



Waterways and Parks Commission

Agenda

December 8, 2021

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that there will be a meeting of the City Waterways and Parks Commission on Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held virtually through online meeting systems and will be available to the public via Webex using a computer, tablet, or smartphone (Webex app required) or telephone (audio only) on the following agenda items:

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1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Reading and approval of minutes of the past meeting, October 27, 2021.**
4. **Open Public Comment Period for Items that do not appear on this Agenda**
5. **Business Agenda items**
 - a. Mount Simon Eagle Project Presentation
6. **Discussion and Direction**
 - a. Future Agenda Items
 - b. Announcements
 - c. Director's Report
 - d. 2021 Special Events List
7. **Adjournment**

Ron Doering, Chairperson
c: News Media

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Minutes

October 27, 2021

1. Meeting Called to Order at 7:00pm by Chairperson Doering
2. Roll Call
 - a. Members Present: John Bodkin, Ellen Faulkner, John Lor, Kirk Dahl, Ron Doering, Kate Beaton, Meredith Ball, Jessica Schoen, Megan Holmes, Christopher Johnson (arrived at 7:06 p.m.)
 - b. Members Absent: Joe Maurer
 - c. Staff Present: Steve Plaza, Carson Coffield, Christien Huppert, Ty Fadness, Scott Allen
 - d. Also Present: Disa Wahlstrand, Gareth Shambeau, Jake Wrasse,
3. Reading and approval of minutes of the past meeting, August 25, 2021.
 - a. Motion to approve by Commissioner Schoen, seconded by Council Member Lor. All votes in favor, minutes approved as submitted.
4. Open Public Comment Period for Items that do not appear on this Agenda
 - a. None
5. Business Agenda items
 - a. Request of Encroachment/Improvement at 1506 Howard Drive on Riverview Drive.
 - a. Presented by Mr. Plaza
 - b. Commissioners discussed previous requests of encroachment and improvement of the other projects on Riverview Drive. Motion to approve request by Council Member Lor, seconded by Council Member Beaton. All votes in favor, motion passed.
 - b. Recommendation on the site plan along with rezoning for the Sonnentag Project located on Menomonie Street west of 10th Avenue along the Chippewa River.
 - a. Presented by Scott Allen and Disa Wahlstrand
 - b. Commissioners discussed the design of the site plan of the Sonnentag Project, primarily about the stormwater runoff of the roof of the building. There was also discussion about how the Project interconnects with the surrounding trails. Motion to recommend the site plan along with the rezoning for the Sonnentag Project located on Menomonie Street west of 10th Avenue along the Chippewa River by Commissioner Dahl, seconded by Council Member Lor. All votes in favor, motion passed. Commissioner Faulker abstained from the vote.
6. Discussion and Direction
 - a. Future Agenda Items
 - b. Announcements
 - a. The next scheduled meeting for the Waterways and Parks Commission will be on Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
 - c. Director's Report (Information only)
 - d. 2021 Special Events List (Information only)
7. Adjournment
 - a. Motion to adjourn by Council Member Lor, seconded by Commissioner Faulkner. All votes in favor, meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

**PARKS, RECREATION AND FORESTRY
STAFF REPORT
PROJECT NAME: Mt. Simon Eagle Project**

To: Waterways and Parks Commission

Date: 12/8/21

From: Steve Plaza, Parks, Forestry, Cemetery, Building & Grounds Manager

Description: Eagle Scout Project to place 17 trail markers in Mt. Simon Park

Location: Mt. Simon Park - Trail System

Background: Amber Sirianni is working on her Eagle Scout Project and would like to place 17 trail markers along our trail system in Mt. Simon Park. Staff has reviewed the plan and is in favor of this project

Justification: Our trail system in Mt. Simon does not have any signage to direct people or give them a reference point on the trail. These signs would better direct hiker and visitors on the trails, it would also benefit rescue crews if they were needed on the trail. Please see attached proposal for reference

Mission Statement: To support the beautification and awareness of local parks or trails while encouraging and recognizing neighborhood and community involvements.

