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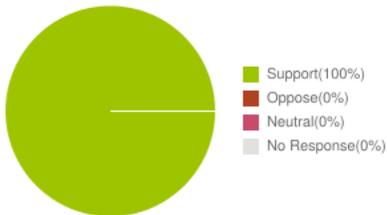
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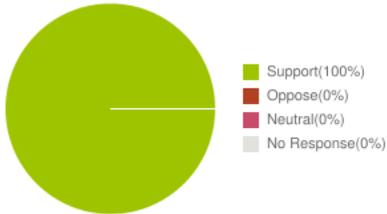
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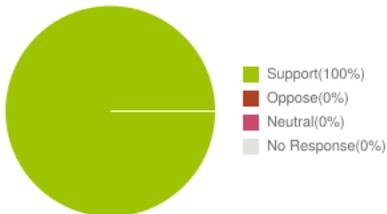
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Dn McCarthy

Location:

Submitted At: 10:04am 09-13-22

To the honorable Chair and Members of the Committee on Parks and Culture,

I am writing today to thank Supervisors Martinez, Zerpa and Clancy for drafting a resolution authorizing and directing the Department of Parks and Culture to petition the Wisconsin State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) to nominate and register the Mitchell Park Domes to be listed on the National and State Register of Historic Places (NRHP) and to ask that you vote to approve the resolution.

The National Register of Historic Places is authorized by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. The National Park Service's National Register of Historic Places is part of a national program to coordinate and support public and private efforts to identify, evaluate, and protect America's historic and archeological resources.

- The nomination application is already drafted. Moving forward with the National Register nomination is a continuation of the work the County began and paid for when commissioning the draft nomination in support of the adopted policy that Milwaukee County pursue the repair and preservation of the existing Mitchell Park Conservatory Domes (File No. 16-200 Substitute Resolution).
- A listing on the federal National Register of Historic Places is a necessary step for the County to take advantage of Historic Tax Credits and presents opportunities for other grants (Save America's Treasures for example).
- Listing on the National Register of Historic Places is honorific and in no way limits the County's options at the Domes.

Thank you for your consideration and your support.

Best wishes,
Dawn McCarthy
Milwaukee, 53211

Shannon Winterhalter

Location:
Submitted At: 8:44am 09-13-22

I am a resident of the Clarke Square neighborhood here in Milwaukee and am writing to share my strong support to list the Domes on the National Register of Historic Places. As a member of several local preservation groups and a preservation professional working in Historic Tax Credits, I can say without question that the Domes deserve this listing and it is a shock to many that they don't already have a historic designation.

Further, The majority of the work is already done. _Moving forward with the National Register nomination is a continuation of the work the County already began and paid for in commissioning the nomination years ago. Listing on the National Register is honorific and does not limit the County's options at the Domes. It would simply recognize how significant the Domes are to the community, state, and even the nation.

Pursuing nomination poses little risk to the County, as the Domes have already been determined preliminarily eligible for listing by the State Historic Preservation Office. Listing on the the National Register is a necessary step for the County to take advantage of Historic Tax Credits for the repair of the Domes, which could provide up to 40% of of qualified rehabilitation expenditures back. Despite being a government entity, the County CAN still benefit from tax credits by working with partners.

Voting to support this resolution would be a signal to the neighborhood residents and community stakeholders that there is a commitment to moving plans forward to preserve, repair, and work towards a future for Mitchell Park and the Domes.

Jeremy Ebersole

Location:
Submitted At: 9:15am 09-12-22

I'm asking you today to support this resolution moving forward with nominating the Domes to the National Register of Historic Places as a way to recognize their significance to the community, the state, and the nation.

Just this weekend, Milwaukee Preservation Alliance had a booth at the Silver City International Festival engaging with the residents of the community closest to the Domes. Virtually everyone we interacted with was surprised to learn that this place that is so important was not already historically designated. Luckily, much of the work is already done and the County has already paid for it. A local preservation consulting firm was contracted a few years ago to produce a largely complete nomination that can now be updated and submitted rather than left to languish on the shelf. The same contractor is willing to complete the nomination. There is little risk to the County

in moving forward, as the Domes have already been determined preliminarily eligible for listing on the National Register.

Further, listing the Domes does not tie the County's hands in any way. Contrary to popular belief, listing on the National Register does not place restrictions on what the property owner can do with the property. What it does do is honor the Domes for their importance and value to the community by adding them to the official list of special historic places nationwide.

Importantly, it also is a necessary step to accessing Historic Tax Credits (though it does not compel the County to pursue them). All feasible plans for preserving the Domes rely on tax credits. This was reiterated to this Committee through the Baker Tilly/Husch Blackwell report delivered in June, which confirmed that Historic Tax Credits up to \$7 million were a feasible funding source for the Domes. A 2018 report in File 19-55 provides direction to the County on how such a use would be possible. To reiterate, it is a fact that the County, even as a government entity, can benefit from Historic Tax Credits through partnerships. It is done all the time, and there are experts in Milwaukee who can help the County do so.

We have all been discussing how to proceed at the Domes for almost a decade now. As we continue to work out details, we can all agree that doing nothing is not an option. Slow walking the issue is ultimately a death sentence for the Domes. I urge you to take this very simple, low-risk action of nominating the Domes to the National Register as a way to demonstrate that this place matters and open the door to feasible funding solutions. Thank you as always for your consideration and your service.