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Madison's New Urbanism Conversation

by Jessi Claringbole, RNA Sustainability Co-Chair

On February 3, partners including the UW Department of Urban and Regional Planning and Wisconsin Congress for the New Urbanism hosted a session at Edgewood College with acclaimed expert on sustainable urban and suburban redevelopment Ellen Dunham-Jones.

Professor Dunham-Jones coordinates the Urban Design degree at Georgia Tech and is co-author of the book *Retrofitting Suburbia*. She serves as chair of the Congress for the New Urbanism, and was featured in *Time Magazine*'s March 2009 cover story, "10 Ideas Changing the World Right Now."

Dunham-Jones argues for community collaboration and greater attention from professionals for the spaces and buildings that we sometimes would rather not think about.

As someone who teaches contemporary architectural theory but lives with contemporary suburban development, I'm convinced both desperately need each other. I'm not sure if that makes me a populist or...a citizen who wants to see more alternatives to the destructive aspects



Ellen Dunham-Jones

of sprawl, and an architect who's appalled that our discourse focuses on that minute percentage of construction that we're actually proud of and ignores the vast — and atrocious — majority of what we're building. So, as an urbanist, I'm on a mission to bring together designers, critical theory and public policy with the suburbs, sprawl, and real estate development.

— Ellen Dunham-Jones

"New Urbanism's Subversive Marketing"

Many developers and municipalities across the United States have already started down the path of retrofitting malls and big box stores into mixed-use centers, schools, universities, churches, nursing homes, and offices. Professor Dunham-Jones's presentation covers the latest techniques for retrofitting and illustrates successful case studies from across the country.

You can watch Dunham-Jones's *Retrofitting Suburbia* Ted Talk at ted.com, listen to her interview "Why Do Suburbs Still Matter" at npr.org, and read her Q&A with *SmartPlanet* at smartplanet.com. Her book *Retrofitting Suburbia*, with a forward by Richard Florida, was named winner in the Architecture & Urban Planning category of the 2009 American Publishers Awards. ■

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A Note from the President —

This newsletter features the February community conversation “Retrofitting Suburbia” with architect Ellen Dunham-Jones.

Professor Dunham-Jones is on the board of the Congress for New Urbanism which advocates for a restructuring of development practices:

...neighborhoods should be diverse in use and population; communities should be designed for the pedestrian and transit as well as the car; cities and towns should be shaped by physically-defined and universally-accessible public spaces and community institutions; urban places should be framed by architecture and landscape design that celebrate local history, climate, ecology, and building practice.



*RNA Board President
Jon Miskowski*

When we think of the Regent Neighborhood, we might not think of it as a suburb but, just as suburbs grew with road building, the Regent Neighborhood grew with Madison and its streetcar system. A 2006 *Capital Times* article tells us that “Elmside and University Heights are classic examples of ‘streetcar suburbs’, an especially appealing urban development form of the early twentieth century. Streetcar suburbs could provide leafier refuges for those who did not like the more tightly developed urban core.”

Professor Dunham-Jones’s presentation and conversation on sprawl, transportation, sustainability, infill, and quality of life is especially timely for the Regent neighborhood as the RNA’s University Avenue Corridor plan is now working its way through city committees. The City of Madison has set up a website so you can follow and engage in the UAC plan at www.cityofmadison.com/planning/OldUniversity/index.cfm.

At the RNA’s January meeting, we met with Karin Wolf, City of Madison Arts Coordinator, and Sam Dennis, UW–Madison Associate Professor of Landscape Architecture, for a conversation on the potential art/mural project described in the University Avenue Corridor Plan. You can see the possibilities for bring a cohesive design to the University Avenue Corridor in the Design Appendix to the UAC Plan.

On the surface, reading a planning document might not seem like great fun, but to encourage you to take a look, here’s Benson Gardener’s response to reading the Design Appendix:

“Love the imagination and inspiration of the Design Appendix! I hope we really can implement some of these creative and attractive ideas. Great job!”

