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**To:** [Close, Sarah](#)  
**Cc:** [president@elvehjemneighborhood.org](mailto:president@elvehjemneighborhood.org); [vicepresident@elvehjemneighborhood.org](mailto:vicepresident@elvehjemneighborhood.org)  
**Subject:** Re: Elvehjem Park Master Plan  
**Date:** Monday, June 03, 2019 9:32:13 AM

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**To:** "[Nancy Battist](#)"  
**Subject:** RE: LVM Park meeting  
**Date:** Monday, June 17, 2019 1:55:24 PM

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Hello Nancy,

Thank you for reaching out! I've been receiving a lot of comments from the neighbors of LVM and I'm excited to work with such an engaged group. I'll see you on Wednesday evening- as a quick aside, I will also be attending the Neighborhood Night Out to meet with neighbors and take comments and we will be holding a second evening meeting (probably in late August).

- 1.) Agreed on the condition of the courts, they are really showing their age. I'm definitely hearing a lot of comments for pickleball.
- 2.) I know exactly which shelter you're referring to, I used to walk by every day. I'll be honest, the existing LVM shelter is a concrete behemoth and isn't likely to go away anytime soon. However I am actively working with our Operations staff and the LVM neighborhood association on ideas for renovating the current shelter to make it more open, inviting, and accessible. Stay tuned on this!

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

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To: Close, Sarah <SClose@cityofmadison.com>  
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I will be at the LVM Park meeting this Weds., 6/19, I would like to let you know my preferences:

- 1) Pickle Ball courts needed & at Heritage Heights as well. More people play PB than tennis at both. Courts are in terrible condition especially at LVM.
- 2). Tear down park shelter & rebuild an open shelter - could be similar to Kennedy park shelter at the corner of Retana Dr. & Coach House Dr.

See you Weds.

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I like those ideas. The shelter entrance would be a great touch, or even the wing side. With one visible from Academy/LVM Elementary and the other visible from Painted Post.

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That is unfortunate to hear about the shelter and I will definitely pass this on to my supervisors. Is there anything specific we can try to improve in the near future? Perhaps we can find some leftover money to do at least some small improvements. Let's definitely keep this discussion going.

I think there is a lot of potential for this park and I am looking forward to working with the neighborhood to create a vision for moving forward. Please do encourage people to start brainstorming for what types of activities they would like to see in the park- even unusual things! No idea is too far out there at this point.

Sounds good on the Neighborhood Night Out, I will plan on being there. I will also be out later this afternoon to post signs in the park about the upcoming meeting and the postcards will be sent out either today or first thing tomorrow.

Talk to you again soon,

Sarah C.

**From:** Charles Donaldson <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Monday, June 03, 2019 9:32 AM

**To:** Close, Sarah <[SClose@cityofmadison.com](mailto:SClose@cityofmadison.com)>

**Cc:** [president@elvehjemneighborhood.org](mailto:president@elvehjemneighborhood.org); [vicepresident@elvehjemneighborhood.org](mailto:vicepresident@elvehjemneighborhood.org)

**Subject:** Re: Elvehjem Park Master Plan

Hello Sarah,

Thank you for informing us on this upcoming work. Elvehjem Park is core to the neighborhood and has been used for numerous neighborhood events.

Unfortunately, this year, we have had to move away from using the shelter due to its run down bathrooms and facilities. We know budgets have been tight and we are willing to work with the Parks department to help improve the park and it's shelter. News of this master plan comes at the perfect time.

I will inform other board members at our June 12th meeting of the PIM, I think they would be very interested.

For the neighborhood night out, I think it would be very appropriate for you to set up a listening session for the park. We have good participation every year and plenty of neighbors will be walking about.

