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From: Marie Jolly <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 12, 2018 10:51 AM
To: Lerner, Sarah <SLerner@cityofmadison.com>; Zellers, Ledell <district2@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: James Madison Park Master Plan

Hello,

I recently learned of the plan to put a new parking lot in James Madison Park and am very disheartened by this proposition. As a resident of the City of Madison who frequents this park I believe this would encroach on one of the few peaceful parks on the isthmus and significantly alter the experience the park currently offers.

I urge you to re-consider this proposition for a few reasons:

- 1) Parking for this park is not an issue. There are multiple city-owned parking ramps within walking distance of the park. Additionally, street parking is available.
- 2) Removing the trees near the road, reducing the overall green space in the park, and bringing the noises of cars/trucks/etc. further in to the park would significantly degrade the park experience for users.
- 3) I have seen many summer days where the majority of the park is in use by groups of picnic-ers, people playing frisbee, etc. Reducing the green space of the park would further hinder use of the park in an area of the city that is already lacking for public green space.
- 4) While I am not a traffic engineer, I feel that adding a parking lot on this already busy stretch of E. Gorham St. will only increase congestion as people attempt to turn in and out. Additionally, it will further complicate an already less-than-safe transportation experience for pedestrians and bikers.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best,
Marie Barry
Resident of the City of Madison

From: Emily Yslas <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 12, 2018 12:12 PM
To: Lerner, Sarah <SLerner@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: James Madison Park

Dear Ms. Lerner:

Thank you for bringing to the attention of Madison, the importance of the park system in our community. As a resident of Madison for the last eight years, I have found the city to be both welcoming and warm.

I am disappointed to see the proposal for a parking lot at James Madison Park. During my residence in Madison I have lived in multiple locations, all within the downtown area. James Madison has always been my go-to park during the warmer months.

I do not believe a parking lot will add any value to the area. The number times I have seen street parking close to the park is more than ample to suffice. A parking lot will both take away from the scenic beauty, as well as the green space available. With many apartments, condos, and homes, the accesses to public green space is limited, and James Madison is a premier location for green space.

I am disappointed to see a parking lot like the primary purpose of this proposal. I believe that many residences, like myself, commute to the park by walking or biking. The proposal does not include added safety for walkers, jogger, or bikers and instead inhibits the safety with the addition of a parking lot. In addition to the parking lot, there are parking ramps within accessible walking distance to the park that provide ample parking to James Madison. I do not believe additional parking will service the community and it will diminish the beauty, trees and green space that James Madison provides.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I wish you the best on the continued city improvements.

Regards,

Emily
Emily T. Yslas
J.D. Candidate 2021
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From: Monica Sowers <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 12, 2018 9:06 PM
To: Zellers, Ledell
Subject: James Madison Park

Hello,

I read that James Madison is potentially getting a parking lot added and I think this is a mistake! I don't live super close to it but I go there a lot in the summer and never mind parking farther and walking there and having that as a beautiful place to get away from cars and noise. I think the parking lot will ruin a lot of that beauty and peacefulness. Just wanted to give my opinion in case it counts for anything. Thanks!

Monica

Hi Monica,

Thanks for reaching out about this important park.

Vehicle parking tends to be controversial wherever there are cars seeking to find a place to "rest". This particular park is a community park, rather than a neighborhood park. As such, one of the goals of the proposed master plan was to maintain equivalent parking availability. So the new parking in the park is a replacement of the current lot; it does not provide additional new parking within the park. The intent also is to make the new parking area and drive aisles permeable. The current parking lot is impermeable. While viscerally my preference would be to get rid of parking in the park, that would not be equitable or fair since James Madison Park is used by people from across our community and is one of our most diverse parks in terms of ethnicity and race of users. A goal was to continue that park use.

Thanks again for your engagement and caring about Madison parks.

