Freiwald, Ann

To:Subject:FW: Brentwood Park Pump TrackDate:Thursday, May 19, 2022 2:57:41 PM

Hello Chris. Thanks for the note. I am putting you in touch with Henry, he is leading the charge. **Ann Freiwald, PLA**

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Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2022 2:42 PM To: Freiwald, Ann <AFreiwald@cityofmadison.com> Subject: Brentwood Park Pump Track

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Hi Ann,

I just saw the project proposal for the Brentwood park pump track in the mail and I think that's awesome.

Let me know what I can do to volunteer and help!

Thanks, Chris Hello Susan, good question.

The eroded soil will be contained in the area of the pump track as the rest of the park will be maintained in turf. As the track erodes, the volunteers will repair it. Thank you for asking.

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-----Original Message-----From: Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2022 7:43 PM To: Freiwald, Ann <AFreiwald@cityofmadison.com> Subject: Brentwood Park Dirt Pump Track

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How is erosion of track going to be managed?

Hello Ted. Thank you for writing.

The issue of a dirt pump track will be before the Board of Parks Commission on June 8th. If you would like to see the agenda or attend the meeting please visit this site: <u>https://madison.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx</u> The agenda will be posted by noon on Friday June 3rd.

I wanted to provide this info to you in case you wish to attend or speak at the meeting.

Meanwhile, I have answered your questions below in red. Thanks again for expressing your concerns.

Ann Freiwald

From: Ted Sent: Friday, May 27, 2022 11:28 AM To: Freiwald, Ann <AFreiwald@cityofmadison.com> Subject: Brentwood Park, Volunteer Dirt Pump Track Proposal

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Hello Ann Freiwald, Project Manager,

As a homeowner adjacent to Brentwood Park, I have some questions and concerns about the proposed pump track project.

Where in the park would the pump track be? It will be located in the corner of the park that used to be the home of the playground.

What specific size would it be? The volunteers are still working out the details, but we think it will be roughly oval in shape with the straight lengths of track being about 50 feet long.

I was unable to find any information about this project on the City of Madison website. What is the approval process for a project of this type? Will there be public meetings on the subject? See above, it is going to the Park Board in June.

Brentwood Park is a small park with many users of the playground, volleyball net, basketball court, baseball area, and open spaces. This does not leave much room for a pump track without intruding on other park users and nearby residences.

The size limitations of this park would also limit the quality of experience for users of the track. Perhaps the resources would be better used in a larger park? Parks staff feels this use can be accommodated at this park.

For example, there is already a proposal for a 10.48 acre MadBat Bike Optimized Facility at nearby Warner Park. We are aware of our plans at Warner, they will not be built until 2024 or 2025 and the volunteers wished to build a small dirt track that can be opened much sooner. We agreed as long as they can care for it.

Thank you for any information or opportunities for feedback.



| From: | Freiwald, Ann |
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| To: | |
| Subject: | RE: Brentwood park |
| Date: | Friday, May 20, 2022 6:08:27 AM |

Wow, thank you for the positive feedback. We in Parks are looking forward to the volunteer's effort.

Ann

From: Layla

Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2022 11:22 PMTo: Freiwald, Ann <AFreiwald@cityofmadison.com>Subject: Brentwood park

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Pump track is a great idea. It will get tons of use. I built the kids a little plywood jump a couple summers ago, they jumped until their shoulders gave out. We have so many kiddos around Brentwood who need these playscapes.

Thanks -Layla

| From: | Freiwald, Ann |
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| To: | <u>'</u> |
| Cc: | Abbas, Syed |
| Subject: | RE: Brentwood Volunteer Effort |
| Date: | Friday, May 20, 2022 6:31:11 AM |

Hello Janet, just an update. Parks sent out post cards to close to 80 homes in the area of Brentwood. We have received positive feedback so far, plus one question on erosion. Henry, the lead volunteer is busy figuring out some last details. It still may be a no go, if he hits a snag, but so far, so good. I will keep you in the loop.

Ann

From:

Sent: Friday, April 22, 2022 8:54 AM
To: Henry Stayduhar <henrystayduhar@gmail.com>; Freiwald, Ann
<AFreiwald@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: RE: Brentwood Volunteer Effort

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Hi Henry and Ann,

I don't recall if I responded back to this or not, at any rate, we are on board for the track to be built. My ask is that I am informed of all the details as they are being planned and that we stay in touch.

Our Board is very small and at this point, I am the only one left on the Board of Directors.

Thank you so much!

- Janet

From: Shipman, Janet Sent: Wednesday, April 20, 2022 10:43 AM

To:

>; Freiwald, Ann

<<u>AFreiwald@cityofmadison.com</u>>

Subject: RE: Brentwood Volunteer Effort

Thank you to both of you! I forwarded the info on to the rest of the Board, and I am hopeful they will be on board with me to see this happen. I'll circle back!