Thank you for the link, and I look forward to working with you more as the master plan progresses,

Sincerely,

Charles Donaldson

ENA President

On Fri, May 31, 2019 at 12:25 PM Close, Sarah <[SClose@cityofmadison.com](mailto:SClose@cityofmadison.com)> wrote:

Dear Mr. Donaldson and Mr. Marker,

The City of Madison Parks Division is beginning the master planning process for

a park located within your neighborhood association boundaries. Elvehjem Park, which is located at 1202 Painted Post Rd, is considered a neighborhood park and currently offers an open field, tennis/pickleball courts, and a reservable shelter with restrooms. The overall master planning process will include completing an inventory and analysis of the existing conditions on the parcel, engaging residents through public information meetings, gathering public input through several strategies, and completing a conceptual plan for facilities that will be offered in the park.

We are holding the first public information meeting (PIM) on June 19th, 6:30PM-8:30PM at the Elvehjem Elementary School library. I see there a neighborhood association board meeting the evening of June 12th- would you be willing to make a short announcement to attendees about the PIM? Parks will be mailing postcards and posting signs in the park as well.

Also, I see there is a Neighborhood Night Out event the evening of 8/6. Would this be an appropriate event for a pop-up listening session regarding the master plan for Elvehjem Park? It would be myself and a small table with information, collecting comments from the neighbors.

There is a webpage on the Parks Project Portal that is an excellent reference for more information, upcoming meetings, meeting agendas, contact info etc. Please view it here: <https://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/projects/elvehjem-park-master-plan>

Thank you,

Sarah C.

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**From:** [Close, Sarah](#)  
**To:** ["Larry & Annette Landsness"](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Elvehjem Park Master Plan  
**Date:** Monday, June 17, 2019 1:29:57 PM

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Hello Annette,

Thank you for reaching out and being an engaged park patron! I appreciate hearing from you and am sorry that you won't be able to make the meeting this week. I will also be at the Neighborhood Night Out event on 8/6 and we will host another evening meeting, probably in late August. Hopefully we will have the chance to meet later this summer.

Pickleball is definitely a popular sport, we are hearing more and more requests for facilities! I agree on the condition of the Elvehjem courts, they are really showing their age. Do you feel like pickleball courts in Elvehjem Park would be best as drop-in facilities or available for reservations? Do you see a demand for pickleball facilities with several courts where tournaments can be held?

Thank you,  
Sarah C.

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

From: Larry & Annette Landsness <[REDACTED]@sbcglobal.net>  
Sent: Monday, June 17, 2019 1:09 PM  
To: Close, Sarah <SClose@cityofmadison.com>  
Subject: Elvehjem Park Master Plan

Hi Sarah,

I cannot make the meeting Wednesday but wanted to say that removal of the tennis courts and instead replacing with dedicated pickleball courts (6-8?) would be a HUGE upgrade to the park. As you know, pickleball is the fastest growing sport among 55 and older....and I am seeing young ppl picking it up as well.

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Tennis courts converted to pickleball courts is far from ideal. With the horrendous shape of the Elvehjem courts something needs to be done and I think this is a beautiful solution.

Thanks for letting me have an input!

Annette Landsness

**From:** [Close, Sarah](#)  
**To:** ["Larry & Annette Landsness"](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Elvehjem Park Master Plan  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 18, 2019 1:10:33 PM

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Hi Annette,

Makes sense, we certainly don't want to exclude anyone! Flexibility in a space is a great asset.

Sarah C.

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

From: Larry & Annette Landsness <[REDACTED]@sbcglobal.net>  
Sent: Tuesday, June 18, 2019 11:12 AM  
To: Close, Sarah <SClose@cityofmadison.com>  
Subject: Re: Elvehjem Park Master Plan

Hi Sarah,

Definitely for drop in, but if you have enough of them maybe reservations and tournaments as well. You don't want to have them all be reserved and exclude ppl who want to play socially, though. I myself am not on the pickleball tournament roster!

Thanks again!

Annette

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**From:** [Crosby, Mark](#)  
**To:** [Close, Sarah](#)  
**Subject:** Elvehjem Park Feedback  
**Date:** Monday, July 15, 2019 1:46:53 PM

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I just took a call regarding Elvehjem. The caller was initially asking about Pickleball. She went to Elv. to play pickleball but the whole park “just seemed too ghetto.” I asked what she meant by that, but after some stumbling was just told that “well the grass was just high.”

