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To Parks Commission

Tonite you are being asked to approve an agreement with Madison Nordic Ski Club to once again make snow and groom the cross country ski trails at Elver Park for the public to use. We earn no money off this arrangement and in fact spent nearly \$30,000 of donated money last year to maintain a public trail.

Two things are important to note here:

1, This service is done largely with club equipment and labor provided by the Madison Nordic Ski Club. As you can see in paragraph 7 of the agreement, MadNorSki reported that in 2019- 20 it contributed 800 volunteer hours and \$29,000 funding to support snowmaking and grooming

2 Last year, the city reported collecting over \$45,000 in trail pass revenue. It was the best year ever in terms of revenue in large part because of the work of the Madison Nordic Ski Club. Going forward, we are asking for trail fees to be directed back into the program. The current arrangement is not sustainable

With people seeking ways to recreate safely this winter, we anticipate large crowds at Elver Park for skiing

We appreciate your support

Madison Nordic Ski Club Board.