Best,
Ledell

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From: Jared Kist <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 12, 2018 9:16 PM
To: Lerner, Sarah <SLerner@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: James Madison Park

Hello,

I'm sorry I didn't make it to the public hearing tonight, but please, for the love of everything good in this city, do not convert our city's most beloved park into parking spaces! I realize the plan is for only part of it, but any loss of the green space in place of cars in a horrible decision everyone in this city will regret. This is a sacrifice of beauty for convenience.

In the past few months we've heard how terrifyingly close we are coming to disaster through global warming. The last thing our city, especially one as forward thinking as Madison, should be doing is encouraging MORE driving. And of all places, *to a park*. More importantly, we should be considering how we can continue to make our city more walkable and more bikeable.

Anyone who lives on the Isthmus, downtown, or campus is well within walking/biking/busing distance. Access for citizens within living distance is not an issue.

If we wish to argue that other citizens should have access, then the best question is not "how can we encourage them to drive there?" We should be looking to making biking easier and safer. We should be looking at ways to give their neighborhood parks/better parks.

Not only is there no economic benefit to encourage people from a far to drive a park, you're adding more cars to the isthmus, more pollution, and more traffic. And at what cost?

Do not destroy the beauty of our park.

Thank you

From: Kate Becker <[REDACTED]@wisc.edu>
Sent: Thursday, December 13, 2018 12:01 PM
To: Zellers, Ledell
Subject: James Madison master plan

Hi there

I am a resident of Isthmus area. I have always loved the wide open views from James Madison park. I just got a look at the proposed parking area which would run parallel to Gotham St. I am appalled by this. Surely there is a way to expand parking behind the temple building. Or, really, why is more parking even necessary for this neighborhood park?

Please add my voice to those who dissent against this plan.

Kate Becker

From: Brown, Nicole A <[REDACTED]@madisoncollege.edu>
Sent: Thursday, December 13, 2018 2:20 PM
To: Lerner, Sarah <SLerner@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: James Madison Memorial Park Plans

Hello Sarah,

I was recently made aware of potential park reconstruction plans for James Madison and noticed the meeting for public input took place last night. I missed this and was curious as to the outcome and if there is another opportunity for public input on these plans? The meeting notes listed on the parks webpage are from January of this year so I couldn't find an update that way.

Thank you,
Nicole Brown

From: Dawn Hinebaugh <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2018 7:08 PM
To: Lerner, Sarah <SLerner@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: James Madison MP public comment

Hi Sara,

I heard that the public comment period has been extended but can't find it on the Parks page. Can you help direct me to a specific site or should I just submit my comments to you?

Thanks,
Dawn

From: S Lilyestrom <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2018 8:14 PM
To: Lerner, Sarah <SLerner@cityofmadison.com>; Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>; Zellers, Ledell <district2@cityofmadison.com>; Rummel, Marsha <district6@cityofmadison.com>; Bidar-Sielaff, Shiva <district5@cityofmadison.com>; All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Planning <planning@cityofmadison.com>; Cheeks, Maurice <district10@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: James Madison Park

Hi,

1. thanks for your work on james madison park
2. please reconsider the current plan and the prioritization of parking and automobiles over green space. here are the reasons why:
 - park green space is already full on any given nice day, this does not indicate that access is an issue. moreover, it indicates we need *more not less* green space
 - the recent public outcry shows insufficient public outreach, despite the city's damage control attempts to say otherwise
 - the plan will not do anything to make gorham safer for biking, and if anything, it makes biking more dangerous. this is another example of the city saying cars > bikes
 - as a park user, i am ok biking, bussing, driving and parking on adjacent roads, or uberbing to the park (and have done all of these). I do not value dedicated lakefront parking.
 - the parking lot structure will create unusable green space between parking lot and road

- with few downtown and even fewer lakefront parks, we should not be increasing parking at them
- parking will create a safety issue for runners on the sidewalk. I've almost been hit by cars in Tenney Park multiple times while running; this set up where we have parking routes pass over pedestrian paths feels similar.
- open spaces were clearly prioritized over parking on the survey in the master plan. how did we end up with more parking?
- bike access and infrastructure was not a part of the survey, or seemingly considered at all