So there’s your feedback: The grass at Elvehjem is too high and that makes it ghetto.

I’m sure that’s what the caller meant initially and that this was not a case of backtracking when questioned about coded language.

Thank you,

**Mark J. Crosby**

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Beautiful Madison, for all thou hast been to me, I love thee as I love no other place on earth. May you grow to be the greatest in all things as you have grown to be the greatest in many things! –Bascom B Clarke, 1902

**From:** [Tierney, Michael](#)  
**To:** [Close, Sarah](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Elvehjem Park Master Plan  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 10, 2019 8:17:52 PM

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Hi Sarah,

**Thank you for the note. I was unaware that there was fill at the location. I reviewed the proposals and concur with your recommendation for option #1.**

Thank you.

Mike

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**From:** Close, Sarah  
**Sent:** Monday, September 9, 2019 3:59 PM  
**To:** Tierney, Michael  
**Subject:** RE: Elvehjem Park Master Plan

Afternoon Mike,

Parks held the second public information meeting for the Elvehjem Park master plan on 9/6. Unfortunately, neighborhood attendance wasn't what we had hoped for, but Parks would like to continue to move forward with the planning process. Over 450 postcards were sent to individual residents and signs were posted in Elvehjem Park for the first meeting on June 16. For the follow-up meeting, notices were emailed out to residents who had attended the first meeting and were also posted on the Parks and City websites.

I would like to move forward with finalizing the master plan for this park in order to present to the Board of Park Commissioners this fall. I plan to post the two draft conceptual master plans on the Project Portal webpage (located here: <https://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/projects/elvehjem-park-master-plan>), notify the neighborhood association board, and have attached the options to this email for your review. Please let me know if you have any concerns with this approach.

Of the two draft plans, I would recommend option #1 with the bicycle playground and small play area by the shelter. After reviewing the community input and survey results, I believe this master plan is a better fit for the wants and needs expressed by the neighborhood. Please note neither draft plan calls for the replacement of the tennis courts. While a few neighbors were interested in seeing them rebuilt (or even expanded), after some research it turns out this park is completely built on fill soil. Building any type of sport court, such as tennis or basketball, wouldn't be feasible due to the inherent instability of the fill. (A losing proposition from the start!) Both draft plans do leave the bulk of the field open- while formal reservations have gone down in recent years, based on informal observation it seems as though it is still a popular, informal area to hold smaller-scale sports practice.

Please let me know your thoughts.

Thanks,  
Sarah C.

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**From:** Close, Sarah  
**Sent:** Friday, August 16, 2019 10:53 AM  
**To:** Tierney, Michael <district16@cityofmadison.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Elvehjem Park Master Plan

Morning Mike,

We are set for 6:30PM on 9/6/19 in the Elvehjem Elementary library. Don't forget, 9/2 is Labor Day!

Thanks,  
Sarah C.

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**From:** Tierney, Michael <[district16@cityofmadison.com](mailto:district16@cityofmadison.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 14, 2019 3:11 PM  
**To:** Close, Sarah <[SClose@cityofmadison.com](mailto:SClose@cityofmadison.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: Elvehjem Park Master Plan

**Hi Sarah, I could do a Monday or Friday night meeting that week. If necessary I could skip an MPO meeting and attend a Wednesday meeting.**

**Thank you.**

**Mike**

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**From:** Close, Sarah  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 14, 2019 12:22 PM  
**To:** Tierney, Michael  
**Subject:** Elvehjem Park Master Plan

Good afternoon Alder Tierney,

The City of Madison Parks Division is continuing with the master planning process for Elvehjem Park. We are planning our second public information meeting for the first week of September. Would you be available any evenings that week, if you would like to attend? At this meeting we will be presenting conceptual master plans for the neighborhood to review and provide comments on. As usual, after the meeting we will post the presentation and meeting results on the Project Portal website here: <https://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/projects/elvehjem-park-master-plan>

Thank you,  
Sarah C.

