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**Subject:** Comments: Warner Park Southeast Recreation Area Development Meeting - Tuesday, July 9th 2024

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Hello,

I can't make tonight's meeting but would like to submit a couple comments if I could.

First, I would like to thank Parks for leaving the All-Wheel Spot in the plan! A lot of hard work went into the Lily Pad's construction and it has become a well-used addition to Warner Park.

I would very much like to see the large Cottonwood tree left in the plan. Perhaps there's a way to reconfigure the multi-use fields, or remove one so it can stay? It's a beautiful tree that I see families picnicking under and while we were building the Lily Pad there were countless comments about how cool it is. It would be a great shame to see it go.

I know you have, and will receive a lot of comments about the single track bike trail disturbing a natural area. All that aside, the area where that track is planned is exceedingly wet, both inside the woods and out, for much of the year so you might want to reconsider that location.

I think that's all, thank you for your time and good luck with the meeting!

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From: Pat Malcolm <pmalcpoet@gmail.com>

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1. Alter air quality study to include Warner Park, where there is a marsh and frequent fireworks, car, truck and bus traffic and the nearby airport.
2. Save the large cottonwood and stop cutting down mature trees to accommodate human activity. It has been suggested that installing 4 fields to include a dedicated cricket pitch could save the tree.
3. Do not allow mountain bike trails where people will be walking. Because there are so many bikes, pathways are becoming dangerous for people!

Thank you so much,  
Pat Malcolm  
Madison

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for the public record. Thank you

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**Sent:** Wednesday, July 10, 2024, 12:39:05 PM CDT  
**Subject:** RE: Cricket pitch concepts at Warner Park

Hello Beth,

Thank you for your input. We will include your thoughts in our public record for this project. You likely already know this, but the concept plan is going to the Board of Parks Commissioners tonight. Please join us if you can.

**ANN FREIWALD, PLA** *(she/her)*

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**Subject:** Re: Cricket pitch concepts at Warner Park

Dear Ann,

Due to both the language barriers and the close proximity to Warner Park, walkable, which the city encourages, then why not create the sustainable and environmentally friendly option of hosting a dedicated pitch in the park?

You can then put an ultimate frisbee or soccer or lacrosse field in near Am Fam when feasible.

For the sake of diversity, equity and inclusion, I am requesting a dedicated pitch. Make it easy for my neighbors to walk over and play ball.

No polluting transit, ease of use, and all fields could be in play if there was actual room for all of them. Rather than tie up possibly three fields for play with cricket, if we consider four fields, one a dedicated cricket pitch, then all fields can play and no one need stand down.

It seems like a win win to me.

Beth

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On Wednesday, July 10, 2024, 11:10:34 AM CDT, Freiwald, Ann <[afreiwald@cityofmadison.com](mailto:afreiwald@cityofmadison.com)> wrote:

Hello Beth, thank you for your comments. Parks does understand the need for cricket fields in our park system. I personally have seen the cricket players at Berkely Park and at Warner. They make good use of Reindahl as well. And, as you know, we will soon open a dedicated cricket pitch at Elver Park.

We are currently working with some cricket players to get a temporary pitch for them to use at Warner while we pursue the updates to the SE recreation area, which will, when done, include two cricket pitches overlaid on rectangular fields.

While a dedicated pitch is the best case scenario, Parks is also aware of the high demand for soccer, football, lacrosse and other sports that need rectangular fields. We feel strongly that this solution of shared fields will meet the needs of a variety of sports and serve the greatest number of sports enthusiasts.

It is a way out in the future, but Parks owns land out east of American Family, and we plan for additional cricket pitches there as well. These will be dedicated.

Thank you for your thoughts and engagement with Parks.

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**Subject:** Re: Cricket pitch concepts at Warner Park

Dear Kevin and Ann,

I am aware of a large population of mostly non-English speaking or limited English speaking neighbors who live at the Northport Apartments. They have contacted the D18 alder with interest in a cricket pitch in the park. In an effort to have equity addressed on the very diverse side of the city, I am wondering if having one of the cricket pitches located on a side where it would be less likely to take up two adjacent fields but rather, perhaps only one, or have a dedicated pitch with four fields.

