



Project Address: 1820 E. Washington Ave., Madison, WI
Application Type: Improvements to Burr Jones Park in UDD #8 – Initial/Final Approval Requested
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Background Information

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Project Description: The Madison Parks Division is seeking approval for facility improvements to the field and parking areas of the Burr Jones Park. Proposed park improvements include a revised parking lot, improved athletic fields, stormwater bioretention, additional landscaping, bicycle parking, a new basketball court and the addition of an athletic field lighting system.

Project Schedule:

- This item requires Urban Design Commission Design Review. Subject to UDC approval, this item is anticipated to be reviewed by the Parks Board and as a planning administrative-level minor alteration request.

Approval Standards:

The UDC is an approving body on this request. The site is located in Urban Design District 8 (“UDD 8”), which requires that the Urban Design Commission approve the proposed project using the design standards and guidelines for that district. 33.24(15)

Please note, as no buildings are proposed, the Public Project review standards Section 33.24(4)(d) would not apply to this request. Those standards only apply to the review of buildings that are to be built or expanded.

Summary of Design Considerations and Recommendations

This item is before the Urban Design Commission as it is in Urban Design District 8. As a park master plan, this item also requires review and approval by the Board of Parks Commissioners. Under the Urban Design District ordinance, the UDC’s consideration is limited to whether a proposal meets the applicable requirements and conforms as much as possible to the guidelines of the District.

Considering the unique nature of this type of request compared to a more typical development request, the Secretary confirmed UDC’s role with the City’s Attorney’s Office. The Attorney’s office noted that due to the nature of a park plan versus a traditional development plan many of the standards and guidelines will be inapplicable to UDCs review, including those related specifically to buildings. For example, 33.24(15)(e) says that the requirements and guidelines “apply to new buildings or structures, additions to existing buildings or structures, major exterior alterations of existing buildings or structures, street graphics, and new parking facilities or alterations to existing parking facilities.” Of the categories and guidelines listed in the UDD 8 ordinance, the sections that appear most applicable to this request appear to be Section (4) Parking and Service Areas; (5) Landscaping and Open Space and (6) Site Lighting and Furnishings.

When making recommendations, staff requests the UDC reference the specific section of UDD 8, including any feedback provided on parking and landscaping layout.