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**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2026 10:32 AM  
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**Subject:** Re Odana Hills Golf Course Project

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Greetings,

I understand a conversation is beginning regarding renovations at Odana Hills golf course. I would please ask that cross country skiing access and use be a part of that conversation. I love skiing at the golf course. It is more accessible than most skiing locations (Elver, CXC, etc) but what I really love is the terrain. It is so fun to have relatively flat or rolling terrain for a good steady state workout or just when you want to feel fast or work on technique. There is no other course in the Dane Co area that offers that kind of terrain and is regularly groomed. It would be greatly appreciated if cross country ski use was included in the conversation.

Thank you,

Tara Darga

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**From:** Nancy Wiegand <wiegand@cs.wisc.edu>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2026 10:42 AM  
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**Subject:** Item 92241, Odana

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Regarding changes at Odana Golf Course, please do not lessen the length nor quality of the cross country ski trail. It is heavily used by hundreds, if not thousands of us, and is vital to

the ski community. Members of the Madison Nordic Ski Club will be very willing to work with the city to preserve an excellent ski trail.

Thank you,

Nancy Wiegand, Madison (long time resident, skier, and user of the Odana ski trail)

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From: Bill Rattunde <bill.rattunde@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2026 11:50 AM

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Subject: Item 92241 public comment

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Odana Hills G. C. is a very important cross country ski venue for Madison for several reasons:

1. Odana is central and the shortest commute for many madisonians.
2. Odana provides a flat to rolling terrain which is favored by novice skiers and serious athletes who only need a low intensity ski.
3. Odana is the first venue to be skiable in low snow events (unfortunately more common).
4. Odana is most often the last venue to remain skiable. This is partly because there are opportunities to piece together groomed and ungroomed patches of snow in “marginal” conditions. Maintaining a variety of “edges” formed by natural vegetation windbreaks, shade, and grade changes create drifts and shelter trails. These make an interesting patchwork of snow remnants that allow an extended ski season on improvised routes. Please take these elements into account in the planning and design for the new and improved Odana Hills G. C.

Thank you

Sent from Bill Rattunde's iPhone

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**From:** Courtney H <courtney.halbach@gmail.com>  
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**Subject:** Public Comment Regarding Agenda Item 92241

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Dear Board of Park Commissioners,

I'm writing in regards to the Odana Hills Golf Course Project. I'm very excited to hear about the proposed improvements to the course!

As the board evaluates project updates, I would very much appreciate if cross country skiing is top-of-mind for winter use of the golf course. As a MadNorski member, Odana Hills is one of my top destinations for cross country skiing in the Madison area, specifically for classic/nordic skiing. It is one of the few courses that has long, flat stretches that go through open and forested landscapes. The groomed trails are also wide enough to have two lanes for classic skiing which makes it more conducive for families to ski together.

Thank you for taking my comments into account.

Kind regards,  
Courtney Halbach

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**From:** Gail Rogall <gmrogall4@gmail.com>  
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Good afternoon,

I am writing in regards to the improvements slated for Odana Hills Golf Course. I highly appreciate the efforts to maintain the cross-country ski trails at Odana GC. This is a truly wonderful urban trail and the grooming this past year was fantastic. I'm mainly writing to let you know I support the continuation and possible expansion of xc skiing at this park. It's such a great community resource and a wonderful place to ski for all ages and all abilities.

Thanks for considering!

--Gail Moede Rogall

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**From:** tsedeth@gmail.com <tsedeth@gmail.com>

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Hello,

I did not see any information about planning for off-season activities on the webpages I viewed, other than biking. I thus urge you to consider how the course is used in the golf off-season for walking, trail running, pond skating, and cross-country skiing.

For cross-country skiing, Odana offers convenient, semi-flat, Westside skiing. It's the perfect place for beginners to practice, more advanced skiers to do quick fitness loops, or to meet up for a social ski. If the design could be updated to be a bit more interesting, like meandering around the mature pines, deciduous groves and ponds, that would be great. But as is, it serves a functional purpose, as noted by the full parking lot after a freshly groomed snowfall.

Please also consider how its natural features provide wildlife habitat. Odana offers a miniature 'fix' in the city, with the occasional viewing of a crane or hawk or the sounds of hooting owls.

(And the famed 'Bobby Tilapia' bridge. At least save the sign...it is a humorous curiosity.

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Thank you.

Nancy Hunt, Madison resident

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