When you reserve a cricket pitch, how does that impact the rental of the other two adjacent fields for play?

I think that the Northside would do well with a dedicated pitch that is not going to be impacted by other field sports that make it unable to reserve the pitch because the two adjacent fields are already in play.

Or am I off on my assessment?

I am including Alder Myadze who has been contacted regarding the cricket pitch at the park as well as Alder Amani as this is in her district. I believe they would support a dedicated cricket pitch that would allow for the pitch to be in play for most of the cricketing season and for tournaments.

Most other sides of town have dedicated pitches. Having a dedicated pitch would be a great offering to families living on the Northside.

I appreciate your time on this matter and please keep us all in the loop. I know that the Board of Park Commissioners meets this evening. Also having a shade feature and a bench near the pitch site for the family members that are attending the matches.

Many thanks.

Beth Sluys

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On Wednesday, July 10, 2024, 10:13:17 AM CDT, Parks Athletics <[parksathletics@cityofmadison.com](mailto:parksathletics@cityofmadison.com)> wrote:

Beth,

Our athletic fields are typically open for play from April through October, weather dependent. Reservations for those fields can be submitted starting in mid-February and then can continue to be made through the end of the current year. So 2025 reservations on our fields will begin around February 15, 2025 for the 2025 April to October season. Once we reach the end of October, no more field reservations can be made until the following February.

Please let me know if you have any other questions. The information below is about WebTrac, the software we use to schedule all our reservations in parks.

**WebTrac Information**

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If you have any questions, please reply to this email. If you need assistance with accessing an account, please call (608) 266-4711 on weekdays between 8:00 am and 4:15 pm.

Thank you,

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Hi Ann and Kevin,

As always, I thank you for your responses. I appreciate your time. It seems that if there are shade stations in place at this point in the process we could accommodate adding one more near one of the pitches.

It will be helpful to be able to understand the reservation system.

It was good to see you at the meeting at Kavanaugh's.

Beth

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On Tuesday, July 9, 2024, 04:07:08 PM CDT, Freiwald, Ann <[afreiwald@cityofmadison.com](mailto:afreiwald@cityofmadison.com)> wrote:

Again, we will include shaded benches when we get to the next level of design. You are right about the pickleball area.

Yes, we have a dedicated cricket field at Reindahl Park, and another that will come on-line in the coming year at Elver, the grass is still being established so it not ready for play yet. In addition, we have a practice cricket pitch at Haens Family Park on the near west side, which is used by a women's league. We are aware of the demand for cricket and are doing the best we can with the resources we have to meet the need.

As to the details of our reservation system, that I do not know. I will have Kevin Goke answer those questions.

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Hi Ann,

Thanks for your response. So when a group reserves the cricket field, it locks out the other fields and vise versa? Is there any dedicated cricket pitch in Madison?

How far ahead can fields be reserved and how does one do that?

As for the shade and benches, there are both planned at this stage for spectators near the pickleball and none for the cricket area.

Thanks

Beth

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On Tuesday, July 9, 2024, 02:18:06 PM CDT, Freiwald, Ann <[afreiwald@cityofmadison.com](mailto:afreiwald@cityofmadison.com)> wrote:

Hello Beth, we handle the field overlap by using a reservation system. The overlap you see on the plans exists on many fields in our park system. It is not ideal, but it is necessary due to demand for fields and limited appropriate acres to put them on.

And, yes, we will provide benches and shade for spectators, that is a level of detail we work on at the design development stage. This current stage is the concept plan stage.

Thanks for your excellent questions and have a great day!

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Dear Ann,

I am excited to see that there are plans for two cricket pitch areas within the new fields being planned at Warner park.

How will someone get access to the cricket pitches when it appears that it will overlap two other fields when in use. It seems like a stand alone cricket field might make better sense when renting the field as it seems like the overlap would also impact the two adjacent fields during play. Perhaps I am just not understanding the cricket field and how the pitch is used.....

How does that work?

Is it possible to consider a bench near the cricket areas and also a shade area? Many of the residents at the apartments that play cricket are from Afghanistan. The women wear long dresses and head covers so shade would be very helpful.

I am excited to watch cricket and perhaps there will be a Madison Cricket Tournament!

Many thanks,

Beth