Proposed Motion: I motion to approve the Eagle Scout Project to place trails signs on the Mt. Simon trail system.

Proposed Location: Mt. Simon Park

Facilities Features: N/A

Storm Water: No impact at this time

City of Eau Claire Park and Open Space Master Plan: Goal "C" subsection 3: "Promote joint public-private ventures in developing park and waterway facilities"

City Comprehensive Plan: Consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.

Financial: The funds will be raises through the Eagle Scout Project

LAWCON: N/A

Mt. Simon Eagle Project

Hello! I am Amber Sirianni from Troop 175, and I am working on my eagle project in hopes of improving our community and bringing people outdoors. The goal of this project is to place 17 trail markers at Mt. Simon to better direct hikers and other visitors on the trail system. I started planning this project in July of 2021 and I hope to complete the project by April of 2022.

Order of Action

Phase 1: planning

- Trail names and routes (August-October '21)
- Materials list & funding plan (August-October '21)
- Eau Claire & BSA proposal editing and approvals (October-December '21)

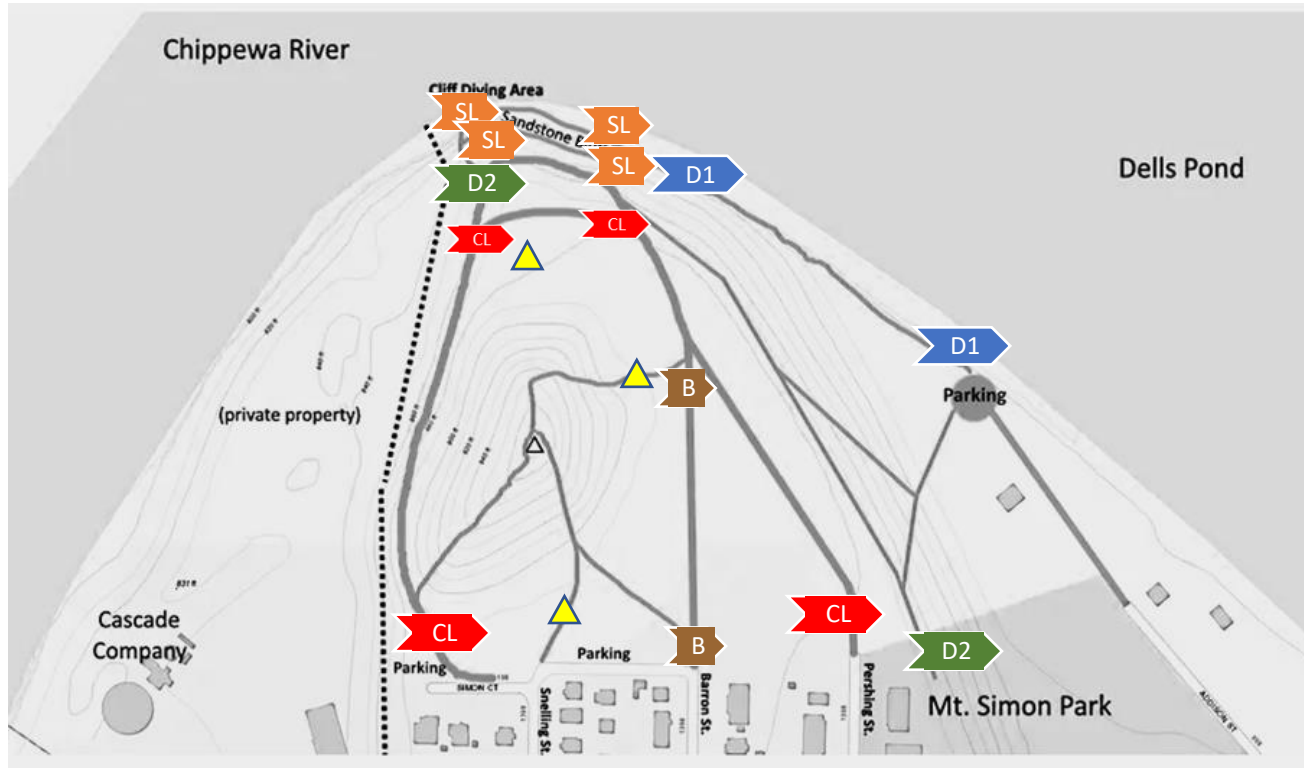
Phase 2: prepping

- Funding (January-March '22)
- Finalize volunteer team (February '22)
- Purchase materials and any other needed tools (March '22)







Phase 3: executing

- Building day with volunteer team: trail clean up, calculating distances and difficulty, implementing signs, ect.. (April-May '22)
- Eagle final paperwork

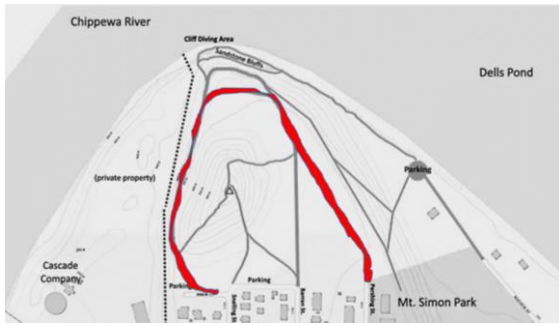
Phase 1: trail names and routes



Sign Placement Key

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|---|------------------|-------|
|  | Dells Pond 1 | ***** |
|  | Dells Pond 2 | **** |
|  | Sandstone Loop | *** |
|  | Chippewa Loop | ** |
|  | Barron St. trail | * |
|  | Ascent trails | |

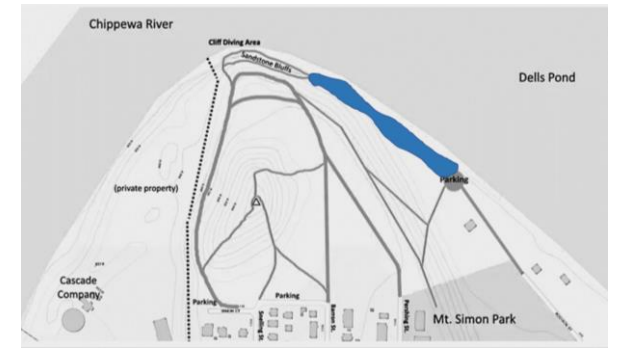
*difficulty rating



Chippewa Loop



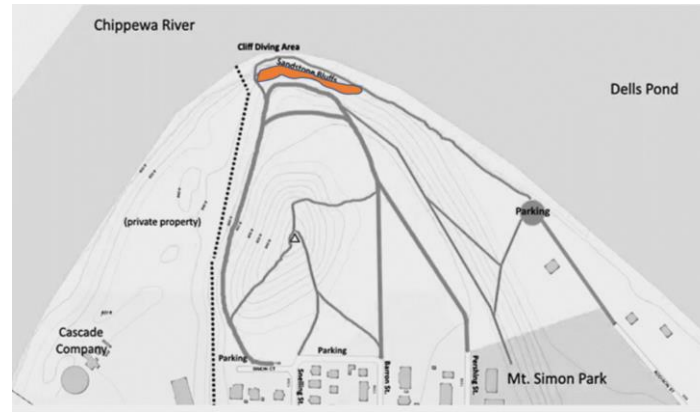
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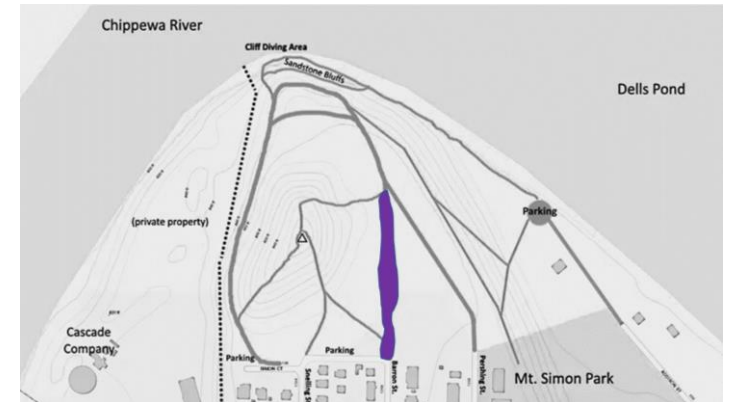
Dells Pond 1



