

## **Request for a Temporary Cyclocross Practice Course at North-East Park**

**Background:** Mr. Rob Lewis approached the Parks Division with a request to practice the sport of cyclocross in a City of Madison Park. During the past 6-7 months, staff has met with Mr. Lewis to discuss potential parks that could accommodate his request. Recently, all parties came to agreement on the use of the southern area of North-East Park (5501 Tancho Dr., also known as the North-East Greenspace).

**Proposal:** Mr. Lewis has met with Park Operations staff on-site and an agreed upon practice course has been determined (Exhibit A). Staff recommends the following conditions regarding this request for a temporary cyclocross practice course at North-East Park; these conditions have been discussed and agreed to by Mr. Lewis:

- Parks will mow the designated course (the majority of this area is currently a managed meadow and therefore not on a regular mowing schedule). Staff will periodically mow and monitor the course for this use.
- If Parks staff notes any particular areas that are worn or damaged in the turf, staff will work with Mr. Lewis to modify the course to allow time for the turf to recover.
- Mr. Lewis will make an annual payment of \$600 to cover the cost of the additional mowing to maintain the course (Mr. Lewis will determine how to collect this amount from participants). This fee will be due in April.
- Parks staff will place signage in the park notifying patrons that there is a designated course for cyclocross practice.
- The addition of the cyclocross practice course is a temporary use in this park. The Parks Superintendent has the discretion to discontinue this use in the park if, at any time, the course is abused or damaged (Parks reserves the right to close and/or limit use of the park for cyclocross practice to protect the park's assets).
- Staff will meet with Mr. Lewis at the beginning of each calendar year to discuss continued use of the park for cyclocross practice and whether any modifications or variations for future use are proposed.

Mr. Lewis will provide a presentation on the sport and intended use of the park at the February 11, 2015, Board of Park Commissioners meeting.

**Recommendation:** Parks staff recommends approval of the temporary use of a portion of North-East Park for a cyclocross practice course at the location identified in Exhibit A and with the conditions as outlined above.