Thanks to the UAC Committee for their years of work on the plan and for developing some exciting ideas for developing a more inspiring Old University Avenue. ■

Nature Close to Home: The Lakeshore Nature Preserve

by **Bryn Scriver, Outreach Specialist, Lakeshore Nature Preserve, University of Wisconsin–Madison**

The UW–Madison Lakeshore Nature Preserve is a gem of an urban natural area right in the heart of Madison. The 300-acre preserve makes up roughly one-third of the main UW–Madison campus, permanently protecting four miles of Lake Mendota shoreline from development. The various natural communities that comprise the Preserve provide educational, research, and recreational pursuits for the campus and larger Madison communities.

Residents of the Regent Neighborhood are perfectly situated to take advantage of all the opportunities the Preserve has to offer. A Google map search calculates a 20-minute walk or 6-minute bike ride from the heart of the Regent Neighborhood to the ‘entrance’ of Picnic Point.

If you haven’t visited the Preserve in a while, here are some ideas for outings:

- Hike your way to the top of Eagle Heights Woods, the highest point on the south shore of Lake Mendota, to view three Indian burial mounds. The woods are aptly named since the sight of soaring bald eagles is not unusual, especially in the fall and winter.
- Visit the tip of Picnic Point for a panoramic view of Lake Mendota, downtown Madison, and the surrounding shoreline.
- During winter, walk onto the frozen lake at Raymer’s Cove to see interesting ice formations clinging to the cliffs.
- Stroll the trails at Frautschi Point where the ‘Big Oak trail’ leads you past the canopy of an ancient white oak and into a cathedral of towering red oaks in the adjoining Second Point Woods.
- Glimpse ephemeral wildflowers this spring in Bill’s Woods, near the entrance to Picnic Point. The site is the result of more than 10 years of restoration work, in most part, conducted by the Friends of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve.
- Experience the mid-summer glory of a restored tallgrass prairie in the heart of the Preserve at Biocore Prairie. You can also spend Saturday mornings April through October volunteering at the Biocore Bird Banding Station.
- Explore the Class of 1918 Marsh with the help of your mobile phone. The Class of 1918 Marsh audio field trip features recordings on topics ranging from Native Americans to water fleas.



*Big oak on Frautschi Point,
UW–Madison Lakeshore Nature Preserve*

- Reserve a fire circle on Picnic Point—contact Campus Event Services at 262-2511 Monday–Friday, 8 am–5 pm. No summer is complete until you’ve picnicked on the Point!

Before you head out to the Preserve, take some time to explore our award-winning website and interactive map where you can learn about Preserve history, compare aerial photographs from 1927 to 2004, zoom in to locate trails, and find new places under the “Have You Seen These?” layer.

If you want to get more involved in the Preserve, join Friends of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve led field trips, or participate in regularly scheduled drop-in volunteer activities. Everyone is welcome to participate in caring for the Preserve. Tools and training are provided. Large groups and youth should contact the Volunteer Coordinator at 608-220-5560 prior to the event.

Please visit our website for upcoming drop-in volunteer opportunities, as well as more information: www.lakeshorepreserve.wisc.edu. ■



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RNA Board Seeks Committee Chair

The Regent Neighborhood Association is looking for a volunteer to chair its Streets and Transportation committee. This committee advocates for safe streets for residents as we walk, bike, and drive through our neighborhood. It works with city officials and staff on developing equitable and appropriate solutions. It provides leadership and education on neighborhood traffic and parking issues.

The RNA Board meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month at the Best Western InnTowner from 7–9 pm.

Email your interest to RNA President Jon Miskowski at jonmiskowski@gmail.com. ■

RNA Board Meeting Schedule

- **February 26, 2014**
- **March 26, 2014**
- **April 23, 2014**
- **May (TBD), 2014**

The RNA Board meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month from 7–9 p.m. at the Best Western InnTowner at 2424 University Avenue. These meetings are open to the general public. Agenda items are solicited through the RNA listserv or can be emailed to RNA President Jon Miskowski at jonmiskowski@gmail.com. ■



Little Ice Library on Mason Street

Alder Report— District 5

by Alder Shiva Bidar-Sielaff

Dear Neighbors,

I am hoping by the time this newsletter is delivered to our doors, we have had at least one day with the temperature above 32°F!