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**From:** [Close, Sarah](#)  
**To:** ["Cynthia Bliss"](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Elvehjem Park Master Plan- Meeting 10/3  
**Date:** Thursday, September 19, 2019 2:58:19 PM

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Hi Cynthia,

Thanks so much for reaching out, great to hear from you! I definitely agree on the shelter needing some TLC- it has a lot of potential. Are you thinking ice skating like one of the "N-Ice" rinks?

Thanks,  
Sarah C.

**From:** Cynthia Bliss <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 19, 2019 1:55 PM  
**To:** Close, Sarah <[SClose@cityofmadison.com](mailto:SClose@cityofmadison.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: Elvehjem Park Master Plan- Meeting 10/3

Hi Sarah,  
I came to the first meeting, but was unable to attend the 2nd, or this next one. I looked at the proposals - just want to say that I love the idea of an ice rink, as long as it isn't only for hockey. I'd start skating again! And the shelter definitely could use a face lift.  
Thanks for your hard work on this.  
Cynthia Bliss

On Thu, Sep 19, 2019 at 11:23 AM Close, Sarah <[SClose@cityofmadison.com](mailto:SClose@cityofmadison.com)> wrote:

Good morning all,

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Apologies about the confusion regarding the date for the second meeting, it was unclear whether the meeting was to be held on 9/6 or 9/11. I hope everyone is able to attend this third meeting on 10/3. If not, I have posted the meeting materials on the Elvehjem Park Master Plan webpage (here: <https://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/projects/elvehjem-park-master-plan>). Please feel free to review and call or email (or write an old-fashioned letter) with your comments.

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*"The computer can't tell you the emotional story. It can give you the exact mathematical design, but what's missing is the eyebrows."*

-Frank Zappa

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**From:** [Close, Sarah](#)  
**To:** "Nancy Battist"  
**Subject:** RE: Elvehjem Park Master Plan- Meeting 10/3  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 25, 2019 2:23:20 PM

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Hello Nancy,

So glad to hear from you, thank you for taking the time to reach out. I hope all is well and you are enjoying this marvelous weather!

Here is a link to the presentation we'll be going over at the meeting next week:

<https://www.cityofmadison.com/sites/default/files/city-of-madison/parks/documents/Elvehjem%20PIM%202.pdf>

The IClicker summaries from our first public information meeting start on page 21. Following that there is a summary of the online survey and the design exercise from our first meeting. Please let me know if there are any issues with the link, if so I will try to send as an emailed attachment.

You are correct regarding the tennis/pickleball courts and I completely agree, it's a shame. When Parks did more research, we discovered that the soils in Elvehjem Park are inherently too unstable to support a sport court (such as a tennis or basketball court). It's like trying to build a castle on top of sand- there's not enough support or structure to keep a concrete slab in one piece. It's also why we've had such difficulty maintaining the existing courts (mystery solved!).

We definitely heard from residents and the neighborhood association board that the shelter needs attention. I am investigating to see what can be done, not only for aesthetics but for increased functionality and accessibility. Parks doesn't have the budget to do a complete tear-down and replacement but stay tuned on this one- the ball is rolling.

Thanks again Nancy. As always, feel free to reach out at any time!  
Sarah C.

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**From:** Nancy Battist <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 23, 2019 8:07 AM  
**To:** Close, Sarah <SClose@cityofmadison.com>  
**Subject:** Re: Elvehjem Park Master Plan- Meeting 10/3

Hi Sarah,

I would have liked to have seen the meeting #1 questionnaire clicker answers and preliminary master plans. Looks like tennis courts are being removed from both #2 preliminary plans. No Pickleball courts at all and no paved walking path around the park. Most responses you showed were from people who have lived in the area for 2-3-years. I did your online survey and plan to come to the 10/03 meeting. I hope you will post your overall survey results and go by these. Many people who attended the first meeting lived in the area for 15-40+ years. It would have been nice to have seen the first meeting clicker responses to your question survey.

