

Q1.1 What are the treasures of the neighborhood?

	Comment Summary	Frequency
G	Green space/parks	21
B	Biking	19
L	Lakes	18
OBG	Olbrich Botanical Gardens	16
BUS	Businesses	14
P	People/neighbors/community	14
SWC	Starkweather Creek	11
H	History	8
W	Walkability/public transportation	6
GRV	Garver	2

Full Comment	Category
Lake View	L
Ci Park/Gardens	OBG
Neighbors	P
Creek	SWC
Garver	GRV
Solstice Bonfire	OBG
Birds	
Lakeshore	L
Graver	G
Olbrich Gardens	OBG
Neighborhood business mix	BUS
Stark weather creek	SWC
Green spaces	G
Stark weather creek	SWC
Lake Monona	L
Bike path	B
Shenks corners business district	BUS
Bike Path	B
Bike rental	B
Starkweather creek	SWC
Lakeshore/Hudson park	G
Lake Monona	L
Olbrich Gardens	OBG
Dendron mounds	H
Lake	L
Gardens	OBG
Park	G
Playground	G
Beach	L

Great restaurants on East side	BUS
Bike paths	B
Walking	W
Biking	B
Capital city trail	B
New ball parks	G
Many great places to stop and eat near and convenient	BUS
Willy st co-op	BUS
Lake	L
Lake	L
Beautiful houses	
Great people	P
Bike trail	B
Graver building possibilities	GRV
Parks	G
Parks	G
Bike path access	B
Willy st	BUS
Sense of community	P
Green spaces	G
Lake access	L
Public transport	W
Bike access path	B
Walkable amenities	W
Activism and participation in public space	P
The people - art/artistic	P
GCC Community center	P
The mounds	H
These gardens	OBG
Walkable to Atwood ave	W
Lakefront with public access and amenities	G
Bike path	B
Starkweather creek	SWC
Hudson park	G
Lake	L
Olbrich Gardens	OBG
New ball parks	G
Park patrol	
Clearing of brush along Atwood ave	
Softball diamonds	G
Softball diamonds	G
Olbrich Gardens	OBG
OBP	G
Lake	L
Creative people and energy	P
Connections through bike paths	B
History	H

Bike path	B
Funky neighborhood businesses - unique non chain	BUS
The lake	L
Creek	SWC
Olbrich Gardens	OBG
Lake Monona	L
Starkweather creek	SWC
Bike Path	B
Lake Monona	L
Olbrich gardens & park	OBG
OBG	OBG
Goodman community center	P
Bike paths	B
Hudson Indian mounds	H
Starkweather creek	SWC
Capital city trail	B
Pinney Library	BUS
Other nearby parks	G
Restaurants/cafes	BUS
Large trees	G
Lake	G
OBG	OBG
Old homes in neighborhood	H
Olbrich Gardens and the park across the street	OBG
The people	P
Historic Character of layout and buildings	H
Diverse and socially active (high social capital)	P
Energy and creative nature	P
Lake	L
Parks	G
History	H
OBG	OBG
The people	P
The history	H
Boat launch/lake	L
Bike path	B
Near by restaurants	BUS
New ball parks	G
B-cycle center	B
Not a lot of street lights	
Starkweather creek	SWC
Bus system	W
The amount of green space	G
Community focused organization like the Goodman center	P
Small community oriented businesses	BUS
Non-vehicle access to businesses, schools, and entertainment	W
Energized people in the neighborhood	P

Lake shore	L
Creek	SWC
Olbrich	OBG
Starkweather Creek	SWC
Bike Paths	B
Olbrich	OBG
Bike paths	B
Lakeshore	L
Bakeries	BUS
Willy st co-op	BUS
Buck's pizza	BUS

Q1.2 How does OBG relate to the larger neighborhood?