Thanks,

Joe

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On Dec 21, 2018, at 1:16 PM, Bob Klebba <[REDACTED]@gmail.com> wrote:

- >
- > Hi All,
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- > I've reserved the Community Room at Festival Foods to work on the parking issue in the proposed JMP master plan. We are meeting at 6:30 pm, Wednesday 2 January.
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- > Please come to the meeting prepared to offer alternatives that will work. We cannot remove parking completely from the plan, but we can make do with some parking that preserves sustainability and enhances safety and accessibility.
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- > Hopefully we can come up with an alternative that we can all support.
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- > Thank you for helping to make JMP the best it can be.
- >> --
- > Bob Klebba
- > [REDACTED] E Gorham St
- > Madison WI 53703-1522
- > 608-[REDACTED]

On Wed, Jan 2, 2019 at 7:59 AM Bob Klebba <[REDACTED]@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi All:

I want to remind you that we are meeting tonight to discuss the parking configuration in the proposed JMP master plan.

Before the meeting, I'd like to ask you what criteria you think are necessary for parking in JMP. These could range from no parking whatsoever to a 3-story parking garage. We will discuss criteria and then discuss alternative configurations.

I look forward to seeing you at the Festival community room tonight.

Bob

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Bob Klebba
[REDACTED] E Gorham St
Madison WI 53703-1522
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From: Danielle Scodellaro <[REDACTED]@mendotarowingclub.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 02, 2019 8:10 AM
To: Bob Klebba <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>

Cc: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Zellers,
Ledell <district2@cityofmadison.com>;

[REDACTED] Lerner, Sarah <SLerner@cityofmadison.com>;

Subject: Re: Meeting tonight Wednesday 6:30 pm

Hi Bob et al.,

I cannot attend on behalf of Mendota Rowing Club as I am still travelling for holiday. However, things that we think are most important are:

- Enforcement and signage of park parking on Blount at the top of the hill
- Well lit parking
- Some parking near the shelter/boathouse but not necessarily all the parking in the front of the park (maybe even service entry parking?)

- Parking should not prohibit the access to the service drive for access to the boathouse

With all that being said, parks has addressed all of these issues for MRC minus the enforcement and signage of the park parking on Blount because we haven't brought it up to them yet.

That doesn't mean though that we wouldn't support other designs that still meet the needs of the rowing club.

On behalf of Mendota Rowing Club,

Danielle Scodellaro

From: Judy Sidran <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 02, 2019 9:09 AM
To: Bob Klebba <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Cc: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Zellers,
Ledell <district2@cityofmadison.com>;

[REDACTED] Lerner, Sarah <SLerner@cityofmadison.com>
[REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Meeting tonight Wednesday 6:30 pm

Hi,

I support and encourage parking that is near or connected to The Gates of Heaven and the boathouse/shelter buildings.

These are all areas that need to be reached by non-neighborhood people for activities and events.

Thank you,
Judy Sidran

From: Anne N. Morrison <[REDACTED]@uli.com>

Sent: Wednesday, January 02, 2019 1:43 PM

To: [REDACTED] Bob Klebba <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>

Cc: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] <district2@cityofmadison.com>

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Lerner, Sarah <SLerner@cityofmadison.com>

Subject: RE: Meeting tonight Wednesday 6:30 pm

Hi All,

Thanks, Bob, for organizing the meeting. Unfortunately, neither Sabrina or I are able to make it.

I want to reiterate that for the foreseeable future, we think parking is critical so that the park can be accessible to those who live in the neighborhood and those that visit from outside the neighborhood. We would like to see the existing amount of parking preserved or increased so that the kind of park amenities that are envisioned can be successful. Compared with other community parks, JMP is severely under parked. We supported the latest parking scheme that was presented by Parks Department, but we are open to other concepts that offer the same amount of parking. Parking that is visible, easy to use and located to promote more contiguous green space is preferred.

