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To: Parks Staff and City Planning Staff

From: Parks Long Range Planning Subcommittee

CC: Eric Knepp

Re: Questions for Parks staff to consider when preparing to bring a City of Madison Planning document to the Board of Parks Commissioners for review.

The City of Madison Planning Department refers neighborhood development, neighborhood and special area plans to the BPC for review. The BPC reviews two to three of these planning documents per year.

Neighborhood development plans provide a framework for the growth and development of the City's peripheral urban expansion areas where development is expected to occur in the foreseeable future. Examples include the Yahara Hills Plan (2017) and the Rattman Plan (2019).

Neighborhood plans serve as a guide for actions and changes that will strengthen Madison's established neighborhoods and how best to accommodate anticipated growth. Plan topics include land use, zoning, mobility, housing, community services, economic development, historic preservation, urban design, open space, health, safety, and infrastructure. Recent examples include, Triangle Monona Bay (2019) and Mifflandia (2019).

Special area plans focus on specific areas likely to see growth or change in the near future or have a unique functional use like downtown, a transit station area, the airport, and other employment or activity centers. Examples of Special Area Plans include the Oscar Mayer Special Area Plan (2020) and the Greater East Towne Area Plan (still in development).

In connection with the BPC's review, Parks staff develops and presents information about the plan to the BPC. To assist the BPC in effectively reviewing the document, the following questions should be addressed in the staff presentation(s):

1. What has been Parks' staff involvement in the development of the Plan?
2. How does the Plan apply the priorities and standards in the current Parks and Open Space Plan?
 - a. Review the plan using the four lenses from the POSP (Equity, Public Health, Sustainability and Adaptability)
 - b. List any of the POSP recommended strategies that are addressed by this plan.
 - c. Any in contravention of POSP? If so, please provide details.
3. How do the Parks-related aspects of the Plan incorporate concepts of racial equity and social justice?

4. How much park land is called for under this Plan (if any), and where will it be located and what will be its park classification?
 - a. How does the proposed park land fit in with the existing park system?
 - b. Are there environmental or conservation issues (including significant impact on plants, animals, wetlands or waterways) we should be aware of? Please describe.
5. Does this plan affect any existing parks? If yes, please provide details.
6. What other Parks-related options were considered in developing the plan and why were they not selected?
7. Have there been any Parks-related public controversies around this plan? How does the plan address these issues? What Park-related policy choices are presented in these discussions? (Ask group if we removed this. Is this too broad?)