Comment Summary	Frequency
D Destination (visitors/classes/educational) & a resource/treasure	24
A Access issues (bus/bike/hidden/communication)	17
G Green space (connects lakeshore/green space/Starkweather Creek)	7
M Meeting place	5
L Location - good/convenient/connected	5

Full Comment	Category
Relates well	D
Brings birds	
Great neighbors	
Provides space for private events	M
Gardens are looked at as being very inward looking. It would benefit all for gardens to be considered their good neighbor roles and relationships and be outward looking and welcoming in that effort.	A
The park is both a regional and a local treasure.	D
OBS is an important center within the park - lake- north plat ensemble.	G
Connection of creek side and bike path to lakeshore	G
Bad crossing of Atwood	A
Community meeting place for neighbors	M
Bus access on weekends	A
An anchor for meetings	M
Nice destination and way to lure people over here	D
Helps maintain the beauty of Madison	D
Hidden treasure	A
Starkweather creek water shed and green space	G
Better access to lake	A
Lake shore	G
Entrance to garden from bike path - places to lock up bike	A
Great views of downtown skyline	L
People can walk to OBG with their kids and strollers	L
Take classes	D
Bike trail convenient	L
Enhances area	D
Refuge from busy life	D
East Madison - Dane county - Regional	D
Need better rear access (like Brooklyn Bot gardens)	A
Pedestrian and bus access aren't great	A
By foot have to walk in unlit driveway with back to traffic, doesn't feel safe at night nor welcoming	A
Bus - we need shelters lit on both sides of street	A
Flashers at pedestrian crossing at Atwood	A
Nice place to bring school children to learn about the earths relationship to them	D
The additional visitors to Olbrich will give to the businesses as we don't have food here.	

Does not communicate well	A
Does not communicate well	A
Connections through	G
It's a gem	D
should be better integrated with both bike path and creek - bit of a barrier.	A
Attracts neighbors and visitors	D
Neighborhood is glad that Olbrich is here	D
I live in the town of Middleton and consider OBG a resource for the entire region.	D
Reflects intense interest in nature	D
Destination that helps local business district, especially restaurants	D
Art destination	D
Host community meetings	M
Problem areas - Dead pedestrian space along Atwood. Poor accessibility from Eastmoorland neighborhood(ped bridge over the creek!). No Path across creek. Not easily accessible by bus on weekends/holidays	A
People use it all the time, walks, learn from gardens, plant sale herb fair, etc.	D
People use it all seasons for weddings, meetings, events	M
OBG and regional facility, though neighbors use a lot	D
By providing a beautiful place to visit on your own or with you guest	D
Attraction to neighborhood	D
Beautification - focal point	D
Desirable green space	G
It is integral	D
Connected via transport links	L
Small number of civic connections	
Connected green space	G
Connections on fair oaks and Atwood	L
Partnerships with local schools	
It's a city and regional resource that needs to be recognized	D
Need safe crossing at Atwood Ave	A
Sidewalk on in-ramp - pedestrian activated flashers	A
Rename "city bike trail" to "Olbrich garden trail"	
Relates well, brings in many birds, guest neighbors, provides space for private events	D

Q2.1 When did you last visit OBG?

	Comment Summary	Frequency
W	Within the last week	13
3M	Within the last 3 months (Train/Flower Show)	9
M	Within the last month	5
6M	Within the last 6 months	4
Y	Within the last year	2

Full Comment	Category
Last week	W
October	6M
December	3M
Daily - Works here	W
Last week	W
Train Show	3M
Train & Flower shows in Dec	3M
Last Month	M
January 3rd	M
Within the last year	Y
November for election. Cut through daily	W
9 days ago	M
January 14th	M
Last year 2012	Y
December 12th	3M
Summer 2012	6M
3 weeks ago	M
Fall 2012	3M
Today	W
October & November	3M
Sunday	W
October for Community meeting	6M
Last week	W
Last week	W
Summer 2012	6M
Volunteer in the gardens all year long	W
Holiday Fair show	3M
December winter show	3M
2 days ago	W
Last week	W
Yesterday	W
December 12th	3M
This morning	W

Q2.2 How often do you visit?

