

SHELDON WASSERMAN

3RD DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

Dear Neighbor,

Happy Friday!

This week, I am sharing an important funding update on Mitchell Park and the Domes. In consultation with the Friends of the Domes, we now have a possible funding plan to improve both Mitchell Park and the Domes. The new funding proposal would include community donations and private philanthropy organized by the Friends of the Domes, Milwaukee County funds, and money from grants, tax credits, and other awards.

Keep reading to learn more about this proposal. If you have questions or comments on the future of Mitchell Park and the Domes, please don't hesitate to contact my office.

As previously mentioned, we do not have the funds to initiate a Ravine Road project in Lake Park this year. However, I did receive updated cost estimates from our Parks Department this week and I wanted to share those numbers with you.

Finally, Thank you to everyone who attended my Budget Town Hall on Wednesday. If you were unable to attend and have questions about Milwaukee County's 2024 budget process, please consider attending the County Board's Annual Public Hearing at **6:00pm on Monday, October 30** at the Marcus Performing Arts Center. Details are included in the flyer attached to this email.

If you have questions, concerns, or opinions to share, I encourage you to contact my office. My email address and office phone number are posted below. I want to hear from you!

Stay safe, and have a great weekend!

Sincerely,

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Update on Mitchell Park and the Domes

Yesterday, District 12 Supervisor Juan Miguel Martinez hosted a town hall meeting for residents around Mitchell Park to discuss the Mitchell Park Domes. I was happy to attend as Chair of the Parks and Culture Committee and listen to the Mitchell Park Community.

In receiving direct feedback from neighbors, one thing remains clear: any future for the Domes must include investments in the surrounding park. Residents around Mitchell Park deserve access to a clean and safe community park first and foremost. To spend millions of dollars restoring

the Domes without providing investments in the park is not fair to the local community.

Our Parks Department already has plans to improve lighting in Mitchell Park, and I will be joining Supervisor Martinez on a budget amendment to clean up the Mitchell Park Lagoon. These first steps will help improve the largest greenspace on Milwaukee's South Side while we continue to plan for further restoration of the park and Domes.

Final decisions have not been made yet on the future of the Domes, but we now have a possible road map to move us forward. In consultation with the Friends of the Domes, a three-prong funding strategy is currently being considered.

Under the proposed funding strategy, roughly one-third of the necessary funds to restore the Domes and Mitchell Park would be raised through community fundraising and private philanthropy. Another third would be financed through grants, tax credits, and other awards. The final third would be funded by Milwaukee County.

While I would love to take immediate action on this initiative, the Friends of the Domes and Parks Department need time to implement a successful fundraising campaign and funding strategy. There will be a time limit on this process. We have already spent hundreds of thousands of dollars on consultants and their harebrained ideas. The County Board of Supervisors will not wait forever. We are expecting results, and if they cannot be achieved, we will need to discuss alternate solutions, including a potential binding referendum on the continuation of the Domes.

I will continue to provide updates on this important topic as new developments arise.





Lake Park Ravine Road Cost Estimates

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, we do not have the funds in the 2024 Budget for the Ravine Road project in Lake Park.

However, I did want to share new cost estimates for the project options, which were provided to me this week by the Parks Department. While nothing can be done at this time, I will continue to be as transparent as possible and provide updates as I receive new information.

Updated Cost Estimates:

(\$2,674,423) Two-Way Roadway

(\$2,077,073) Pedestrian Path

(\$3,953,873) One-Way Roadway & 10' Pedestrian Path W/ Barrier Wall

(\$2,724,086) One-Way Roadway & 10' Pedestrian Path

(\$551,255) Demolish Roadway & Site Restoration

These costs are significantly higher than previous estimates, further complicating efforts to initiate a project in the near future. I will continue to work with the Parks Department to push for a decision on Ravine Road in the 2025 budget.

I am also working to have the Cyclone fencing removed as soon as possible. Native plant restoration efforts and some remaining concrete repairs on the pedestrian bridge are keeping the fencing up for now. These projects must be completed as part of the contract before the fence can be removed. Once these projects are completed, the road will be accessible to pedestrians.

Public Hearing

Please join the entire Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors for our annual public hearing on the 2024 Recommended Budget. The event will take place at 6:00PM on Monday, October 30 at the Marcus Performing Arts Center. We want to hear your ideas for improving Milwaukee County services! Please see the flyer below for more details.

MILWAUKEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ANNUAL PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2024 RECOMMENDED BUDGET



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