From: Henry Sent: Wednesday, April 20, 2022 10:17 AM To: Freiwald, Ann <<u>AFreiwald@cityofmadison.com</u>> Cc: Shipman,

Subject: Re: Brentwood Volunteer Effort

Great! Thanks

Henry

On Apr 20, 2022, at 10:10 AM, Freiwald, Ann <<u>AFreiwald@cityofmadison.com</u>> wrote:

Janet, see my answers in red below. I have added Henry, the lead volunteer to this email. This project is being driven by the volunteer group. Parks Division agrees this would be a nice addition to the park, but we are not driving the project.

Thank you, Ann

From:

Sent: Tuesday, April 19, 2022 2:09 PM To: Freiwald, Ann <<u>AFreiwald@cityofmadison.com</u>> Subject: FW: Brentwood Volunteer Effort

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Hi Ann,

I'm on the Board for Brentwood and had a few questions regarding this that I'm hoping you can answer for us.

How big is the one they plan to install? It will be located in the corner of the park where the playground used to be. The attached drawing shows its approximate size and location. It will be an oval track around 50' long and 25' wide.

How long will it take to build? The work will be done by volunteers, so it is very hard to tell. I would say it would be done over three to four weekends.

How much noise will be made during install/build? The volunteers will be using a small bobcat to shape the dirt, dirt will be delivered in a dump truck, all other work will be done with hand tools. Work will not begin before 9 AM and not continue past 5 PM each day.

Can we see the plans? This project is being driven by volunteers, they have not provided us with a set of plans. I have asked the volunteer to draw up a plan, he can have something later this week.

Why was Brentwood Park chosen? The volunteers selected Brentwood Park because the people interested in building and using the pump track live in the immediate neighborhood.

With my last question, it sounds great on paper, but in theory what do these tracks do for neighborhoods? Do they drive in more traffic for people who don't live in Brentwood? A neighborhood park is meant to be used by the immediate neighbors, but like all park land in the City of Madison, neighborhood parks (which is what Brentwood is) and neighborhood park features are open to anyone. They need not live in the neighborhood, indeed, they need not live even in Madison. The kids in the neighborhood who are looking for a fun place to ride bikes will come to this feature. It may attract bikers from other neighborhoods as well, it is hard to tell at this point.

Will this park, if we say yes, be the only one on the Northside? We have an existing paved pump track at Aldo Leopold Park on the south side. We do not have immediate plans for other pump tracks in the Madison Park system. We have long term plans to add a paved pump track to Warner Park near the rec center, and one on the east side and one out on the west side of Madison (exact locations to be determined).

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Thank you Ann!

Janet

PS: I live behind the Park on Pleasure Drive.

On 4/18/2022 5:02 PM, Shipman, Janet wrote: Hi Dave, I actually have no idea what a dirt pump track is.... until I just looked it up. I have a few questions:

How big is the one they plan to install? How long will it take to build? How much noise will be made during install/build? Can we see the plans?

Thanks!

1. Janet

From:

Sent: Monday, April 18, 2022 3:38 PM To: Shipman, Janet <<u>Janet.Shipman@sony.com>;</u> Subject: Brentwood Volunteer Effort

Hi,

I rec'd this over the weekend from Ann in City Parks and told her I'd fwd this to you and someone can get back to her.

I also asked in what part of Brentwood Park she was thinking about. Didn't hear back yet but you can also ask her.

In a few minutes I'll go out and look in the woods and in other places along Warner to see if we need to do the park clean up or let it go this year.

I'll let you know my observations and it can be discussed before the weekend.

Dave

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------ Forwarded Message ------Subject:Fwd: Brentwood Volunteer Effort Date:Mon, 18 Apr 2022 15:16:58 -0500 From:Brentwood Village ----- Forwarded message -----From: Freiwald, Ann <<u>AFreiwald@cityofmadison.com</u>> Date: Sat, Apr 16, 2022 at 1:48 PM Subject: Brentwood Volunteer Effort To:

Hello, I am working with a volunteer group that is interested in installing and maintaining a dirt pump track at Brentwood Park. They seem like they have the experience, the tools and the skill set to make this a success. Parks is leaning towards saying, "yes" to this request, but we wanted to reach out to the neighborhood association before we commit. Does the NA have an opinion one way or another regarding this request?

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| From: | <u>cker</u> |
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| То: | Freiwald, Ann |
| Subject: | Re: Dirt Pump Track |
| Date: | Monday, May 23, 2022 2:45:55 PM |

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Thank you for the explanation!

Janine

May 20, 2022 at 11:55 AM Freiwald, Ann <<u>AFreiwald@cityofmadison.com</u>> wrote: Hello Janine. Thanks for writing. Yes, the post card was probably a bit wishy washy. The limited space made it a bit hard. Anyway, the dirt pump track is most likely going to happen. As I mentioned this is a fully volunteer effort. The volunteers are still looking into a few details and may hit a snag. If the snag is of excessive size, they have reserved the right not to pursue. I tried to balance notification of the neighbors after it was likely but before it was a sure thing. I hope that makes sense?

It will be built as a dirt track and remain a dirt track. It will not be paved like the track at Aldo Leopold. If the volunteers struggle and a cannot maintain the track (dirt tracks require maintenance in a climate like ours), Parks reserves the right to remove it and return it to turf.

Yes, there will a sufficient turf area between the play equipment and the pump track so that one use does not interfere with the other.

