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Sent: Monday, March 9, 2026 11:28 AM

To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>

Subject: Potential Odana Hills Golf Course & Park Improvements: 22- Winter Nordic ski trails

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Dear Members of the Board of Park Commissioners,

I am writing to ask that the commission address the plan for **supporting winter recreation** and **maintaining the Nordic ski trails** in the potential Odana Hills Park improvements plan at the meeting on Wednesday night.

As the executive director of Madnorski, I already have received many emails from interested but concerned Madison skiers about the upcoming proposed project. Madison residents LOVE skiing at Odana in the winter. I urge the commissioners to consider the opportunities this project presents for winter recreation at Odana and how the ski terrain might be improved during this project with the proposed native plantings, regrading etc. It would also be nice to include winter hiking trails throughout the park as well (separate from the ski trails)!

This Odana Hills project is exciting and I look forward to hearing more at Wednesday's meeting.

Thanks,
Tamara

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Subject: Odana Hills Golf Course Update

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I love being able to ski at Odana Hills Golf Course in the winter. It's my neighborhood ski spot.

When plans are made for the make-over, please make sure that the skiing is just as good or even better!

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Hello,

I am a golfer and play at Odana on the order of a few times per year. I like the changes at the Glen so similar improvements at Odana will be awesome.

I am a Madnorski ski club member and my wife and I are avid cross country skiers. We get the Madison Parks ski trail pass every winter. This past winter we both skied there for a total of about 12 times. We are really hoping that continued, or even improved cross country trail routing options can be considered. A new clubhouse could be a phenomenal asset. I remember the days circa 2010 when Odana golf clubhouse would be open during the winter ski season at least several times.

We all of course recognize climate change impact on snow season; that said it still does snow and please maintain the skiing amenities!!

Thank you,

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From: Erich Schmidtke <erichschmidtke@yahoo.com>
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Hello City of Madison,

I primarily use Odana in the winter as a cross-x skier because it is only 10 minutes away. I am an occasional golfer too, but so far have only tended to play at Glenway or Vitense. However I may golf at Odana too at some point.

Regarding the Odana Redesign, cross-x skiing should definitely be included as a future activity because it is popular (the parking lot is often full), and because it enables the park to be used more fully year round.

The one suggestion I have for improving cross-x skiing at Odana is to plant more trees to create wind protection. Currently Odana is like a vast open plain, which means gale-force winds sweep through and freeze the skiers and blow much of the snow away. I think you could improve the cross-x skiing by either incorporating more trees into the golf course design itself, for example having the perimeter golf holes be more forested, or you could create a separated trail around the perimeter of Odana for skiing in winter and hiking and running in summer, similar to what University Ridge has done with its Zimmer Loop.

Thank you for this opportunity for comment, Erich