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To: City of Madison Plan Commission

Project Name: Lisa Link Peace Park

From: Mike Sturm, Ken Saiki Design, Inc.

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#### Project Introduction:

In 2001, the Lisa Link Peace Park Advisory Committee formed to provide recommendations to the City of Madison for improvements to Lisa Link Peace Park. The commission was comprised of various stakeholders from the community who convened twice a month for approximately two years. The commission met with an urban park specialist, researched urban park design principles, observed existing park uses, and discussed on-going park issues. The group was dedicated to providing consensus-based recommendations and submitted a final report and concept plan to the Common Council, which was approved in 2003. Key features of the concept plan include a visitor center, public restrooms, an interactive fountain, a performance stage with amphitheater seating, game tables, a secured storage area and space for outdoor seating.

The City of Madison is now ready to implement the plan and the project is entering the review process. Preliminary visitor center and park plans have been developed through programming sessions with representatives from the Parks Department, Downtown Madison Inc, Madison's Central Business Improvement District, and the Madison Police Department. Presentations to a variety of city committees have occurred; including the Downtown Coordination Committee, the State Street Design Oversight Committee, the Madison Central Business Improvement District board of representatives, and the Greater State Street Business Association. The project has had two informational reviews by The Urban Design Commission with favorable comments.

#### Project Description:

The project includes a new 992 sf visitor center and improvements to the .36 acre existing park. The visitor center provides operating space for BID ambassadors, a small workspace for Madison Police Dept. officers, and public restrooms. Please see the attached Occupant & Area Summary table for the gross square footage dedicated to each use.

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The visitor center proposed hours of operation are:

January-April:  
11am – 2pm daily

May-September:  
Monday-Tuesday: 11am – 2pm  
Tuesday-Friday: 11am – 5pm  
Saturday: 9am – 5pm  
Sunday: 11am – 4pm

October-December:  
Monday-Tuesday: 11am – 2pm  
Wednesday – Sunday: 11am – 5pm

The public restrooms will be available during visitor center hours.

The visitor center and park will be maintained by the City of Madison Parks Division. The Parks Division is investigating additional cleaning service for the restrooms above the current mall concourse staff capabilities. BID ambassadors will not be responsible for restroom maintenance.

Park improvements include a dedicated performance space, an interactive fountain, game tables, bench and lawn seating, philosopher stone seating, improved site lighting, and bicycle parking. The fountain will be controlled from inside the visitor center and will be set to operate during specific days for an allotted time period. It will not operate continuously. The fountain mechanical's design will be based on experience from the Cypress Spray Park and will rely on proven fountain technology.

Professional consultants involved the project include:

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The anticipated start of construction is November/December of 2009, with a potential completion date of late fall 2010.

We look forward to presenting the park improvements at the August 17th Plan Commission hearing.

If you have any questions prior to presentation, please feel free to contact me directly.

Thank you,

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**OCCUPANT & AREA SUMMARY**  
**For City of Madison Submittal**  
**Elizabeth Link Peace Park Building**  
**MSA Project Number #4474001**  
**July 9, 2009**

Space	Actual Occupants		Code Calculated Occupants	Gross Square Feet
	Employees	Public		
Police	2	--	1	32
Ambassador Work Area	4	--	3	235
Visitor Area	--	10	15	149
Restrooms	--	4	0	202
Circulation	--	--	0	137
Custodial/Mechanical/Interstitial	1	--	1	237
Subtotals	8	14		
Total	22		20	992