	Comment Summary	Frequency
M	Monthly	14
W	Weekly	9
Q	Quarterly	6
Y	Yearly	2

Full Comment	Category
Weekly	W
Weekly	W
10-12 times per year	M
Several times a year	
Weekly	W
Monthly in winter, daily in summer	M
Try to walk the gardens every couple of months or more	Q
2-3 time a month	M
Once a month in Winter, twice a month in summer	M
Once a month in Winter, 3-4 times in summer	M
Monthly	M
Monthly	M
A few times a year, new to neighborhood so more now	Q
4-5 times a year. Once a week when volunteering.	Q
Monthly, more if I'm taking classes	M
Several times a week	W
Occasionally	
20-30 times a year	M
Once every 6 months	Y
2-4 times a month	W
2-3 times per year	Y
From once a month to weekly	W
Monthly March-November	M
1-2 times a month	M
6-7 times a year	Q
6+ times a year	Q
Monthly	M
Weekly	W
Occasionally	
5-6 times per year	Q
Monthly	M
Weekly	W
Several times a week	W
Twice a month	M
Weekly	W

Q2.3 Why do you visit?

	Comment Summary	Frequency
D	Destination (visitors/beauty/relaxation), learn about plants	28
V	Volunteer	9
E	Events	8
M	Meeting place	5
C	Classes	5

Full Comment Q3	Category
To volunteer	V
Piece of heaven	D
Meetings	M
Meetings	M
Visitors for out of town, walks, water features	D
Beauty, peace, inspiration in gardening	D
Plants	D
Beauty, inspiration, warmth in winter	D
Take classes	C
Volunteer	V
Bring out of town guests	D
Events	E
Awesone people, we always learn someing new	D
Member functions, classes	C
Volunteer	V
Volunteer	V
Events	E
Visit gardens	D
Attend African Violet meeting	M
Gardens, Would like to start taking classes	D
Library, voting, gardens, inspiration, solitude, plant sale	D
Concerts	E
Outdoor spaces, indoor spaces	D
Classes	C
It's part of my daily walk	D
Friends from out of town	D
Mental health, follow seasonal progress of plants	D
Learn about gardening and see new ideas	D
Volunteer	V
Enjoy the gardens, conservatory	D
Take classes	C
Events	E
See the spring bulbs, summer/fall colors, visit the library	D
Volunteer to get back from the West side	V

Love the gardens	D
To visit gardens and see what is growing, walks	D
Concerts	E
Volunteer	V
Gardens	D
Walk gardens, Herb fairs, plant sale	D
Meetings	M
Meetings	M
Events	E
Walk, see new plants	D
Plant shows and sales	D
Relaxation, gardens, conservatory	D
Entertainment, entertaining	E
Respite, change, beauty	D
Volunteer	V
Outside gardens	D
Social, gardening, beauty	D
Events	E
Relaxation, specific plants	D
Classes	C
Volunteer	V

Q2.4 What do you do when you visit?

	Comment Summary	Frequency
VG	Visit gardens/conservatory	26
V	Volunteer	7
E	Events	6
L	Library	3
S	Shop	3
C	Classes	3
W	Work	2
B	Bring guests	2
SC	Socialize	2

Full Comment	Category
Help, dig, sweep	V
Walk in quiet beauty	VG
Compare creekside to managed, rock garden, thai temple	VG
Walk, meditate, look	VG
Photography	P
Walk the gardens	VG
Go to concerts	E
Work	W
Bring grandkids	B
Take class	C
Walk for peace and beauty	VG
Walk in the gardens	VG
Visit library	L
Take a class	C
Quiet	VG
Train, flower spring, and butterfly shows. Fire & froth	E
Volunteer	V
Tour grounds	VG
Volunteer	V
Enjoy people	SC
Enjoy the view	VG
Meeting	M
Walk, sit, think, vote	VG
Walk, look, learn	VG
Check out the staff, friends, and see what is going on at Olbrich.	SC
Walk the gardens	VG
Tour outdoor gardens	VG
Stroll gardens, inspiration from gardens	VG
Volunteer	V
Take classes	C

Wak around	VG
Walk in gardens, conservatory, exhibits	VG
Library	L
Work in office	W
Shop	S
Steal ideas for my garden	VG
Walk the gardens	VG
Attend events	E
Sit on green lawn, stroll gardens	VG
Volunteer	V
Garden ideas	VG
Various	
Gather info and ideas	VG
Buy	S
Walk	VG
Shop	S
Walk	VG
Walk through gardens, conservatory	VG
Visit library	L
Attend shows	E
Volunteer	V
OBG sponsored programs	E
Bring grandkids	B
Attend event	E
Get inpitration, relax	VG
Wander, check out individual plants	VG
Archive historic records of OBG (stored in Mezzanine in Headhouse)	V

Q2.5 Who makes up your group?

