

Kane, Kathleen

From: Sara Flynn [REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, December 28, 2018 10:08 AM
To: Kane, Kathleen
Subject: Tennis court move @ Northland Park

I live across the street from the proposed move of the tennis court. I am very upset with the proposed move. It will ruin the entire view of the park. How do I go about getting a petition going to oppose this move?

This is a terrible idea!!!

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Sara Flynn, [REDACTED]
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Kane, Kathleen

From: Beth <[REDACTED]@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, December 28, 2018 1:52 PM
To: kkane@cityofmadison.com@aol.com
Subject: Northland Manor Park Tennis Court project

Dear Ms. Kane,

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Please let me know when the public meeting for this proposed plan will be taking place and the details of where, and what time.

Thanks

Beth Sluys

Kane, Kathleen

From: Chris Moore <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 29, 2018 10:13 AM
To: Kane, Kathleen
Subject: re: Northland Manor Tennis Court Relocation Project

Hi Ms. Kane,

I am a Madison resident that lives across the Northland Manor Park (Barby and Northland). As a user of the tennis courts, I know first hand the issues with sink-holes in the pavement.

I am writing because I am interested in preserving the view of the night sky as much as possible so was wondering about any lighting changes that might occur. I believe currently there is only one "street light" adjacent to the current courts.

Will there be any lightning changes? And if so, could it be done in a way to preserve the night sky? (i.e. making sure no light escapes upward, using low pressure sodium lamps, or nowadays maybe LED's that emit a narrow bandwidth of colors, etc)

(or maybe a switch to turn off the lights in case we want to observe the skies using a telescope...)

Will there be any public hearings on what is planned?

thanks,

Chris Moore
[REDACTED] Northland Drive

Kane, Kathleen

From: Chris Moore <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 29, 2018 11:43 AM
To: Kane, Kathleen
Subject: re: Northland Manor Tennis Court Relocation Project - NextDoor Comments

Hi Ms. Kane,

We are having a conversation on Northland Manor "Next Door" software. Here is what I posted FYI:

"As a long-time occasional user of the tennis court, I like the idea of moving the tennis courts from their current location. Over the years, many sink holes, large cracks, etc have appeared. And every year (or two) they get fixed but they don't last long. The courts get a fair amount of use, as far as I can tell. I believe one of the schools (elementary or middle) uses it during the summer or school year to practice on.

I went out and roughly walked where the new courts would be, based on the PDF link above. It seems they are going to move it straight South but be farther away from School Rd that the courts are, so more towards the cottonwood tree.

It was hard to tell if it will impact the sledding slope as it will be quite a ways away but would like to see the actual location of the courts to better figure this out.

I would also like to know more about the quality of the soil at the Northland end of the park vs the current location. I do know that the Northland side is drier and based on the proposed PDF, is higher than where the courts are now. I share the concern about what the quality of the soil for the new baseball diamond and how it will be addressed. From experience, I know that the section of the park immediately East of the current courts can be very soggy (not sure if in Spring or summer or both) which if not addressed will probably result in a muddy turf.

I would be interested in people's opinions on the traffic flow. While I can imagine that Wheeler and School is busy, especially during morning and late afternoon rush-hour, I am not sure it is any less busy than School and Northland, especially given that Northland is a bus route. There is also a lot of traffic on Debra (alongside the playground), and Barby, which leads to Northport."

thanks,

Chris Moore
[REDACTED] Northland Drive

Kane, Kathleen

From: Katie Pollock <[REDACTED]@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Sunday, February 17, 2019 4:58 PM
To: Kane, Kathleen
Subject: Northland park tennis courts

I am writing to say I support the revitalization of the tennis courts/pickleball courts at the Northland Park on School Road.

I live on the corner of Wheeler and Kennedy Road, and walk/run in the neighborhood regularly. People play tennis and pickleball on the courts all the time. I am not a regular tennis player, and have only used them a couple times in the 15 years we've lived in the neighborhood. As they are now, you can't use them.

I know some people on the Nextdoor App are complaining about the wasted cost, ruining their view and property values, etc.

I wanted to weigh in with my support. I trust that the people working on this project will make sure that the courts are in the correct spot to be usable, as well as the ball diamond which is also used.

My only concern is that it seems like it's going to take all summer. I hope it stays on schedule for fall tennis/pickleball and people will have enough daylight to use it (I'm guessing it won't be a lighted court).

Thank you.

Katie Pollock

[REDACTED] Kennedy Rd.