Thanks everybody for your work on this. I'm sorry that we can't be there tonight.

Kind regards,

Anne

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From: Bob Klebba <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, January 04, 2019 5:23 PM

To: Rutledge, Kay <KRutledge@cityofmadison.com>

Cc: Lerner, Sarah <SLerner@cityofmadison.com>; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Zellers, Ledell <district2@cityofmadison.com>

Knepp, Eric

<EKnepp@cityofmadison.com>; Freiwald, Ann <AFreiwald@cityofmadison.com>

Subject: Re: Please read Re: Meeting notes

Here are my meeting notes with Dawn's additions.

best, Bob

Criteria

Joe Lusson

- Existing amount maintained because equity, rowing club
- Don't remove green space
- Serve GoH
- Serve rowing club
- Minimize curb cuts
- Maintain view shed
- Minimize loss of trees

James Tye

- Same or less parking
- Conforming to CPTED (Crime Prevention through Environmental Design)
- Parking away from shoreline
- Reduce impermeable surfaces
- Use rain garden (bioswale)

Judy Sidran

- Rented buildings need parking near them as per code for accessibility

Gigi Holland

- Nearby parking for GoH
- Parking should not interrupt green space

Jackie Suska

- Everything Joe said
- Green space conservation
- Dedicated parking for GoH
- Shelter also needs parking
- Increase parking maybe
- Bioswales
- Loading zone for shelter
- Safe access for all users to park

Dawn O'Kroley

- Proposed parking needs to respect T-L neighborhood plan (parks and open space preserved)
- Needs to comply with the Comprehensive plan – all views in and across park are important
- Follow MGO #?: only 5% of park can be paved
- Parking needs to be universally accessible for all amenities

- West shelter concept has the potential to meet MGO 8.35 PRESERVATION OF SHORELINE PARKS
- The discussion to find more parking directly outside the park requires more contact with departments beyond Parks

Patty Prime

- Likes Joe's criteria
- Parking needs to be clearly marked and enforceable
- Safe access for all users – ped, bike, car

David Waugh

- Parking is designed to match the aesthetics of the park
- Reduce impermeable surface
- Rain garden
- Interpretive signage for permeable pavement and design

Bob Klebba

- Parking capacity needs to include adjacent streets and nearby garages

Alex Einsman

- Maintain green space
- Keep park accessible to all
- Preserve the way the neighborhood relates to the park

Solutions

Gigi

- Use 400 block N Butler for more parking (10 spaces)
- Keep parking stalls behind GoH parallel to Butler

Judy

- Okay with existing parking, without basketball court adjacent
- Add more lighting

James

- Parking behind GoH is still a problem without basketball courts, doesn't conform to CPTED
- Modify proposed parking with entrance at Blair, but exit at Franklin
- Maintain some parking and access at GoH
- Add spaces on Butler

Joe

- Relocate and reduce parking behind GoH, make safer
- No more than 6 stalls for shelter, include enhanced loading dock
- Eliminate driveway from Blair to GoH

David

- Find more parking directly outside park
- Paint lines for parking spaces on Gorham St
- Keep existing GoH parking as is, remove obstructing landscaping for CPTED

Dawn

- Need an operations plan to determine exact parking needs
- Reconfigure GoH parking along west side of park with turn-around circle and drop-off site
- Include 10 spaces on Butler

Jackie

- Driveway entrance on Blair goes to rectangular parking alongside shelter
- Keep most of the parking near GoH

Alex

- Keep existing parking near GoH
- Use Blair St access to parking at shelter
- Reconfigure Gorham St Parking

Bob

- Don't have a drive connecting shelter with GoH

Next Steps

Informational presentation at BPC 9 Jan 6:30 pm at Olbrich – no action requested on JMP Master Plan

On Fri, Jan 4, 2019 at 5:12 PM Rutledge, Kay <KRutledge@cityofmadison.com> wrote:

Hi Dawn – quick update – handouts provided to the BPC at their December meeting have been added to the legislative file (54047), along with two potential parking options that will be discussed at the Park Commission meeting next week.