Sandstone Loop pt. 1



Sandstone Loop pt. 2



Barron St. trail

(Picture used only as an example for the signs)

I plan to use 62" Fiberglass Reinforced Polyester (FRP) composite Marker Posts (similar to carsonite, just a different company). The markers won't have any decals. Having a color for each trail marker should be adequate for the identification of trails. Paint may be used on the markers to indicate "start" and "end" of each trail. Markers will stand approximately 4' once in the ground.



I chose this material of trail marker due to its durability to withstand the weather we get in Wisconsin. I opted against wood as this would require greater upkeep and risks being damaged by younger people who visit Mt. Simon. I am purchasing these trail markers by a company located in Mesa, AZ. This is a small women-owned business and sells products to "the US Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the National Park Service, many municipalities and many trail organizations."



This picture was taken at Mt. Simon near the boat landing. I would like to use some of this space to place a complete map of the trail system (similar to slide 3). The map will be printed, laminated, and hung up with the rest of the postings on the board. If there is another location in addition or instead of this board, I would love to place a map there too/instead.

Phase 1: materials and expenses

Material + Quantity

Fiberglass Reinforced Polyester (FRP) composite
Marker Posts (also called "Rockinites")

- 2 x blue
- 2 x green
- 2 x brown
- 3 x yellow
- 4 x orange
- 4 x red

Price + Place

<https://rockartsigns.com/d72/about-us/company>

Total = \$337.11

Phase 2: funding, team

Funding

My funding plan is to run a garage sale through donated items. I did this last year to fund my Gold Award. I earned \$600+ and I am confident in reaching my goal of \$400 to fund my Eagle project. I have access to items needed for implementation such as shovels, gloves, safety glasses, paint, etc. through my Troop's inventory as well as volunteers who will let my team utilize any tools we need. These volunteers include Malcolm M, Brent S, Jamie G, and more.

