (1)
14. The 1600 block of Capital just had sidewalks installed. We pleaded a lot with the City to do one side of the street only, with sidewalk construction into the street bed and with the cost shared by neighbors on both sides of the street. If would have ultimately cost property owners less money and would have cost the street only nine trees- completely disregarded our wishes. Instead we lost 35+ trees and suffered extensive grading. As a two of three result of the wider viewscape, cars are traveling faster than ever. The City has an obligation to calm traffic, especially since the two CDA housing units on Capital ensure that children will always live on the street. (Sidewalks do not save children who run into the street to retrieve balls). We would like to see our street converted to a 20mph zone and for Madison police to enforce that limit! (1)

#### **University Avenue Corridor (1)**

1. Lighting needs to be fully shielded and minimized to avoid glare problems with vision and ability to sleep in neighborhood. (2)
2. I like signage diversity. The houses in this area are diverse, the people, etc. (1)
3. University Avenue is the noisiest and ugliest feature of the neighborhood. Noise – reduction and medians with plantings would be a huge benefit.
4. We need the center (left) turn lanes on University Avenue. Where would the medians be located? Would they replace the center turn lanes?
5. This is one of the most important parts of the entire plan! Safety, noise, sidewalks, commercial development – city scape and traffic control.
6. Add “Allen Blvd” to the end of the list of crosswalks to be improved. (# 1,4)
7. When exiting from Spring Harbor, left turns onto University Avenue should be prohibited. It's dangerous.
8. Would like to see trees in medians along University, and increased length of signal lights at Spring Harbor.
9. Noise barriers on bridge east of Whitney Way, view of the golf course.
10. Noise barriers - residential areas and University Avenue.
11. Will heavy industry be allowed in the triangle? What noise levels will be allowed?
12. Access to Marshall PK via city owned land Thorstrand Rd.



### **Park/Open Space**

1. Convert the existing Lake Courts to park status to protect parks from development pressure, and provide better access and use by neighborhood.
2. I am concerned about the stormwater runoff into Lake Mendota. Is it possible to create a stormwater basin (holding basin) in Spring Harbor Park – such as where the old riverbed exists?
3. In regard to creating an oak savannah in Spring Harbor Park, there is already a mature Shagbark Hickory Grove in the park. Care should be taken not to disturb this 100 year old grove of Hickories.
4. Do shoreline restoration at public areas, consider application for state grants to plan, and implement restoration. Use plan to address stormwater quieting.
5. There should be more than just a “TOT lot” in the Trillum area, there should be a more extensive recreational park there.
6. Community education so residents don’t contribute to pollution of lake.
7. Most direct solution to Merrill Springs – shutoff city well. Why should SHN suffer to provide water to the whole city.
8. Provide “challenge” structures for middle/high school youth – perhaps in Kettle Pond Park. (1)
9. A retention pond should be built at Spring Harbor in Spring Harbor Park for stormwater outflow. (1)
10. Indian Hills Park could host a community gardens/greenhouse. Even folks with big gardens don’t always have space inside to start plants.
11. Work with UW Lakeshore Preserve for comprehensive approach and restoration.

### **Land Use**

1. I am concerned about new construction and often the lack of permeable surfaces to absorb water...too much cement. (3)
2. Most important issue for business development – avoid “strip Mall” look – put parking somewhere not highly visible, have business entrances fronting on sidewalk. (2)
3. Encourage increased involvement of SHNA, board in ensuring approved building permits are consistent with the neighborhood character.
4. This relates to the give-and-take process when commercial/business like Erdman Property gets tall – say seven stories. Is there a mechanism for residential areas like Indian Hills to consider views and house heights rise as well? Can residential housing respond to increasingly urban feel? (1)
5. Height/density limitations should be put on the “Taco Bell” parcel (# 1) if designation is changed to mix use. (2)
6. Make alder aware of all variances/Conditional Use Permits that occur or are requested within the neighborhood. The alder should make the SHNA and SHNA president aware of such changes.
7. I would suggest ample underground parking to accommodate future employees because of street parking.