Here's the link to the file:

<https://madison.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=3770129&GUID=8A1DD7D4-19D9-4B5E-8761-553250C3DFE6&Options=ID|Text|&Search=54047>

As Sarah indicates below, staff is not recommending approval of the plan at the January meeting. Having an item titled on the agenda as “Informational” would preclude the BPC from voting on anything related to the matter, such as preferred parking alternatives; that's why it was determined that the item should be identified as “Discussion and Possible Recommendation.”

Have a good weekend everybody!

Kay

From: Lerner, Sarah
Sent: Friday, January 04, 2019 8:19 AM
To:

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[REDACTED] Zellers,
Ledell <district2@cityofmadison.com>

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Rutledge,
Kay <KRutledge@cityofmadison.com>; Knepp, Eric <EKnepp@cityofmadison.com>;
Freiwald, Ann <AFreiwald@cityofmadison.com>

Subject: RE: Please read Re: Meeting notes

Hi Dawn –

I spoke to the Assistant Parks Superintendent about this after the agenda was finalized. We spoke at the end of the day and I was planning on sending a clarifying email this morning. It is my understanding that there is no intent for an approval of a master plan on the 9th. The “DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATION” provides an avenue for the Board of Park Commissioners to discuss the project and provide direction, and without including this language there was concern that the Board couldn’t provide direction to staff based on the presented options or public input.

You’ll notice that on projects where we are seeking approval of master plans, the language states “RECOMMEND APPROVAL”, which is different than what is posted for the meeting on January 9th. As for the concepts, you are correct we do not have revisions yet posted in response to the meeting from Tuesday night. Sorry, yesterday was a busy day. We hope to have them up today.

I’m not typically involved in putting the agenda together, so if you have specific questions I can forward them to those who are involved. I’ve also copied the Parks Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent to provide any further clarification if necessary, as well as to forward your concerns about posting of the handouts.

- Sarah

From: Dawn O'Kroley <dokroley@dorschnerassociates.com>

Sent: Thursday, January 03, 2019 11:15 PM

To:

[REDACTED]

Ledell <district2@cityofmadison.com>

[REDACTED]

Lerner, Sarah <SLerner@cityofmadison.com>

Subject: Please read Re: Meeting notes

Importance: High

The agenda is posted for the 9th: Discussion and Possible Recommendation.

This is in direct contrast with what Parks staff portrayed yesterday evening. Parks staff indicated that the meeting on the 9th would be an INFORMATIONAL meeting. IT IS NOT. Action could be taken per the posted agenda.

Hand outs referenced with testimony in the minutes are not posted. No alternatives that Parks staff indicated they would study yesterday are posted.

Additional public comments are posted.

Very disconcerting. This is not acceptable.

From: Dawn O'Kroley <[REDACTED]@dorschnerassociates.com>

Date: 1/3/19 8:35 AM (GMT-06:00)

To:

[REDACTED]
Zellers (district2@cityofmadison.com),

[REDACTED] Ledell
[REDACTED]
Sarah Lerner (slerner@cityofmadison.com)
[REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Meeting notes

Thanks to everyone.

I noted the following comments as well:

- Parks staff indicated the January 9th Board of Park Commissioners meeting will be INFORMATIONAL. Parks staff is not recommending approval at the next meeting.
- The motion for referral at the Board of Park Commissioner's meeting referenced Ledell's request to the Park's Commissioners to adequately confirm information.
- I shared my opinion that the attached West Shelter Concept has the potential to meet MGO 8.35 PRESERVATION OF SHORELINE PARKS. Parks staff indicated the City Attorney will provide their opinion.
- The discussion to find more parking directly outside the park requires more contact with departments beyond Parks.
- Parks staff indicated city budgets are publicly available documents. Staff responded that JMP has no 2019 capital project budget allocation and there will be no projects in JMP in 2019.