	Comment Summary	Frequency
F	Family	16
FR	Friends	13
M	Just myself	6
P	Plant society	3
N	Neighborhood association	2
O	Out-of-town guests	2

Full Comment	Category
Spouse and I	F
1-5 people	
SASY neighborhood folks	N
Small number	
Me	M
Myself, husband, grandchildren	F
Family	F
Friends	FR
Husband and me	F
Sometimes girls lunch group 4-6 people	FR
Wife, grandchildren, children	F
Friends	FR
Family	F
Friends	FR
Other African Violet members - 10	P
Husband, parents	F
Out of town guests	O
Just me	M
A friend	FR
Husband	F
Usually one friend (diff people)	FR
Myself, husband, grandchildren	F
Eastmorland Community Association	N
Myself, classes, friends	FR
Friends	FR
Family	F
Me, partner	F
Sometimes other friends	FR
Just me	M
With family from out of town	O
Me plus one	FR
Just me	M
Family	F

Alone	M
Members of Madison Herb Society	P
Friends	FR
Family	F
OBS	P
Another woman	FR
An adult group and a childrens group	
Wife and I	F
Me and spouse	F
Friends	FR
Family	F
Just me	M

Q2.6 How long do you stay?

Comment Summary	Frequency
1 1-2 hours	21
2 2-4 hours	9
L Less than 1 hour	2
4 4+ hours	2

Full Comment	Category
1-4 hours	2
1-2 hours	1
1-2 hours	1
1-2 hours	1
1-2 hours	1
1 hour	1
30 min to several hours	1
1-2 hours	1
2-3 hours, all night for Fire & Froth	2
1-3 hours	2
2-4 hours	2
2.5 hours	2
2 hours	1
30 min to several hours	1
1.5 hours	1
Depends on the weather	
30-60 min	L
15 min-2 hours	1
2-3 hours	2
1-4 hours	2
1-1.5 hours	1
6+ hours volunteering	4
1-2 hours when visiting	1
2 hours	1
30-60 minutes	L
2 hours	1
1-2 hours	1
2-6 hours	4
2 hours	1
1 hour	1
Varies	
1-2 hours	1
1-2 hours	1
2-3 hours	2
1 hour	1
2-3 hours	2

Q2.7 If you don't visit OBG regularly, are there any apecific reasons that you don't visit?

	Comment Summary	Frequency
B	Too busy	3
A	Access issues/hours	3

Full Comment	Category
Don't enjoy the manacured look of formal gardens exclusively	
Better library space would be most welcome	
winter, closes to early and opens late	A
Sometimes get busy, so much going on	B
Very busy	B
It's not easy to walk to at night, coming from west Atwood. Please don't greet us with a parking lot. Please make the public access gateway more pedestrian and bike friendly, less car-centric and improve access from bike path.	A
Busy schedule, other interests	B
Distance from home	A

Q3 What would change your relationship with OBG, help you visit more often, stay longer, take visitors, and brag about it to your friends and relations?

Comment Summary	Frequency
A Resolving access/accessibility issues & longer hours	19
E Expanded education/gardening/tour opportunities	16
C Café/food service	15
I Better integration with surrounding neighborhoods/businesses/community goals	6
K More opportunities/areas for kids	4
M More meeting spaces/spaces to rent	4
GS Gift shop that sells more mission-focused items	3
G Better integration with surrounding green space/parkland/Starkweather Creek	3
L Garden lighting for night access	3
S More seating	3
P Picnic area/garden structures	2

