



# Task Force on Municipal Golf in Madison Parks

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Date 3/5

Why not consider partnerships w/ businesses?  
Why not fundraisers for equipment or other  
purposes.

Take the yoke off the courses so it is  
part of parks. Or hire a management company  
for at least Yahara.

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Partner w/Dane County to run Yahara.

Why ~~are~~ is the Task Force not here?

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*Fallacies on numbers.*

*Since most golfers play on weekends, it is difficult to get a tee time at any Dane County course.*

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Why isn't Odessa considered for closing?

There are more courses on the westside than east.

Yakara has more parking, a better clubhouse and is easy to get to.

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The problem with the task force is that it is very narrowly focused. The only solutions so far has been closing courses, but what about other options. Where is creative thinking? There are so many other options it is ridiculous.

One better choice is to give the courses a two or three year window, to explore creative options.

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Hi,  
Great job answering questions. My  
idea about a bike path along the  
edge of Odawa, it could also work  
along the edge of Odawa Rd, between  
the evergreens & the curb.

(OVER)

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Also, as for a x-country skiing, have you ~~to be~~ considered a free weekend? The more people seeing & using the courses, the more people that will want to support the courses, and spend money at the club house.

one last idea, course naming rights.

Thank you



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Affordable & accessible golf courses should be a priority. Monona  
must remain open to allow East-side & lower-income & lower-skill  
golfers an accessible place to play. With the best drainage of  
all courses, and a location near lower-income neighborhoods, it should  
be kept open for generations to come.

The task force list of costs reads like a list of nice-to-haves, not needs.  
Disappointed in the options list.

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MONONA SHOULD BE KEPT AS A SHORT NEIGHBORHOOD COURSE. I'M AN  
EXPERIENCED YOUNG GOLFER WHO CAN PLAY ANY OF THE DANE COUNTY  
COURSES, BUT GLENWAY AND MONONA ARE ESSENTIAL STEPPING STONE  
COURSES. THEY'RE ALSO AN ASSET FOR SENIORS I'VE COME TO FIND. VAHARA  
STANDS OUT AS A BRE THUMB FROM MY PERSPECTIVE. IT HAS THE  
WORST DRAINAGE, A DUMP ACROSS THE STREET, AND CAN BE REDUCED  
ACCOUNTS FOR ABOUT THE SAME ROUNDS AS ODANA. IT COULD BE REDUCED  
TO A DRIER 18 HOLES, AND THE <sup># of</sup> REMAINING ~~##~~ LAND CONVERTED TO LOW-MAINTENANCE  
PARKS / DISC GOLF / SOLD TO

Contact name (optional)

RICKY

DEVELOPMENT





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If you want to support a pipeline for young/unskilled or lower socio-economic-status golfers, New golfers, then closing Monona is a terrible decision. Golfer numbers are in decline because it's somewhat expensive and difficult to get into. Monona delivers an easier/cheaper option that is crucial for noobs - keep it open.

Adding wells is really important and a financially-responsible decision. Reconfigure Yahara to 18 holes!  
it is a marsh!

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MISMANAGEMENT OF THE MADISON  
GOLF GOES BACK 40 YEARS  
DEMOLITION THRU NEGLIGENCE IS  
AGAINST THE LAW.

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MIKE COENEN  
I WISH TO SPEAK



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Please save Monona Golf Course. It's our  
only neighborhood course on the east side. The  
west side has two. Madison must consider  
fairness + equity!

Contact name (optional)

Amy Scarr

Email Address (if you'd like to stay informed)

I want to speak.



I would like to speak at the Meeting



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Points I wish to make

- Municipal golf is important for low & moderate income players
- Glenway & Monona are important for young, elderly, female, & novice players

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don't close Monona !!

Curator Historic Blooming Grove Historical Society  
Dean House

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*Carm Waidlich*

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Why ~~are~~ not utilize city/state taxes?

change Yahara to 18 holes

why get any new clubhouses

why isn't Odona affected?

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1. The Task Force has been given the wrong charge.
2. The City should do the right thing  
which is the hard thing.  
The easy thing is to sell.

