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Submitted values are:

I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Friday, February 17, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable): Living Sky Wildlife Rehabilitation

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: Regular Business Meeting of City Council

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 9.3.1

Comments:

Living Sky Wildlife Rehabilitation (LSWR) is in support of the conservation boundaries for the Northeast and Small Swales in Saskatoon that have been proposed by the Swale Watchers organization.

As an organization that cares for injured, ill and orphaned wildlife with the goal of releasing these animals back into the wild, we cherish natural habitat that is appropriate for us to use as release sites for these animals. Most wild animals requiring care at LSWR have been negatively impacted by humans and human development. The best outcome we can offer them is the opportunity for a second chance away from the dangers posed by dogs, cats, cars, windows, and other anthropogenic risks.

The Northeast and Small Swales are natural areas close to a river, which is the life source for all prairie creatures, wild and human. The value of these lands far exceeds the price paid to develop them for human habitation. They are a source of life for native plants, animals, and a place where humans can find solace in nature.

Much of the current research around development these days talks about connectivity (for both human and wild inhabitants), maintaining wildlife corridors to allow wildlife safe passage through developed areas and allowing biodiversity to flourish. Enclosing the swales with houses will further exacerbate the problems for wildlife existing both in the city and on the edges. We see a significant number of animals brought in to care at LSWR from these new developments where houses have displaced wildlife, or poorly designed houses become death traps due to window strikes.

While option #3 is a significant improvement over the original document, the boundaries identified by the Swale Watchers are optimal and we encourage adoption of their proposal. (<https://swalewatchers.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Swale-Watchers-Recommendation-Jan-2023.pdf>).

This might also be a good time to address the unidentified issue of the unprotected riverbank to the west of this area (north of Petturson's ravine). Generally speaking, riverbank areas within the City are parkland, not privately owned.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Shadick
Executive Director
Living Sky Wildlife Rehabilitation

Will you be submitting a video to be vetted prior to council meeting?: No