[REDACTED] for Windows 10

Kane, Kathleen

From: Erlandsen <[REDACTED]@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2019 12:08 PM
To: Kane, Kathleen
Subject: Re: Northland Manor Tennis Court Relocation Project

I would love to know what they say. I appreciate that trees don't last forever, and that they can be replanted - but it takes decades to build up a mature tree stand, and I simply hope that Parks takes that into consideration.

Dana

-----Original Message-----

From: Kane, Kathleen <KKane@cityofmadison.com>
To: 'Erlandsen' <[REDACTED]@aol.com>
Sent: Mon, Jan 7, 2019 9:10 am
Subject: RE: Northland Manor Tennis Court Relocation Project

Hello Dana -

Thanks for sending along your thoughts on the Northland Manor Park tennis court project - Parks has asked City Forestry to assess all of the trees at the park and we will be utilizing this information when it is available to help to inform the project.

I hope that I have been able to answer your question - please let me know if that is not the case,
Kate

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From: Erlandsen [REDACTED]@aol.com]
Sent: Saturday, January 05, 2019 12:53 PM
To: Kane, Kathleen <KKane@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: re: Northland Manor Tennis Court Relocation Project

Ms. Kane:

I hope you will do everything possible to avoid removing the beautiful pines by the court. There are few in the neighborhood, and this beautiful grouping with their lovely fragrance gives me great joy every time I walk past them.

When demolishing it may be cheaper to remove all - but it will take another 40 years to rebuild a beautiful pine stand like that. I hope you will seek a creative way to preserve them, should you demolish the courts.

Dana Erlandsen

Kane, Kathleen

From: Beth [REDACTED]@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 08, 2019 4:26 PM
To: Kane, Kathleen
Subject: Re: Northland Manor Park Tennis Court project

Hi Kathleen,

I am glad to learn that you are meeting with Alder Kemble and that there will be thoughtful consideration about the concerns and issues related to the tennis courts. I have found that by going to meetings like that, the city staff often take comments back to the drawing board and changes are made.

If the subsurface structure in the park is the same throughout, elevations very close and the soil type the same, could a subsurface improvement be made to help alleviate the sinking that continues at the current location? It appears that no matter where the courts are in that particular park, the settling will occur unless subsurface materials are added to build up and solidify the base. Then perhaps the court will be less inclined to settle and puddle up.

I look forward to hearing from Alder Kemble and to attending the meetings.

Beth

-----Original Message-----

From: Kane, Kathleen <KKane@cityofmadison.com>
To: 'Beth' <[REDACTED]@aol.com>
Sent: Tue, Jan 8, 2019 4:18 pm
Subject: RE: Northland Manor Park Tennis Court project

Hello Beth –

Thanks for sending along your thoughts on the Northland Manor tennis courts! Park staff are meeting with Alder Kemble tomorrow to discuss next steps - but it is safe to say that a public meeting to review & discuss the project will occur prior to any work being undertaken at the courts – however a date for a meeting is not determined and we will be working with the alder to identify a potential date and location that works with her schedule so that she can attend if possible.

You are correct that it is the subsurface condition of the soil at Northland Manor Park which will be among the biggest the determining factors as to where the courts may be rebuilt following demolition – there is not much 'high ground' to be gained at the park, generally, so although the slightly higher ground to the south is helpful, contours are not going to be significant here except to indicate where conditions are even less likely to be favorable (such as lower areas at the northeast/Ilene Ln side).

Updates on future meetings, once that information has been determined as well as project information generally can be found on the Parks Projects website, which for Northland Manor is located at:
<http://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/projects/northland-manor-park-tennis-court-relocation-project-2019-northland-manor-park-tennis>

Thanks again for your interest in the project - please let me know if you have any other questions,
Kate

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From: Martin Family <[REDACTED]@charter.net>
Sent: Wednesday, February 06, 2019 12:24 PM
To: Kane, Kathleen
Subject: Northland Manor Park Tennis Court Relocation

My name is Doug Martin. I am a resident in the nearby Cherokee Park neighborhood, and I recently heard of this planned project. I can certainly understand the basis for the project, since the courts at Northland Manor are often in very bad shape and seem to be very difficult to maintain.