Full Comment	Category
Back entrance from bike path	A
Coffee, tea, latte	C
Garbage cans	
Gazebos	P
Remote bathroom	A
Rent space for luncheon	M
Include corporate education	E
self guided walks highlighting the season	E
More simple lunches/picnics	P
Promote bike events	I
More integration with bigger goals	I
Wetland education	E
Relationship to parkland surrounding	G
Native plantings demonstrations	E
Canoe & Kayak dock tours	E
Pedestrian bridge to Eastmorland neighborhood	A
Quiet contemplation space	
Meeting space	M
A small café, not a restaurant	C
Work with nearby businesses	I
Croquet tournament in great lawn	
young Shakespeare players in summer	K
Have food	C
More kid friendly	K
Improve access to Atwood ave	A
Entrance is not welcoming	A

Improve coffee	C
Coffe shop/Café	C
Gardens open at night	A
Landscape lighting	L
More seating in conservatory. The few benches are often full and are not comfortable.	S
Better bathrooms	A
Better bike and pedestrian access	A
More edible plants	E
More native plants	E
Fruits to sample	E
Café	C
Church groups/nature based spirituality programs	I
Café	C
Night lighting	L
Café	C
Play garden	K
Youth garden	K
More learning events	E
Eating areas	C
Cross country ski and snow shoes in winter	
Food service would make us linger longer	C
Better connections for bikes and pedestrians	A
More civic uses, non garden	I
Public space for sitting.	S
Café space.	C
Internet access throughout the gardens	A
Better integration of Starkweather Creek	G
Expansion of tram and other support for elderly/handicap visitors	A
Better face of the building fronting Atwood ave	A
Large area where children and parents could sit, watch dvds on big screen	S
More classroom space	E
Science lab with microscopes	E
Separate education area (Horicon Marsh Educational center is a beautiful layout for this)	E
Separate bus loading/unloading	A
Bathrooms	A
Place to eat lunches	C
Place to give presentations - large multi media room.	M
Café	C
Dog park - off leash	
Field for ice rink	G
Could be educated and contribute to a food pantry.	E
Café or picnic area	C
extended library hours	A

ongoing plant sale	GS
Bus shelters on both sides of street	A
Gift shop is too cutesy, could be much better with serious merchandise	GS
Friendlier pedestrian access form Atwood Ave	A
Longer hours	A
Food available	C
Increase publicity	
Outreach to businesses, social groups, ethnic communities	I
Night lighting	L
More meeting space for community groups	M
rooftop gardening	E
Vertical gardening	E
Handicapped access through front door is very awkward - difficult for wheelchairs and baby strollers to get through	A
Oriental garden between conservatory administration area should be made visible/accessible to public	E

Q4.1 Tell us what you liked about today's meetings and what you found to be effective.

	Comment Summary	Frequency
M	Meeting notice, time & organization	12
I	Informative presentation	12
P	Attendee participation	12
B	Benchmarking	10
O	Open meeting/filmed for those unable to attend	5

Full Comment	Category
Good - great to open to public/neighbors	O
Filming session is great - will video audio be online?	O
"Benchmarking" context of other garden projects good, work on this aspect.	B
Referencing the larger green space & geographical context.	I
Benchmarking	B
Interaction with audience	P
Good time for meeting	M
Good to have recorded by city cable	O
Liked having once large group vs. break out groups - time waster	P
Good participation	P
Likes seeing ideas from other gardens, photos helped a lot	B
Liked that we were able to give our input	P
Slides were effective	M
Benchmarking - OBG visitor numbers vs. a big city	B
Treats were nice	M
Like the comment cards	P
Benchmarking	B
Great process, beautifully done.	I
Leader was inclusive and responsive	M
Level of info presented was gauged well	I
All the good comments	P
All the different people	P
Well rehearsed and all issues were raised.	I
Competent research to date.	I
Well informed presentation	I
Hearing other ideas	P
Ideas from other places helped open up thinking of other possibilities.	B
Notice of meeting was good - Got an invite 4 times from OBG staff and knew well in advance.	M
Liked the presentation, thanks for the cookies	M
Presentation followed by audience input worked well	M
Benchmarking was great	B
Liked benchmarks	B
Liked learning about how building works or doesn't for staff	I
Interesting comments about the pedestrian and bike implements	I