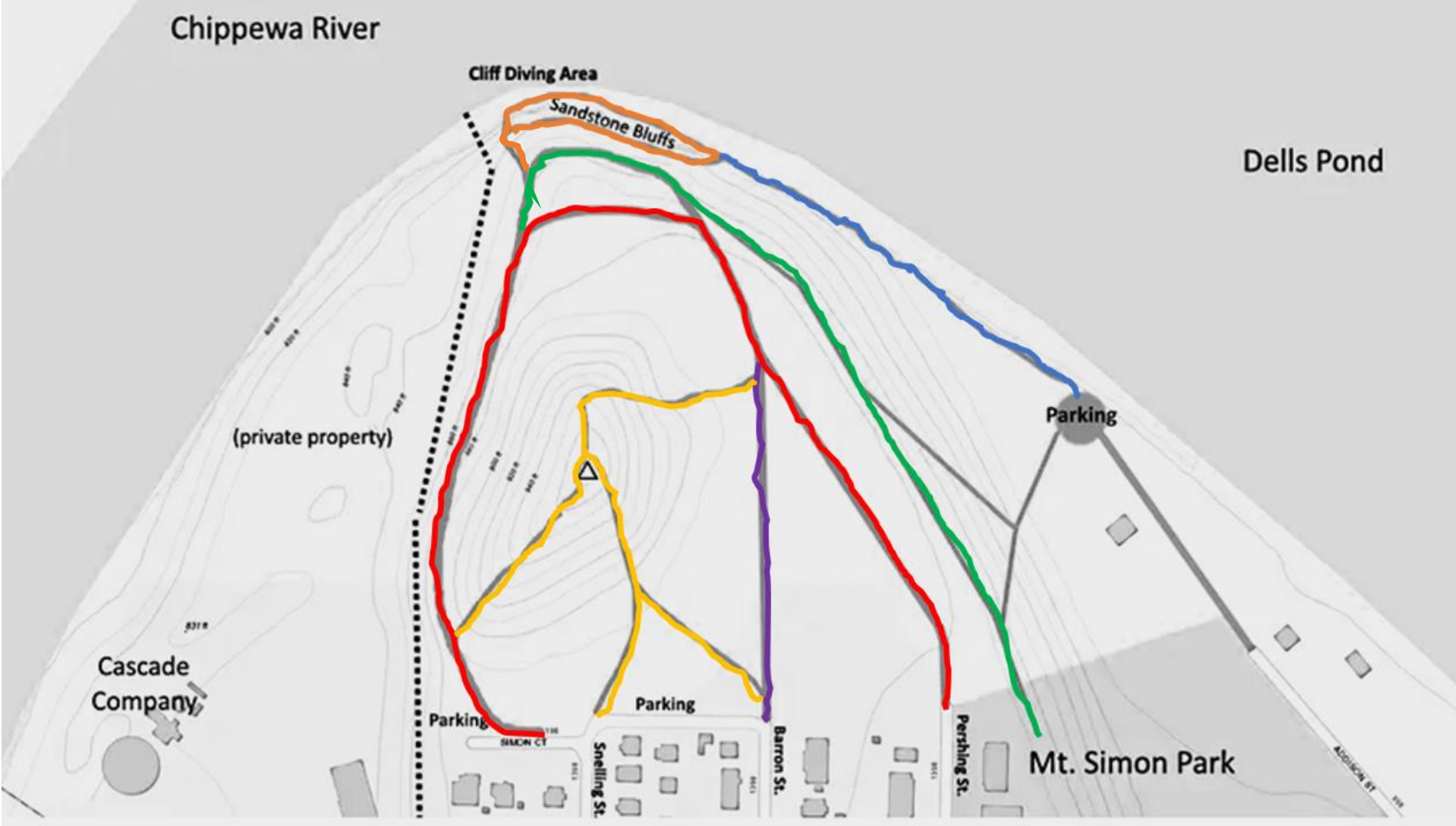
Team

The team I will be leading throughout this project will be a group of volunteers from Troop 175 and potentially 30, 124, and others, as well as friends and family.

Phase 3: trash pick-up, trail distances, implementing

Day(s) of implementation

1. First on my list would be to have the team pick up trash along the trails. I will appoint younger scouts/friends accompanied by a few adults for this (at least one adult for every 3 kids as a general rule, female adult needed for female scouts/friends).
2. Pacing is a scout skill that every scout from first class rank and above should know how to do. I will have the older scouts and I lead the rest of the team in learning how to calculate the (approximate) distances of each trail. All materials needed are in our Troop's and scouts' inventory.
3. Collectively, we will determine the difficulty of each trail by rating them between 1 and 5 stars. The trail difficulty rating will be on the complete trail map by the boat landing and/or wherever a map is needed.
4. Lastly, we will implement the trail markers at the indicated spots on slide 3 and post the map and key in the exact location(s) to be determined.



- ➔ Dells 1 *****
 - ➔ Upper Dells ****
 - ➔ Sandstone ***
 - ➔ Chippewa loop **
 - ➔ Barron St. *
 - ➔ Ascent trails ***
- *difficulty rating

Phase 3: project wrap up

Conclusion

This project will be led by me, a scout from troop 175, and facilitated by a team of volunteers. My goals for this project are to create an organized trail system at Mt. Simon, better my leadership skills, teach scouts and others outdoor skills, and benefit the community by giving them direction while they explore the outdoors.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this project and I hope to hear back on your approval.

Amber Sirianni, Troop 175