Please note, the attached West Shelter concept and criteria represents all program functions discussed for equitable comparison to the draft master plan. Functions continue to be discussed to ensure the plan meets the criteria. We need the required recommendation(s) to change(s) in maintenance practices. We haven't discussed Gates reservations including shelter restroom access to allow us to change the current practice of a 10 day advance request for a portable accessible restroom. Shelter reservations need to be coordinated with Gates reservations. I included the criteria discussed on this image, many of the other criteria and goals everyone discussed are included in these referenced adopted plans of community members citywide.

Thank you,

Dawn O'Kroley

█ E Gorham Street

From: Bob Klebba <bob.klebba@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, January 02, 2019 9:58 PM

To:

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[\(slerner@cityofmadison.com\)](mailto:slerner@cityofmadison.com)

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Ledell

Sarah Lerner

Subject: Meeting notes

Hi all, thanks to those who came for a productive meeting. I took cursory notes during the meeting and transcribed them. Please review and let me know if there are any inaccuracies in what I wrote down. Bob

Bob Klebba

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From: Michael W. Coenen <█@hotmail.com>

Sent: Friday, December 28, 2018 2:32 PM

To: Lerner, Sarah <SLerner@cityofmadison.com>

Subject: James Madison redesign

Sarah,

I am a long time shore fishermen and lifelong Madison resident. I spend more time fishing from the James Madison Park seawall than anyplace else in the city. This is a very special place on Lake Mendota, the action of the waves crashing against the seawall keep the bottom clean. This provides important Walleye and gamefish habitat. If the seawall was removed the shoreline would silt in to a gradual taper similar to the beach. This would cover the off shore rock structure that draw gamefish and minnows to this spot.

The seawall is in relatively good shape and I don't believe the city should spend money demolishing it in any redesign of the park. As for people who don't feel secure walking there, they need to realize it is only 2 to 3 feet deep depending on lake levels, not a real hazard.

I realize I'm kind of a invisible Park user because I generally fish at night. I have been fishing here for over 40 years. Like I said a very special spot for someone who doesn't own a boat.

If it were to be Rip Rap it would become exactly the same as the unkept mess behind Lincoln School. It is full of invasive weeds and junk tree saplings. This is not safe to walk on, effectively ending my access. If the talked about fishing access piers were installed. I am afraid they will destroy what is special about this spot.

Thank you,

Michael W. Coenen

From: John Jacobs <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 22, 2018 7:48 AM
To: Lerner, Sarah <SLerner@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: Knepp, Eric <EKnepp@cityofmadison.com>; Zellers, Ledell <district2@cityofmadison.com>; Freiwald, Ann <AFreiwald@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Records request - James Madison Park police calls

Ms. Lerner,

Based on my experiences in the park when I rowed with Mendota and other occasions since, 700 police calls in 10.6 months seems awfully high to me. I've never regarded James Madison as a especially crime infested area.

1. Please provide me a copy of the police records which *identifies 700 calls to the several addresses associated with James Madison Park.*
2. Any other data you received which supports the following statement in the JMP draft master plan:
"From 1/1/2017 – 11/18/2017 there were over 700 police calls for service to James Madison Park."

Since the final vote on the JMP plan is very soon, I request the information be provided as soon as practicable and without delay.

Thank you.

John Jacobs

From: Dawn Hinebaugh <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 22, 2018 5:48 PM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: James Madison Park Plan

Parks Commission,

RE: James Madison Park Plan

I am writing to say that I am opposed to the proposed parking lot along Gorham Street.

Please do not approve the proposed new parking area along Gorham Street. Madisonians don't want to see CARS or PAVED PARKING AREAS in front of the lake. And please, do not remove trees to do it!!! We can do better than that. Let's find a better solution. For example: add to the parking area behind

Gates of Heaven and make the BB court more visible. We can find a better solution to this. There are options available to us, if we are willing to discuss.