Very engaging and interesting presentation, I enjoyed it.	I
Liked how chairs were set up only partly around the table - no one had their back to the front of the room	M
Good use of microphones	M
Yummy cookies	M
Enjoyed report on other botanical gardens	B
Solid information	I
Organized presentation	I
Exciting ideas from benchmark gardens.	B
Set-up good with tables to write on	M
Outline of process easy to understand	I
Likes pictures of what other gardens are doing	B
Like the comment card based approach	P
Great to have city channel record this - hope it continues	O
Loved peoples comments tonight	P
Sharing of good ideas, some that have something to do with the gardens, some that don't	P
Sharing microphone - helps to hear	M
Knowing that it's typed as I can share the experience with others.	O
I really liked the participation with the audience	P

Q4.2 Tell us what elements of today's meeting didn't work for you; or, elements you thought were missing from the discussion.

Comment Summary	Frequency
O Other info missing from discussion - (mostly garden/plant related)	13
M Meeting notice, time & organization	12
AV A/V issues	5
F Not focused enough on OBG	3

Full Comment 2	Category
Parking issues - ramp is needed	O
Graphs were hard to read, need more screens	AV
Found out presentation will be online through today's paper	M
Minorities - "white" crowd. Missing from the gardens in general.	O
Snacks were on one side of the room and once the meeting started, you had to walk in front of everyone to get them. In the future, have a 10 minute break midway for snacks.	M
Triple the amount of mimosa in the herb garden, people are fascinated by it and want to touch it.	O
Add more Chocolate Daisies, chocolate cosmos, popcorn plant, artichoke plant.	O
Have good/better signage - what to the symbols mean for cooking, medicinal, aroma, etc.	O
Plants that attract bees and plants that hang down should be away from walk trails.	O
Sam does a great job keeping it clean, weed free, always gorgeous.	O
New water system and drainage great improvements.	O
Need to improve audio for presenters	AV
Lights were too much/too bright - headache inducing	AV
Garver area update - what is happening with that property?	O
Didn't interact much at roundtables - theater style set up is better	M
Didn't need to go over what activities take place here, we all know this	M
Talked too much about bike path	F
People seemed to be more concerned about Garver, it's related, but not the focus.	F
Some of the ideas of the new state park visitors centers should d be examined - they aren't "this is WI" in form and materials.	O
Table set-up would encourage sharing, but that was omitted from agenda	M
Mid-point break	M
It's about the gardens, not the social activities or the buildings. If buildings are related to the gardens and maintenance great. Making more is an unnecessary evil.	O
The preview/first half was a little longer than necessary. Second half was better	M
Difficult to see screen from the back so a handout would be nice.	AV
More chance to chat, have dialogue with others here. Work at small tables	M
Hoping for charettes down the road	
Open space meeting, world café	O
Often hard to hear - often happens in this room	AV
Presentation piece at the beginning ran a little long, dragged a bit during benchmarking.	M
People seemed to be more concerned about Garver but it's not the focus.	F
People/neighbors who were not aware of meeting could join OBS and be aware of what is happening @ OBG	

Architectural style of new construction should match current building. Stone and wood - no concrete walls.	O
Opening presentation was too long, cut to public discussion sooner	M
Base material was good but needed to be condensed	M
Hope it will become clear how comments will be incorporated in future discussions	
Gathering people around round tables built the expectation that we would be able to talk among ourselves.	M

Q5 Please use this card to give us comments about the project or the Gardens overall.

Full Comment

Any ideas out there for a Madison area Ci Mad Bike Hostel? Perfect at this site for so many reason: on bus/bike, sustainable, volunteer, easy access for out of towners, etc. 10 units in simple secure sites where bikes can be locked, guests rest quietly away from streets. Perhaps SE Asia theme, bamboo/vines for privacy/green spaces.

The published description of the 5 meeting process clearly emphasizes the building. However, the buildings relationship to it's site and to it's neighborhood context is what in fact will make this an exemplary project. This translates into a proactive and positive investigation and engagement with Olbrich park, Atwood ave, the bike path, and the surrounding two neighborhoods.

