

Elmer, Linda

From: mo zell <mo_zell@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 01, 2019 2:19 PM
To: Elmer, Linda; Kovac, Nik; Historic Preservation Commission
Subject: dan kiley landscape

I am writing in support of the Dan Kiley landscape. I spent an afternoon there with my 5 year old daughter a couple of months ago and recorded her experience of the landscape. Here it is without edits:

I like that you can play hide and seek and tag. I like if you're skinny that you can go under the benches. You can run across the space when you play hide and seek and tag. You can jump up on the benches and then jump up some more. You can spin around and do a performance on the benches. You can jump on the ground and then jump back up on the benches. You can pick up sticks and take them home and glue them. And you can make a snowman with the rocks. And you can have a Leaf fight. I know you can be funny and do performances on the stage up there. And you can have a picnic. Please don't take them down.

Best,
Mo Zell

Elmer, Linda

From: Janice Vogt <janice.vogt@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 01, 2019 2:30 PM
To: Elmer, Linda; Kovac, Nik; Historic Preservation Commission
Subject: Kiley Grove at the Marcus Center

Good Afternoon Ms. Elmer, Alderman Kovac, and members of the HPC,

My name is Janice Vogt and I am a resident of the Cambridge Woods neighborhood on Milwaukee's East Side. I am writing you both today as I am no longer able to attend the HPC meeting in person this afternoon.

I am strongly in favor of Kiley Grove being designated a historic site. The grove is a rare gem: a spacious public space downtown with ample seating and beautiful chestnut trees that provide the finest shade downtown during the summer months.

As a Milwaukee resident, a local artist, and community leader, what is happening with the grove is disappointing. There is an underutilized public space, and instead of reaching out to the community to encourage use and programming and work on a long term strategy, we are allowing the adjacent business to "take over" the grove - completely removing the public from its own space!

I hope that the HPC approves the request to designate the grove a historic site. I would be more than happy to support and help organize efforts to activate the grove, such as providing cultural summer programming through my youth music organization, FREESPACE. There are other steps we can take to increase the parks visibility as well, such as having the grove marked green for park on Google Maps.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing the results of today's hearing.

Best,
Janice

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Elmer, Linda

From: Historic Preservation Commission
Sent: Monday, April 01, 2019 2:31 PM
To: Elmer, Linda
Subject: FW: PAC

From: John Bowers [<mailto:jbcpottery@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, April 1, 2019 1:19 PM
To: Historic Preservation Commission
Subject: PAC

Save the trees at the PAC.
John Bowers
jbcpottery@gmail.com

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From: Historic Preservation Commission
Sent: Monday, April 01, 2019 2:31 PM
To: Elmer, Linda
Subject: FW: Dan Kiley trees

From: Jeanne [<mailto:jdzonaverde@hotmail.com>]

Sent: Monday, April 1, 2019 1:26 PM

To: Historic Preservation Commission

Subject: Dan Kiley trees

Please save the landscape design by Dan Kiley. Trees have long lives and are cooling, restful, beautiful, while absorbing pollution, housing creatures and I have enjoyed many hours with my children sitting under these trees. Our landscape is increasingly urbanized and built up. Tree-filled public space is so needed.

With hope that we can continue to enjoy and NOT destroy this beauty,

Jeanne DeSimone Sieger
Franklin, Wisconsin



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Elmer, Linda

From: Historic Preservation Commission
Sent: Monday, April 01, 2019 2:31 PM
To: Elmer, Linda
Subject: FW: Chestnut Grove at the PAC

From: Susan Eaton [<mailto:susant.eaton@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, April 1, 2019 2:12 PM
To: Historic Preservation Commission
Subject: Chestnut Grove at the PAC

Please save the chestnut grove at the Marcus Center PAC. It's an opportunity to preserve a beautiful area that is open to everyone who lives or visits our city and our state.

This grove is an absolute treasure, wonderfully reminiscent of the Tuileries Gardens in Paris. Empty or full of people, this park offers a lovely break from the hustle and bustle of a crowded urban area. The chestnut trees are splendid at all times of the year. Locust trees will never provide the sense of calm and quiet of these majestic chestnuts.

Change can be great, but not at the expense of a bucolic park in the middle of an otherwise busy city. There must be a way to make this work for all of us.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Susan Eaton

Elmer, Linda

From: Nella Groysman <ntg79@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 01, 2019 2:52 PM
To: Elmer, Linda
Subject: Save Dan Kileys Modernist Landscape

Please stop the destruction of this wonderful Milwaukee landmark. All Milwaukee residents love it and want to save it.

It makes absolutely no sense to do anything with that space other than maybe make sure it stays is good shape for years to come.