Looking forward to seeing you at the 10/03 meeting.



Thanks for keeping this going. The LVM Park is sparse and can use an upgrade. The shelter is a "bunker" and is disgusting to use. Tear it down and rebuild it like Olbrich's where it is open and at LVM can view the beauty of the woods. Thanks for reading my email.

Sincerely,

A 32-year LVM property owner,

Nancy Battist

████████████████████ Amsterdam Ave.

Sent from my iPhone

Nancy Battist

"When prayers go up blessings come down. "

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**From:** [Close, Sarah](#)  
**To:** [Hagen, Christopher](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Is it to late to provide feedback on Elvehjem public park?  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 23, 2019 3:30:39 PM

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Hi Chris,

Thanks for reaching out! Not too late at all, the formal master plan and report go to the Board of Park Commissioners (BPC) on 11/6. We've definitely heard strong support for a pump track/bike playground element and that is being included in the new master plan. See here: <https://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/projects/elvehjem-park-master-plan>

Select "Elvehjem Park DRAFT Master Plan Concepts" and view option #1. That was the preferred option at our last public input meeting and (with a few minor adjustments) will be what we are presenting to the BPC.

No need to submit feedback in another format, this email chain will be saved and filed as part of the master plan process.

Thanks much,  
Sarah C.

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**From:** Hagen, Christopher <[REDACTED]@cityofmadison.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 23, 2019 3:10 PM  
**To:** Close, Sarah <SClose@cityofmadison.com>  
**Subject:** Is it to late to provide feedback on Elvehjem public park?

Sarah,

I feel bad, I've never seen this before now but this summer/fall has been rough. We live just south of buckeye so we are out of the ¼ mile range, but the kids use that park all the time.

We are avid bicycle users, the kids (7 and 11) are both MTB racers with the east side/sun prairie composite teams. My older son's best friend lives adjacent to this park so it's a prime go-to spot. My wife is a board member for MadTown BMX and has contacts with both Pacific cycle and Trek, and we'd be very interested in the plan for a bike park, and might even be able to help with any fund raising efforts for this.

Is there a way to formally provide feedback on this? I know of at least 3-4 BMX or MTB families within the immediate area that would be immensely in favor of this (one of whom works for Pacific Cycle there on the beltline), and who almost borders this park.

Thanks,  
chris

**Chris Hagen**

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**Phone Comments:**

- Open space used by dogs, kites, snowmobiles
- Update the tennis courts and pavement, plan to redo?
- Likes the feeling of the open space
- Concerns about synthetics and pollution
- Doesn't want to add structures or pavement
- Keep it open, don't add more
- Improve the existing amenities, redo or renovate
- How much to rent the shelter? Expensive?
- Prefers wooden play structures
- Redo the 4-square court
- Pavement looks haphazard and should be redone

6/17

Kim, LVM neighbor

Declined to give last name

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- Would like to see the tennis courts redone in the classic green and white color scheme
- Would feel safer if the trees around the tennis courts were cut back, they limit visibility

6/21

Kim, LVM neighbor

Declined to give last name

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- Neighborhood is a late 60's-early 70's style architecture. Excellent era, wants anything done in the park to match that style. They didn't have synthetic materials. Clean lines, sunshine, open sky, open structures.
- Hate to have it turn into "hippy style".

- doesn't like the current trend of dark colors, dark brick
- wants a planner to do research into the 60's-70's style of architecture

6/21 3:51PM

Kim, LVM neighbor

Declined to give last name

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- keep it open and classic looking
- wants nice walkways, sidewalks and asphalt currently have weeds growing through the cracks
- make it look nice and cared for and maintained
- make it classy looking, not busy, clean, nice place people would want to spend time in

6/21 3:46PM

Kim, LVM neighbor

Declined to give last name