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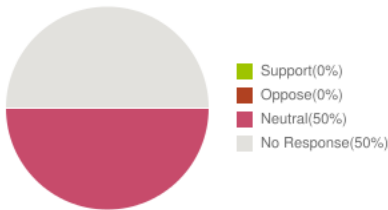
eComments Report

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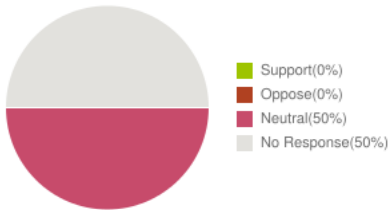
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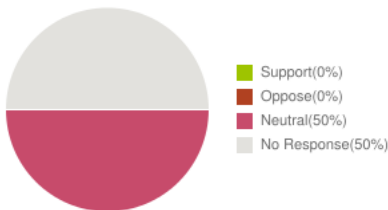
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Overall Sentiment



Barbara DeMaster

Location:

Submitted At: 7:37pm 09-11-23

Having participated in several programs at the Domes this summer, as well as multiple visits in previous years, it is clear to me that the Domes as they exist are an important asset to Milwaukee County and I would strongly recommend that they be preserved. They are very beneficial to the county in terms of health, education, culture and community programs and impact.

Sincerely, Barbara DeMaster, Ph.D

Kelsey Kuehn

Location:

Submitted At: 4:44pm 09-08-23

I'm in support of preserving the Domes at Mitchell Park and would like to enter the following statements, which I provided as part of the "futureofmitchellpark.com" website set up by the Milwaukee County Parks Department, to the office public record as it is unclear how and with whom responses from that survey are being "shared" (where do they go??). I would like to make sure that my voice is being heard and considered, not just "shared," here.

It's tough to grapple with the fact that demolition of the Domes is being considered. These are one-of-a-kind, award-winning structures designed by a Milwaukee architect. Would we consider demolishing other buildings that define the city's unique character? The Art Museum? War Memorial? City Hall? It's shortsighted and objectively wrong to take the cheaper route, demolish the Domes, and ignore the massive, non-monetary costs of that action. We know that whatever will follow the Domes cannot replace their distinct, innovative design and what it feels like to be in and around them. We know that what will follow will lack the intangible things that the Domes have - the history, memories. We know that there are futures where the Domes can coexist with improved grounds at Mitchell Park and additional programming and amenities (even though the language on the County's website seems to set these two things in opposition). We should be better stewards than this. We can be better stewards than this. Milwaukeeans are exhausted from going to battle for things that are important to us only to learn that the winner was predetermined before the fight. The County's website is clearly a campaign to prepare us for the "inevitable" demolition of the Domes with a thinly veiled solicitation for our "voice" on the matter. I would prefer if those in power would plainly tell us their intent to demolish the Domes, regardless of how we feel, instead of pretending like it matters. Though the website may say it, we aren't part of the process. We're a hurdle the County needs to jump over before they get what they want.

When asked for my "favorite" memory of the Domes - there are countless, and I'm always excited to bring folks (both from Milwaukee and not) to the Domes for the first time or to tell folks visiting Milwaukee to add a stop at the Domes to their itinerary. Some memories from childhood and too blurry to accurately recount. I'll tell you of my most recent visit to the Domes this past weekend, September 3rd 2023. I was back in town just for a wedding (I grew up in the metro Milwaukee area and lived in Milwaukee for over a decade) and wanted to stop at the Domes. I didn't have enough time to go inside, but I was able to briefly walk around the park and shoot some film. I witnessed an excited young family walking up to the Domes and heard the children "ooo" and "ahh" at the other-worldly "outer space" buildings. An elderly couple with big smiles said good morning to me as they entered the Domes, and a young couple wearing Brewers gear took a selfie with the glass beehive structures lurking behind them. Without even entering the Domes, and only having spent a short while there, I felt the magic of visiting them for the first time vicariously through these strangers. This is irreproducible. This cannot be recovered. This is the Domes.