



Task Force on Municipal Golf in Madison Parks

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PARKS**

WRITTEN COMMENT CARD

Date 3/10/20

I like to walk at Odana Hills Golf Course
and I want to walk there during the day also.

Contact name (optional) _____

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



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3/8/20

I'd love to have a bike park
built on a golf course.
A bike pump track would
serve my whole family and
my daughter's low income
friends.

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Landon Arkens

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Date March 10, 2020

I hope Par 3 golf is considered.

Times magazine's recent article states

there are 4,000 Par 3 courses in North America,

many in Canada. The article further states

the future of golf is Par 3 golf because

it takes less time and money to play and

also to maintain the Par 3 courses.

Please note Pleasant View Par 3 course is affordable + fun.

Contact name (optional)

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WISH TO
SPEAK

There currently is very limited access to
tee times at The Oaks, Door Creek, Bridges and
Pleasant View GC after 4pm on weekdays. Opportunities
to play at Madison GC's exist during those hours.
Use that to our citizen's advantage.

Contact name (optional) Tim BATES

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35 YEAR PLAYER OF CITY OF MADISON COURSES
- MULTIPLE COMMENTS - WISH TO SPEAK!

Contact name (optional)

MARK M. SMITH

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



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Would like to speak

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Yes - written sheet

Contact name (optional)

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wish to speak



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Marketing the golf product

Contact name (optional) David R. Mills

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We purchased our property ⁱⁿ 2019 along Monona Golf Course in part due to the quiet backyard and accessibility to nordic skiing. Converting to a field sports area with lighting would negatively impact our situation. - Jeremy Koth



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Date 3/16/20

I understand that courses may need to be closed. I don't golf, but my property adjoins Monona Golf Course and enjoy the solitude, opportunities for walking and nordic skiing. Please do not over develop any of the parks with lots of crowds, bright lights and noise. The property has value to residents + wild life. Monona could be converted to native wetland like the UW-Arb!

Great for Polinators and carbon restoration. Go Earth!
Contact name (optional) Amber Jirschele

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Support keeping Monona Golf Course.

We need green spaces, once lost this space will never return.

Trees/grass add to the city, cleaner air, promotes mental & physical health, home to animals/insects.

The course is used for many activities: walking, jogging, birding, snow shoeing, XC skiing & more.

Home to wildlife - that balances our environment.

And my husband plays golf there every week during the season.

Contact name (optional) Nancy Sloan

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We live along the Monona Golf Course and see how heavily it is used for non-golf purposes (walkers, joggers, dog walkers, the high schools' cross country and track teams, and skiers) and hope this will be taken into consideration when decisions are made. Thanks!

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Glenway is a great place for beginners and seniors. I was a high school golf coach for over 20 years and our freshmen played at Glenway. It would be a serious loss if Glenway and/or Menomona are not accessible to kids

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I am stunned at the prospect of spending
\$30-\$50 million of taxpayer money to underwrite
a sport that has such a low participation
rate. At a minimum, one of the city golf
courses should be closed and the three
other courses should have other activities added
that appeal to a large share of city residents.

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Why compete with private
facilities?

Golf participation by ex residents

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Golfing in Madison

First of all, the Monona and Glenway courses should absolutely be kept open. Both courses offer the following:

1. Very playable for nearly all golfers
2. Each course drains well, so downtime after heavy rains is minimal
3. No major capital needs to keep the courses playable.

Two of the major barriers to playing more golf are time and cost. These two 9-hole courses are a fine answer to each of those barriers. In addition, both courses are the most accessible of our four courses.

As for finances, City staff asserted at a previous Task Force meeting that if Golf is changed to a non-enterprise designation (i.e. becomes just another Parks Division activity) the end-of-year financial statement will be in the black even if all courses are open. This tells me that Golf is a cash flow positive activity. So let's get the enterprise designation removed from Golf.

As for the Yahara course, I am not in favor of spending \$10 million or more to address the current storm water drainage issues. However, the deliberation on Yahara should be more nuanced than a) address all of the stormwater issues to keep 18 holes, or b) close the course. Let's allow a golf course architect to redesign Yahara with the goal of improving playability during wetter than normal years at a minimal cost. It can be a desirable course without it being 18 holes. Consider something between a 9-14 hole course. The website why18holes.com suggests that we should detach ourselves from a fixed number of holes for a golf course, suggesting that a 12-15 hole course can be ideal by meeting the following goals:

1. reduce playing time
2. reduce maintenance cost
3. less irrigation needs, and less drainage issues

From Dan Jettmann

SUGGESTION

QUESTION CARD

SUGGESTION:

COULD MAKE MONEY BY ERECTING A WEDDING/
EVENT VENUE AT YAHARA (MODEL AFTER THE OAKS).

We may not get to every question in the limited time we have.
Please include your name and email address below if you'd like a
response to your question.

COMMENT: IT IS A TREND IN GOLF TO MOVE
TOWARD MORE "ALTERNATIVE" GOLF - SOMETHING
OTHER THAN 18-HOLE, PAR 36/72 COURSES.

SUGGESTION :

MAYBE DRIEST
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- YAHARA KEEP THE 18 "BEST" HOLES
- CHANGE THE OTHER 18 INTO A 8 TO 12 HOLE ALTERNATE COURSE
 - MOSTLY HIGH QUALITY SHORT HOLES
 - ↳ MOW IT ALL ONE LENGTH (EXCEPT GREENS) AND SKIP THE BUNKERS