Best Regards,
Nella Groysman
414-467-7691

Elmer, Linda

From: Mo Zell <zell@uwm.edu>
Sent: Monday, April 01, 2019 2:54 PM
To: Historic Preservation Commission; nkovac@milwaukee.gov; Elmer, Linda
Subject: letter in support of Dan Kiley landscape
Attachments: Kiley_Symposium-Final.pdf

Historic Preservation Commission:

As an architecture professor I wanted to share with you how important I think the Dan Kiley Landscape at the Marcus Center is to our School, Milwaukee and the region. In November 2017 the School, in partnership with the Wisconsin Association of Landscape Architects hosted an exhibition and symposium about Dan Kiley. The events were in part a celebration of his work but also to call attention to the need for informed and effective stewardship of his work and, by extension, Modernist landscape design.

Speakers for the event included Kiley's long time partner Peter Ker Walker from Vermont. Panelists discussed the Role of the Designer in Public Space and included Ernie Wong, Principal, Site Design in Chicago; Rennie Tang, Assistant Professor, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, Department of Landscape Architecture; Sam Dennis, Associate Professor, UW-Madison Department of Planning and Landscape Architecture; and Rosheen Styczinski-Principal, New Eden Landscape.

The event was well attended by students, faculty, and the public and had sponsorship from Margarete Harvey, WI ASLA, UW – Madison Department of Planning and Landscape Architecture, and Milwaukee Downtown, BID 21.

It made sense for us to host this event as Milwaukee boasts 2 Dan Kiley landscapes. The Chestnut Grove is important as an urban reprieve and is certainly NOT replicated in the poor design by HGA architects.

In November 2018, we hosted a national conference in Milwaukee (ACSA) for over 200 architecture academics. Having the Dan Kiley landscape was an important factor in hosting the conference as it puts Milwaukee on the map for cultivating important midcentury modern environments - urban landscapes being some of the most important of these.

At both events, national and international guests spoke of the importance of the Kiley landscape and it served as one of the top sites visited in Milwaukee by these groups of people. The Grove is cultivated economic development because it is an important part of the midcentury legacy of the city. Therefore it is important to maintain. When you eliminate these urban landscapes you eliminate the quality of the city. The HGA proposal is neither part of that legacy nor does it offer a recognizable important landscape. Sadly, it's just a bad design.

Our city and its stewards should be shepherding the Kiley Grove at the Marcus Center into the 21st century. We should preserve this landscape and cultivate it as a gem to regional and national audiences. It should be a hallmark of any visit to Milwaukee.

Sincerely,

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Elmer, Linda

From: Harriet M Purtell <hmpurt1@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Monday, April 01, 2019 3:08 PM
To: Elmer, Linda
Subject: Chestnut Trees

I strongly support giving the Chestnut Trees at the PAC historical preservation. With the proper care and the addition of a more user friendly ground cover the grove would provide a much needed respite for city turmoil.

It would take another 50 years to recreate there ambiance. This planting is unique in our city and provides much needed out door space after our long winters.

Sincerely,
Harriet Purtell
414-352-4148

Elmer, Linda

From: Jeanne <jdzonaverde@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 01, 2019 5:16 PM
To: Elmer, Linda
Subject: Dan Kiley landscape at Performing Arts Center

Please protect the Performing Arts Center's unique architectural landscape design by Dan Kiley. Long lived trees are cooling, restful, beautiful, house creatures, while absorbing pollution and returning oxygen. These horse chestnut trees can live for up to 300 years, many generations forward and they live best in groups. I have enjoyed many hours with my children sitting under the density of these trees at outdoor performances, protected from the hot noonday sun. Milwaukee's landscape is increasingly urbanized and built up. Tree-filled public space is so needed, essential really, as the climate heats up. This historic artwork is satisfying and is ours to enjoy.

With hope that we can continue to enjoy and NOT destroy this living beauty,

Jeanne DeSimone Sieger
Franklin, Wisconsin
Tree City



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Elmer, Linda

From: Peter Klett <peter.klett77@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 01, 2019 6:43 PM
To: Elmer, Linda
Subject: Regarding The Dan Kiley Grove

This email should be received as a declaration of my support for the sustained designation of the Dan Kiley Marcus Center grove.

Please do not destroy this cherished public art work!

Sincerely,

Peter K

Elmer, Linda

From: Jennifer Bjorson <jenniferbjorson@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 02, 2019 9:25 PM
To: Elmer, Linda
Subject: i support saving trees

I support saving the trees
Jennifer Bjorson

Elmer, Linda

From: Historic Preservation Commission
Sent: Wednesday, April 03, 2019 8:10 AM
To: Elmer, Linda
Subject: FW: Trees

From: Ellen C Warren [<mailto:ecdragonfly13@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, April 1, 2019 2:43 PM
To: Historic Preservation Commission
Subject: Trees

As a Milwaukee resident of many years I implore you to keep the downtown parcel of trees. They are not replaceable.