In deciding what to do about this, I would urge you to consider two things:

1. I think the courts should remain at Northland Manor, though at a different place within the park. I haven't used the courts much recently, but I have used them often in the past, particularly when my children were in school and living at home. My recollection is that the courts got quite a bit of use then, and it could sometimes be difficult to get an open court. This, of course, was when the courts were in much better playing condition than they seem to have been in recent years. If the courts were re-established in good condition within Northland, I would expect that they would be used regularly by the surrounding neighborhoods.
2. The other consideration is Pickleball (the fastest growing game in America, at least according to the Pickleball Association). I know that the plan is to have the courts lined for both Pickleball and tennis, and that option is certainly better than nothing as far as pickleball is concerned (I learned how to play pickleball on the Northland courts before they reached their current unplayable state). But could you consider adding dedicated pickleball courts along with the tennis courts? Sun Prairie put in dedicated courts a few years ago and they have been so popular that they added new ones last year to double the size from four courts to eight. I know there are dedicated courts on the West side of Madison, but I have never used them because they are too far from where I live. I realize that this would add to the cost of the relocation project, but if it is done at the same time as installing new, relocated tennis courts, I expect that their would be cost efficiencies from having the Pickleball courts as an incremental add-on.

Unfortunately, I can't come to the meeting that is scheduled at Gompers School next Monday due to a prior commitment, but I wanted to make my views known. I hope you will take them into consideration.

Doug Martin
[REDACTED]

Kane, Kathleen

From: Kai <[REDACTED]@wjjo.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 10, 2019 9:51 PM
To: Kane, Kathleen
Subject: Northland Manor Park

Dear Ms. Kane,

My name is Kai Andersen, my wife and I own the home at [REDACTED] Debra Lane. We regret not being able to attend the public meeting in person. Our front picture window looks directly upon the spot for the proposed tennis court. If we have a vote on this issue, we strongly vote against the proposed location. Aside from losing the view of the park that we cherish, we feel this will be an unused waste of public funds. In the three years we have lived next to Northland Manor Park, we have seen only a handful of people use the tennis courts. We feel money could be better spent on a pavilion upgrade or an expanded children's play area, both of which see a lot of use.

Sincerely, Kai and Ashley Andersen

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Kane, Kathleen

From: Jennifer Hendricks <[REDACTED]@att.net>
Sent: Wednesday, February 13, 2019 4:28 PM
To: Kane, Kathleen
Subject: Northland Park Tennis Courts

I saw information on Next Door Neighbor from the recent public meeting. I completely spaced the meeting but I am glad to hear several community members voted to keep the tennis courts at Northland. My question--is there any possibility that a tennis backboard can be build so that single players or kids without a partner could practice/play? Thanks again for all of the information assembled on this project.

Jennifer Hendricks
[REDACTED] Bonner Lane
Madison, WI 53704

Kane, Kathleen

From: Dawn Hinebaugh <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, February 22, 2019 5:26 PM
To: Kane, Kathleen
Cc: Dawn Hinebaugh
Subject: Northland Manor Park

Hello Kate,

Thank you for hosting the open house meeting. Unfortunately, as is very common, in-person meetings are not often well-attended. A couple of additional comments:

- High level comment: It would be great if the City could add a link from the specific Park's page to the projects page, IF that park is undergoing planning. Currently, if one goes to a specific parks page, there is NO information regarding any project or any planning efforts on that page. You have to be pretty Internet savvy and click on the "projects" link on the top navigation pane. Not user friendly.
- Northland Manor: I hope that the city looks more broadly at recreational needs and budget constraints in their decisions. In addition, climate change is going to bring us more extreme precipitation events - bringing more difficulty and costs in managing parks and their built environments like tennis courts. Moving the courts does not necessarily mean that water will stop being a problem.
- Visual impacts should also be of concern in any project. I believe this was overlooked during the Northland Manor decision. Moving the courts will significantly impact the viewshed of more houses than where the courts currently exist (it will also change the overall viewshed of the park - do a drive-by to see). While people can dismiss these concerns, I believe it is an important part of people's overall health (e.g. seeing open green space vs 5 foot metal fencing).
- I find it problematic that the city may decide that Northland Manor needs to rebuild the tennis courts - esp. after a limited public meeting. In my opinion, 13 people's opinion is not necessarily a good reflection of the neighborhood/community as a whole. I wonder why the city doesn't do an email survey to elicit more responses?
- I may have missed it but was there an article in the Northside News? Just curious b/c I think using local newsletters is a great place for communications!

Thank you Kate. I appreciate your time.

Dawn

Phone Log: Northland Manor

Phone call 2/11/2019 – in favor of tennis at Northland Manor; unable to make public meeting / notes that students from Gompers Elementary use the courts at the park also

Thomas Raymakers