Elevated viewing areas inside the building looking outside.

Thank you for being welcoming to the neighborhood context.

Embrace bicycle access, add bike racks, entrance from bike path and path creation through surrounding neighborhood. - now only cars appear to be supported. Madison is know nationally as a bike friendly city but you'd never know it now at Olbrich.

Looking forward to using the Garver building. Such great history for classes, meetings, many creative uses. Any chance of starting restoring soon? Do you have special events to enjoy the outdoor lights?

Something needs to be done to repair Olbrich facilities. Do not spend funds to repair existing buildings with remodeling, if they will be replaced or damaged in the future.

The little renovated building back by Garver that you said is now being used could be a very cute café or restaurant.

A simple "Today in the Gardens" sign at front door could combine listings of events & locations and what's noteworthy botanically. A lighter, quicker, cheaper fix to lack of orientation that visitors can experience now. A map or maps of building and grounds near the entrance would help orient people.

The Building should project gracious hospitality, with an openness of design and simplicity of traffic flow that make the visitor catch their breath and slow down to match the wonderful world of plant as the invite us to a different pace.

What is the projected cost? Would like to see exactly what OBG plans to include and the appearance. I think there should be a vote cast by all of the neighbors residing in all of the surrounding neighborhoods as to whether the Garver building should be torn down or preserved.

It's about the gardens not landscape on roofs or wood carvings. I come for the plants! Remember it's a garden with buildup, not buildings with a garden. Let the adjoining neighborhood associations know about this.

Good idea looking into the future. I would like pedestrian access from the East. Lots of people go across the tracks on a less then accessible pedestrian path.

Olbrich is a jewel and please don't attempt to create the Hope Diamond, when a small pearl might be more beneficial to our community and its population.

Since people want food here, partner with local businesses and provide a list of restaurants, coffee shops for garden visitors looking for food. Think big - how about relocating the Pinney Library to Olbrich and incorporate a garden library within.

Better placement for coat racks - in winter this can add to the congestion and conflicting traffic problems in the entrance. Also move signage closer to the front doors regarding what events are in which space each day.

What are you doing to prepare for/mitigate the effects of climate change?

The building principles should stress the beauty of OBG. What I love most about Olbrich is it's beauty. The quality of the horticulture here is expletory. Whatever is planned should include plants, not just facility. Donors will need motivation to give generously, and plants will increase that.

The building is of little importance to me, I pass through is to get to the garden. I've been to a few meetings here and one class. This is much more important to staff and some volunteers.

How about using art (in floor or on walls) as way finding, or in other locations throughout new building.

I think the project is well deserved. I think the gardens need to have a better entrance for bicycles.

Rent-a-bike is both a starting point and destination point. Puts OBG on the city bike map. Meijer gardens and sculpture park, Grand Rapids, MI. Children's garden and activity space - Cleveland Bot Garden

Children's garden should be larger and more integrated into gardens as a whole. Children's play area with playhouse and playground with kid scale plants and "kiducational" classes in that area. Would like to see a greater variety of conifers in the gardens. Both full size and compact varieties. Too many Arbs!

I'm excited. This is long overdue. This place connects people and many feel connected to it. All of the examples of other gardens had lots of windows connected to the garden building. It is important to connect nature when it's dark grey, wintery.

You did an excellent job of balancing the context of the project (watershed, green space) with the bounds of your project. Olbrich must find a way to have a more civic role beyond its garden role and bring in more people. Need to consider new ideas for making the spaces more accessible for an aging population. Balancing the need for separate spaces (volunteer, education, head house) with a design that integrates the separate spaces. The demographics of the 100 people who attended was highly skewed toward older people.

We need more restrooms. Larger work spaces for volunteers and mail room. Leave the entrance where it is and bump out gift shop and restrooms. There is not that long of a walk from the furthest part of the garden. Most other events you have to walk to. Due to extreme weather changes, sometimes our elevator wont work especially when very cold. The ground changes how the water flows in our building. We are sitting on a swamp and dump foundation, extreme weather changes makes the building move.