Here is a summary of some key neighborhood issues:

- **The near west side traffic study** funded by the City, UW and Shorewood Hills is being finalized this Spring. Traffic patterns from Midvale to Breese Terrace & Regent to the UW West Campus area are being studied to assist with better traffic management for the entire area. The consultants hired for this study have held neighborhood meetings and will be holding a last neighborhood meeting in February to present and discuss their findings. I will send a notice of this meeting through our listservs. You can find details about this project at www.cityofmadison.com.
- **The University Ave Corridor (UAC) Plan** was submitted by the RNA Board to the City in January. The plan and the tentative schedule for review of the plan by city committees are posted at www.cityofmadison.com/planning/OldUniversity/index.cfm. There is an opportunity for public input at each committee meeting and of course when it comes to the city council for adoption. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the RNA Board UAC Plan Subcommittee and the entire RNA Board for the time and energy they have dedicated to this project.
- **Construction season** will be here soon (on the positive side that means warmer weather will be here soon too...): Kendall between Lathrop and




Alder Shiva Bidar-Sielaff

Allen as well Lathrop between Summit and University Ave & Prospect between Spooner & University Ave are scheduled for replacement of sanitary sewer, storm sewer and water main. As part of the work, spot repairs will be made to the curb, gutter and driveways, and the street will be resurfaced. Construction will last most of the Spring/Summer.

- **2550 University Avenue:** we have all been waiting to see the commercial space occupied. Good news: Barre 3 opened in January and I have been contacted regarding a possible locally-owned restaurant. I will be sharing information about the proposed restaurant as I get details on the neighborhood listservs.
- **Emerald Ask Borer (EAB):** in November the City of Madison received confirmation of the presence of EAB in the Warner Park area. This kicks into implementation the City's EAB Plan. You can find the plan on the city website.

Thank you for your continued involvement in neighborhood and city issues. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any comments, questions, and/or concerns. I can be reached at district5@cityofmadison.com or (608) 220-6986. ■

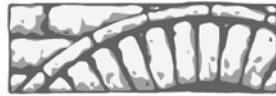
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The deadline for nomination is March 7, 2013.

The Awards event will be held in early May at the Madison Masonic Center, 301 Wisconsin Avenue. Visit our Awards page for event details.

Download a nomination form at www.madisonpreservation.org/2014/01/call-for-award-nominations/

Contractors Who Work with Old Buildings

Madison Trust for Historic Preservations maintains a list of contractors who have demonstrated that they are familiar with the unique issues of old buildings, and can work with them competently while being sensitive to vintage materials and historic character.

You can review the list MTHP's Contractors page at www.madisonpreservation.org/links/contractors/. ■



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Dane County Board Report— District 10

by Supervisor Jeremy Levin

I hope this edition of the RNA Newsletter finds you and your family well. As you read this, the spring elections may be in the news, and I'm honored to be entrusted with another two-year term to serve District 10.

Last term we saw a number of good initiatives that I look forward to seeing continue in 2014-16 term. For the environment: the Clean Lakes Initiative remains on track with projects aimed at cleaning up the county's lakes; and, the manure digesters, while suffering a recent setback, will continue to decrease phosphorus run-off into our lakes and produce energy. In the area of human services: the Office of the Dane County Board of Supervisors contracted with Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP to conduct an independent analysis of Dane County's Department of Human Services current approach to and future planning for Purchase of Service contracting. I hope that the findings of this analysis, which will be made public early in this next term, will lead to more efficient and effective contracting that will raise the level of the



Supervisor Jeremy Levin

services we provide and get the most bang for our taxpayer buck. For public safety: the next term will bring a much needed discussion on the future of our county jail, as maintenance and upgrades are needed to the sections that were originally built in the 1950s.

Though these areas and projects represent just a handful of the services Dane County offers its residents, I'm proud to work towards the advancement of Dane County as a destination to live, work and raise a family.