Thank you,
Ellen C. Warren
414 562 1830

Elmer, Linda

From: Historic Preservation Commission
Sent: Wednesday, April 03, 2019 8:10 AM
To: Elmer, Linda
Subject: FW: Public Park trees in Milw

From: Barbara Aho [<mailto:barbaho77@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Monday, April 1, 2019 3:53 PM
To: Historic Preservation Commission
Subject: Public Park trees in Milw



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Sent: Wednesday, April 03, 2019 8:10 AM
To: Elmer, Linda
Subject: FW: Public Park trees in Milwaukee

From: Barbara Aho [<mailto:barbaho77@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Monday, April 1, 2019 3:55 PM
To: Historic Preservation Commission
Subject: Public Park trees in Milwaukee



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Sent: Wednesday, April 03, 2019 8:10 AM
To: Elmer, Linda
Subject: FW: Public Park trees in Milwaukee

From: Barbara Aho [<mailto:barbaho77@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Monday, April 1, 2019 3:56 PM
To: Historic Preservation Commission
Subject: Public Park trees in Milwaukee



Elmer, Linda

From: Historic Preservation Commission
Sent: Wednesday, April 03, 2019 8:11 AM
To: Elmer, Linda
Subject: FW: Kiley Grove at Marcus Center for Performing Arts

From: CharBee [<mailto:beevangelist@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, April 1, 2019 4:25 PM
To: Historic Preservation Commission
Subject: Kiley Grove at Marcus Center for Performing Arts

I am unable to attend today's hearing but wanted to express a concern in favor of preserving the grove. I don't think there is much appreciation for the deeper purpose of the flora of the grove and its importance in an ecology of Milwaukee. Chestnut trees are not native, but then so is little else throughout the city. But a grove of monofloral bloom, regardless of origin, is important to urban pollinators. Chestnut honey is rich in nutrition for more than 50 different bees and even more insect pollinators. A grove of this size while seemingly unimportant to the performing arts board, is very important insect pollinators providing specific nectar and pollen during the bloom of the tree's big white flower clusters. I keep bees throughout the city and know of the chestnut bloom. What is sometimes overlooked is the volume of forage when talking about trees. Not only is it their acre footprint but their height actually increases footprint by a factor of 4. Blooms go throughout the canopy increasing the importance and relevance of it staying.

In addition, the greenspace proposed in place of the grove is neither forage nor healthy for urban pollinators. We have no need for more chemically sterilized grass space particularly as it means losing 4 acres of useful forage.

Thank you

Charles Koenen
Executive Director
BeeVangelists, Inc.

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Milwaukee, WI 53233
414-617-7773

Elmer, Linda

From: Historic Preservation Commission
Sent: Wednesday, April 03, 2019 8:11 AM
To: Elmer, Linda
Subject: FW: Public Park trees in Milwaukee

From: Barbara Aho [<mailto:barbaho77@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Monday, April 1, 2019 3:58 PM
To: Historic Preservation Commission
Subject: Public Park trees in Milwaukee



Elmer, Linda

From: Historic Preservation Commission
Sent: Wednesday, April 03, 2019 8:11 AM
To: Elmer, Linda
Subject: FW: Marcus Center Garden Grove

-----Original Message-----

From: Caroline Barrow [mailto:ccrbee@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, April 1, 2019 6:11 PM
To: Historic Preservation Commission
Subject: Marcus Center Garden Grove

Please do not cut the trees or change the garden grove. It's important for Milwaukee for it to remain. It's history is important to be kept in this era of tear down and rebuild.

I'm sad to have missed the meeting today at 3pm.

Sincerely,
Caroline Barrow
414-218-8789

Shoot for the moon, even if you miss, you'll land among the stars 🌙 ✨ ✨

Elmer, Linda

From: Historic Preservation Commission
Sent: Wednesday, April 03, 2019 8:11 AM
To: Elmer, Linda
Subject: FW: The Marcus Center Garden Grove

-----Original Message-----

From: Barbara R. Barrow [<mailto:brbarrow@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Monday, April 1, 2019 8:21 PM
To: Historic Preservation Commission
Subject: The Marcus Center Garden Grove

It is alarming to many of us in Milwaukee that the Marcus Center plan should consider destroying trees rather than restoring a wonderful space that is really a work of art. Instead of eliminating the Chestnut trees a refurbishment should be considered, including better management and replacement of 'bad' trees, adding accessibility features, and upgrading the grove as a whole. It might also be better economically without undergoing such a drastic change. Please add my voice to those in opposition to the plan.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Barbara Barrow
(414) 581-3313

Sent from my iPadMini

Elmer, Linda

From: Historic Preservation Commission
Sent: Wednesday, April 03, 2019 8:11 AM
To: Elmer, Linda
Subject: FW: Save the Marcus Center garden

-----Original Message-----

From: Catharine Malloy [<mailto:catharinemalloy@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, April 1, 2019 9:47 PM
To: Historic Preservation Commission
Subject: Save the Marcus Center garden

I support strongly the endeavor to save the original, historic garden. Horse chestnut trees?
A treasure we are grateful for right here in Milwaukee, and whose inspiration we revere.
Treasure what is beautiful in our midst. This is part of our history.

Sincerely,

Catharine Malloy

Sent from my iPhone