Thanks for your consideration,
Dawn Hinebaugh

From: Parks <parks@cityofmadison.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 02, 2019 8:33 AM
To: Lerner, Sarah <SLerner@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: Freiwald, Ann <AFreiwald@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: FW: Parks Contact Submission: General Parks Questions

From: [REDACTED]@cs.wisc.edu <[REDACTED]@cs.wisc.edu>
Sent: Saturday, December 29, 2018 7:38 PM
To: Parks <parks@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Parks Contact Submission: General Parks Questions

Contact Information:

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Name: Nancy Wiegand
Street Address:
[REDACTED] W. Dayton Dayton St.
Madison, WI 53706
Phone: 608 [REDACTED]
Email: [REDACTED]@cs.wisc.edu

Comments / Questions:

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Subject: General Parks Questions

Comments / Questions:

This is regarding remodeling James Madison Park.
I believe that city parks should stay as natural as possible (trees, dirt paths versus pavement) rather than being playgrounds. The park areas are not very large in the first place. I don't like all the 'building' that is being proposed at James Madison park, including a large parking lot (even if porous). Instead, prioritize vegetation, not pavement. Do not have a large building with 'a large community room, cafe', etc. Supplying food is not needed in a park. Design it more with nature in mind and without encouraging large gatherings! The latter will just encourage or allow more noise and traffic.

From: Jonathan Bartnik <[REDACTED]@protonmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 02, 2019 3:50 PM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: James Madison Park(ing) Jan 9: Please Reconsider

Dear Parks Commission,

I've been a resident of the Isthmus for 5 of the past 6 years, and James Madison Park has functioned as my living room and my front yard. Please reconsider your plan to cut down old growth and put in additional pavement.

I recognize that part of the justification is to create access for people from other parts of the city, but parks should first and foremost serve the neighborhoods where they are located. I do not own a car, which makes most of the city's outlying parks inaccessible to me; and as I mentioned above, the park serves as an extension of my one-room studio, which is all I can afford to rent to stay on the Isthmus.

I'd rather see funds intended to pave over James Madison reallocated to improve or develop parks in areas that lack them, or to improve our public transit system so we don't need to build any more parking, ever.

And it's not like we don't have enough parking nearby: whenever friends visit me from out of town, I usually suggest they store their cars alongside James Madison, as there always seems to be spots available. Failing that, there are garages on Butler between Mifflin and Johnson, and at Pinckney and Dayton.

I encourage you to not approve of this plan, and instead call for new plans that leave James Madison intact while adding other access amenities, such as decent crosswalks on Gorham, or slowing traffic on Gorham and Johnson to make both of these streets less dangerous to cross.

-Jonathan M. Bartnik
[REDACTED] East Johnson Street #306

From: Amy Marsman <[REDACTED]@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 04, 2019 1:28 PM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: JMP design

Hello and Happy New Year!

I am writing to express my concern over the proposed parking in the redesign of James Madison Park. Like many others, I was dismayed to learn that this was even being considered. I live and work in Madison, regularly going to James Madison park with my family - and never have I found the parking situation to be a concern. Not once. My children's preschool classrooms and summer campers walk to this park on a regular basis and when we drive downtown there are zero concerns for us with regard to parking - and I'm lugging tons of kid stuff! The idea of paving over green space is

positively backwards. It would definitely ruin the beauty of this park. Please reconsider this element.

I am excited to see how the other renovations will evolve at James Madison and thank you for your engagement with the public.

Thanks again for taking my families' feedback into consideration!

Sincerely,
Amy Marsman

From: S Lilyestrom <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 05, 2019 6:04 PM
To: Lerner, Sarah <SLerner@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Re: James Madison Park

Hi Sarah,

Thanks for response. I am curious to learn more the parking changes. You mention that the number of parking spaces does not increase - what is the change in square feet allocated to parking?

thanks again,

Joe

From: Ben Thompson <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2019 10:56 AM
To: Zellers, Ledell <district2@cityofmadison.com>; Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: James Madison Park Plan

Hello Board of Park Commissioners and Ledell Zellers,

I am writing to suggest that you oppose the James Madison Park Plan. I oppose expanding and moving the parking lot as the green space is often used and is a great place to enjoy purchases after the farmers market! There is plenty of parking available nearby the park.