Should you or your family have an interest in specific projects or initiatives, please contact me at levin.jeremy@co.dane.wi.us or call me at 608.577.9335. ■

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Increase the State Minimum Wage

by State Representative Terese Berceau

Recently, my colleague, Representative Cory Mason, offered legislation that would gradually raise the minimum wage to \$10.10 an hour and index it to reflect the impact of inflation. I am pleased to tell you that I agreed to sign on as a co-sponsor of this measure.

Wisconsin's minimum wage has been frozen at \$7.25 an hour since 2009 when federal law increased it from \$6.50. Had the minimum wage merely kept up with inflation since 1968, it would now be about \$10.56. It would be \$21.16 per hour if it had kept up with the overall growth in income in our economy over the last four-and-a-half decades.

At \$10.10 an hour, a full-time worker would see a pay hike large enough to put a family of three above the federal poverty level. Seventy-five prominent economists have publicly supported a federal



Rep. Terese Berceau

measure to set the minimum wage at \$10.10. It is estimated that a minimum wage at this level will benefit over 600,000 workers in this state.

If the minimum wage is indexed to account for inflation, it will also take the politics out of the equation for future increases. Eleven other states have already implemented indexing.

While family incomes have been stagnant, the cost of basic necessities like food, gas, and healthcare has continued to go up. Working families are falling farther behind. When companies don't pay their employees a living wage it inevitably places more strain on the social safety net, leaving taxpayers to fill the gaps. People earning the minimum wage tend to spend most, if not all, of what they earn, just to get by. Thus, increasing the minimum wage will also pump more money through our state's economy.

If you have any questions about this proposal or any other matters facing state government, please call my office at 266-3784 or send an e-mail to:

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by Jim Yockey, RMC Board President



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the neighborhood for its continued support and hope we can continue to meet your needs through a locally-sourced and locally-owned full-line grocery.

RMC will be holding its annual membership meeting on Sunday, February 9. The meeting will take place at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in the parish hall. St. Andrew's is located right in the middle of our neighborhood at 1833 Regent Street right up the street from RMC.

RMC will be losing its long time Board Member, Maggie Coluccy, who has served as treasurer for the last 4 years. We will really miss her humor and financial aptitude and will be looking to replace her with a new member from the neighborhood, especially someone with small business experience who loves local neighborhood-owned grocery stores.

RMC, as it did last year, is again looking hard at a possible expansion. A number of stumbling blocks and un-anticipated expenses kept us from moving on this last year. These issues are behind us and we feel that this year is a likely break-out year. We will provide more details on this initiative at the annual

meeting and over the next few months both through our e-News and through the neighborhood listserv so stay tuned for more news.

Happy New Year and again thank you for your support. ■



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This traveling exhibit is the culmination of a decade-long investigation and exploration into fine art created by Indigenous artists from North America, defined by their regional origins. This concluding exhibition of the three-part series presents new work by Native American, First Nations, Métis, and Inuit artists and designers from the Northeastern and Southeastern regions of the United States and Canada.

February 6, 6:30 p.m., Preview reception for Changing Hands will include a ceremonial opening by the Wisconsin Dells Singers. ■

Regent neighbor Russell Panczenko is the Director of the Chazen Museum of Art. Starting in October 1994, this year marks Russell's 20th year as Director and Chief Curator.



Floyd Kuptana (b. 1964) *Bear-Man Shaman Mask*, 2011, Brazilian soapstone, metal, antler, 34 x 19 x 10 in., courtesy Feheley Fine Arts, Ontario, Toronto.

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A Message From West High Principal Ed Holmes—

from the January 2014 edition of The West High Regent Reporter

I would like to thank everyone who called or e-mailed me with warm wishes as I complete my tenure as head principal at West. Although the official announcement about my retirement has been made, everyone should be mindful that I do have six months left here at West, and there is much I plan to do before my departure.

I will remain focused on our key initiatives and projects over the next six months that will form a solid foundation for West in the months and years to come. My priority will be to pursue the goals we set forth in West High School's 2013-2014 School Improvement Plan.