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We are not professional Golf courses  
but we are citizen golf courses  
that provide health + well-being  
and all important green space -  
immeasurably important for the soul

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IN FAVOR OF KEEPING  
MONONA GOLF COURSE- WE JUST  
BUILT A NEW HOME ON THE 5TH  
FAIRWAY.

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We love the Monona Golf Course, the groups that play there & the youth programs they have. We always choose to play @ Monona over the Yahara course! Conditions are better, we can play in less time and enjoy the course!

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Email Address (if you'd like to stay informed) \_\_\_\_\_





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Attendance/Participation at Yehore has gone down dramatically because of the condition of the course. I'm certain that if the water drainage problems were taken care of and the pond traps improved, play would definitely increase. Also, why can't we charge more? People would pay more for a course that is in good shape.

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I take care of my wife who has dementia,  
the one way I can have some fun time is on  
the golf course. I go early while she is still  
sleeping and can then go golfing.

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In order to meet the city's commitment to be 100% renewable energy by 2030, having a wind turbine or multiple would help achieve this goal. If golf courses don't have activity in the winter, this would be great to explore.

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Monona Golf Course is truly a community  
golf course. I often see kids taking  
lessons, practicing or playing with family or  
friends. There are numerous <sup>KID & ADULT</sup> bikes parked  
here to show people come here from nearby.  
People of all ages enjoy this ~~cont~~ well  
situated course. It promotes golf for future generations!

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Please do not sell the Monona  
Golf course. The neighborhood uses  
the area for recreation, walking,  
open space & drainage. There is  
no other large park nearby to  
use for open space & drainage.

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18 holes at Yahara & 9 at monona would provide  
18 holes at odana & 9 at GLENVA equal access for  
east and west  
side roads

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*Fix Monona, Monway, Odana by upgrades  
where needed & Open them in winter to  
cross country skiing, snowshoeing - rent them  
for income.*

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How do you have the revenue  
from 100,000 rounds and  
still lose \$500,000?

what is eating up all that revenue?

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Email Address (if you'd like to stay informed) \_\_\_\_\_





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I have lived by Monona for 68  
years and the parking lot is full  
every day - we need that !!

Contact name (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

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I fervently want the Golf course  
to remain a golf course.

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Are you exploring options to keep all the courses & holes, or are you simply trying to justify closures.

What is your concern about the 90% of the golfers that can't afford to play at private courses

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WHY WASN'T CLOSING GLENWAY + 18 HOLES AT YAHARA  
ONE OF THE OPTIONS? SUGGEST CITY RETURN TO CONTRACTING  
COURSE MANAGEMENT TO PRIVATE PRO'S. THEY WOULD BE ABLE  
TO INCREASE REVENUE BY ATTRACTING G-OUTINGS, TOURNAMENTS, GOLF  
LEAGUES, JUNIOR PLAY AND ACTIVELY MARKETING THE GOLF COURSE.  
CLOSING 18 HOLES AT YAHARA MIGHT BE A GOOD TEMP SOLUTION  
UNTIL COURSE IN THE BACK. IMPROVE YAHARA PLAYING CONDITIONS (OVER)

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ELIMINATE THE GOLF ENTERPRISE. WOULD THE COUNTY BE INTERESTED  
IN TAKING OVER YAHARA? CONTRACTED OUT COURSE MAINTENANCE LIKE  
SEVERAL OF THE PRIVATE COURSES DO? WE NEED ATTRACTIVE REASONABLE  
PUBLIC GOLF COURSES IN MADISON. WHY AREN'T OTHER CITY OWNED  
SPORTS FACILITIES EXPECTED TO PAY THEIR OWN WAY; TENNIS, SKATING,  
BIKE PATHS, SOCCER FIELDS, ETC.?



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Consolidate the number of holes that the city has, not the  
number of courses. Multiple municipal courses are important  
in a city of this size. The Glenway course is an  
important component of the Westmorland neighborhood.

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Resident (Tokay Blvd)

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