I do support renovating the James Madison Park shelter, as it could be much nicer, but a bigger parking lot and other re-arrangements are not needed and are bad for the park.

Thank you,
Ben Thompson
[REDACTED] Hiawatha Cir, Madison, WI 53711

From: ROBERT R THOMAS <[REDACTED]@wisc.edu>
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2019 3:19 PM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: James Madison Park Master Plan

Dear Planning Commission

I appreciate the efforts on the part of the design team to change the parking plan.

However I do not think these changes are enough. There should be no new parking along Gorham.

James Madison is one of the few open spaces downtown where people can walk dogs, watch the sunset, throw a frisbee, or sunbathe.

The path is narrow as it is.

Please do not add any new parking on Gorham.

The basketball courts should stay where they are and the parking should stay there too.

Robert Thomas

[REDACTED] East Johnson

From: Jason Beloungy <[REDACTED]@accesstoind.org>
Sent: Wednesday, January 09, 2019 9:56 AM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>; Zellers, Ledell <district2@cityofmadison.com>; Lerner, Sarah <SLerner@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: James Madison Park Master Plan

Good Morning,

I will not be able to attend this evening's Parks Commission meeting, but wanted to reiterate the support that Access to Independence gives the plan. I offer this feedback as I am aware that there are efforts being made to oppose the existing master plan, and to propose a second option, with a new shelter located on the west side of the park. Some supporters of a new plan cite accessibility and inclusion of people with disabilities as reasons for a different plan, which was brought to my attention by a supporter. Having been a partner in this master plan process, I wanted to make clear that Access to Independence only supports the plan that is up for a vote, and I wanted to reinforce two key points related to accessibility and inclusion of people with disabilities.

- The current plan significantly engaged the disability community in the planning and development phases, and that engagement and feedback was not just received, but incorporated well throughout the plan. A proposal being shared by concerned neighbors was not developed with the voice of the disability community, as the current plan was, and has not been extensively vetted, as the current plan has. The disability community lent its voice, and that voice is reflected throughout the current plan. While there are

additional details to be worked through and incorporated as the plan moves forward, re-engaging the same process is essentially telling the community that their voice and experience is not valued.

- There are significant concerns with the idea to build a shelter on the west side of the park. Centralizing the parking, amenities, and activities is important for access and inclusion. A shelter and parking lot that are located further away from the activities and amenities, as proposed by concerned neighbors, is counter to that. The reason is that it moves the amenities (rentals, concessions, showers, etc) further away from the location of the beach, playground, docks, fishing, etc. The added distance creates barriers for those with a variety of disabilities.

I thank the commission for its commitment to a master plan that moves James Madison Park toward full accessibility, and inclusion of all people with disabilities, regardless of age. The master plan presented by the parks department, that incorporates the voice of the disability community, is the plan that is supported by Access to Independence.

Sincerely,
Jason Beloungy

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From: Cannon <[REDACTED]@charter.net>
Sent: Wednesday, January 09, 2019 12:55 PM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: Zellers, Ledell <district2@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: James Madison Park - Parking Options 1 & 2

Dear Board of Park Commissioners,

We are unable to attend tonight's meeting where you plan to consider parking options for the James Madison Park master plan.

Please consider our comments and suggestions below.

Block-long diagonal parking lot along Gorham is still too large and intrusive.

To preserve open green space, the view and safety:

- (a) Add more parking spaces by Gates of Heaven. One idea is a permeable (gravel?) surface for event overflow parking (i.e. weddings) at GOH.
- (b) Ensure some accessible parking along Gorham through signage and enforcement.

Public parking at end of Blount St. - Option 1 with one row of parking +
turnaround seems reasonable. Option 2 carves up too much space.

Pete & Marsha Cannon

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