I will continue to develop capacity in our teacher leaders with an emphasis on development of the role and responsibilities of the School Based Leadership Team (SBLT). I will work with them to analyze data that will inform improved school-wide teaching and learning practices. We will work together to identify and plan delivery of staff training and professional collaboration during staff development days, full day training, days away, and Professional Collaboration Time (PCT) during early release Mondays.

Our work around staff development will continue to



*Ed Holmes, Principal
West High School*

review and refine units of instruction using Common Core State Standards (CCSS), continue to set the expectation about Knowing, Understanding and Doing (KUDOs) forms to make transparent for students and parents the major themes, concepts and skills for our units of instruction. We will hone our skills for writing and using Daily Learning Targets for students. We will dig deeper into the new instructional model, Gradual Release of Responsibility, which is student-centered instruction. Finally, together we will begin to explore the Danielson Framework for Teacher Effectiveness.

We are committed to improving communication and will remain focused on implementing many of the suggestions that were made during our World Café Community Forum on our School Improvement Plan. We will continue to focus on improved communications through our Regent Reporter newsletters, Constant Contact email system, our improved website design, and Infinite Campus Messenger.

In addition, as we move forward there will be opportunities for celebration as well as reflection on where we have been over the past decade at West. We will take this opportunity to have some fun, look back at both our successes and challenges in an effort to inform where we should be headed in the coming months and into the next school year. This is an exciting time at West High School. I look forward to a busy but very productive next six months. ■



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Spring Newsletter—**March 31, 2014**

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Distributions: Fall Newsletter—**early November**

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Summer Newsletter—**mid-June for July 4th**

For ad specs or questions, contact Mary Sarnowski at sarnowski@mac.com or 238-1224.



Regent Neighborhood Association
P.O. Box 5655
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Announcements—

Regent Resale & Recycling

Saturday, March 8 from 8:00 am–1:00 pm
West High School Cafeteria, 30 Ash Street
Follow the signs on Regent and Van Hise Street.

The West High School PTSO will hold the Spring Regent Resale in conjunction with the West High Green Club Recycling Collection. The resale will include gently-used items such as winter coats, teen clothing, holiday lights and ornaments, sports equipment, bikes, children's books and board games, video games and systems, toys, stereo equipment, newer CDs, videos, collectible knick knacks, tableware, and furniture.

The recycling collection will accept electronic items such as computers, printers (only desktop), laptops, cable boxes, cell phones, and TVs (with a charge of \$15 or \$30 for TV's depending on the size).

All proceeds benefit West High teachers, students, and school. ■

High School Drama

Beauty and the Beast

Madison West High School Auditorium, 30 Ash Street
February 28, March 1, 7, and 8

Crazy for You

Edgewood High School Auditorium, 2219 Monroe St.
March 28–30 and April 4–6 ■

Broadway West

March 29, 2014 at The Madison Club

Friends of West High Drama hosts an evening of entertainment, silent auction, food, and drinks as a

fundraiser for the Madison West drama program. For more info, contact friendsofwestdrama@gmail.com. ■

Concerts Series

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 1833 Regent Street
No admission charge.

Saturday, March 1, 2014, 3:00 pm
Music for Organ, Harpsichord, Violin, and Cello

Friday, March 28, 2014, 7:30 pm
Madison Flute Ensemble performs selected pieces for Flute Ensemble and Organ

Friday, May 9, 2014, 7:30 pm
Recital: Kathrine Hanford, Organist ■

God Loves Science Faire

Saturday, February 15, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
First Congregational United Church of Christ
1609 University Avenue

Explore the wonders of God's world through science as learned individuals share their knowledge about different aspects of science—geology, genetics, the human circulatory system, space, sound, mathematics, and more! ■

Spaghetti Dinner

Free Spaghetti Dinner at First Baptist Church
518 N. Franklin Avenue, the first Monday of every month from 6–7 pm. All are welcome. ■

Upcoming RNA Board Meetings

February 26; March 26; April 23; 7–9 pm
Best Western InnTowner, 2424 University Avenue
These meetings are open to the general public. ■

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