Thank you again for your time, if you have further questions, please contact me.

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From: Janine Sent: Friday, May 20, 2022 10:02 AM To: Freiwald, Ann <<u>AFreiwald@cityofmadison.com</u>> Subject: Dirt Pump Track

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Dear Ann,

Just wondering if the dirt pump track for Brentwood Park is a proposal or a for-sure thing. I could not tell by the postcard. It seemed to be saying both of those things at the same time.

If it is happening, it sounds like it is just dirt and not like the track at Aldo Leopold park, is that correct?

Would there be enough distance between the track and the park equipment? I know that is an issue that parks look at.

Thank you,

Janine B



Hello Matt. Thank you for the positive feedback! I have copied in the lead volunteer for the pump track. Help out if you can, many hands make light work!

Thanks again.

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From: Matt Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2022 5:50 PM To: Freiwald, Ann <AFreiwald@cityofmadison.com> Subject: Re: Introductions

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HI Ann,

I've talked to you before about trails at Warner Park.

Just received a postcard about a pump track at Brentwood Park, super cool!

There will be a lot of kids in the neighborhood excited about that.

Do you know the people who are volunteering? I've asked around and nobody seems to know. Thanks!

Matt

On Fri, Oct 22, 2021 at 10:14 AM Matt

wrote:

Thanks for getting back to me!

I know there's a little used woods section that's perfect for trails. If there needs to be "boots on the ground" effort to build/maintain that would help move it forward, let me know. We have a bike trail drought on the North/East side...as most trail systems are on the west/south side. Having even a small system in this area would help tie Madison trails together and provide opportunity.

Thanks,

Matt

On Fri, Oct 22, 2021 at 10:02 AM Freiwald, Ann <<u>AFreiwald@cityofmadison.com</u>> wrote:

Hello Matt. Thank you for the intro. While Warner Park is on the list to get some single track, it is not first on the list. We have a big project coming up in 2023 with the Rec Center and we hope to build a skills track and maybe a pumptrack as part of that, but the future is unclear at the moment. I will keep your enthusiasm in mind as I contemplate the future of single track at Warner.

Ann

From:

Sent: Friday, October 22, 2021 10:00 AM To: Freiwald, Ann <<u>AFreiwald@cityofmadison.com</u>> Subject: Re: Introductions

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Hi Ann!

I'm interested in updates/involvement in any Warner Park bike trail project. I'm an avid mountain biker, and so is my son ...and we live on Sheridan Drive behind the park. There's a ton of people in the neighborhood young and old that would benefit from some trails in Warner, would love to see something come to fruition, and be part of that.

Let me know how I can get involved or where we're at in the process. Thanks!

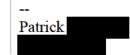
Matt

On Wed, Oct 6, 2021 at 5:07 PM Patrick wrote:

Hi Ann,

I'd like to e-introduce you to Matt Kwitek. He's a friend of mine who lives on Sheridan Drive near the south end of Warner Park. Matt is an avid mountain biker (active in the local clubs) and is very interested in seeing more biking opportunities around Madison, but especially Warner Park. I'm sure he would be willing to rally support in the neighborhood for public meetings to help counter the Wild Warners of the world.

Take care,



Hello, forgive me if I already heard back from you all with the Sheridan Triangle Neighborhood Assoc. If I have, I have lost track of the email.

Do you have any comments or concerns about the dirt pump track? I have attached a set of questions from Janet at the Brentwood Neighborhood Assoc. along with my answers in red. Just in case you had some of the same questions.

Janet said:

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Sent: Saturday, April 16, 2022 1:48 PM
To: 'stna.madison@gmail.com' <stna.madison@gmail.com>
Subject: Volunteer Effort at Brentwood Park

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Freiwald, Ann

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| <u>Thursday, May 26, 2022 3:19 PM</u> |
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| RE: Brentwood Park Pump Track |
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Hello Second Generation Brentwood residents and neighbors.

Thank you for writing regarding your concerns about a dirt pump track at Brentwood Park. This issue will be before the Board of Parks Commission on June 8th. If you would like to see the agenda or attend the meeting please visit this site: <u>https://madison.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx</u> The agenda will be posted by noon on Friday June 3rd.

Parks has given this issue serious thought and we have met with the volunteers a number of times. The agreement is that they are to build it and maintain it, if they do not Parks retains the right to remove the track and return the area to turf. We recognize that there is a chance that this project will not work out, but we also recognize that if the volunteers are successful we will have a facility that will provide a recreational experience for the neighborhood children that they would otherwise not have.

Parks has a long term plan to build a paved pump track at Warner Park, near the WPCRC. However, that work is several years away, this track will serve the neighborhood in a more timely fashion.

I have answered your questions below in red.

7. From where will the "fill" be sourced and will it be safe and clean? What is the plan for restoration and erosion control? The volunteer group is getting the material from a local supplier, it will be clean fill with a specified mix of sand and clay that is specified for this type of use. A truck will deliver the soil in two visits. The area disturbed by the installation will be restored to turf. The track will erode over time, and it will be the volunteer's responsibility to rebuild the track as needed.

8. Does the City of Madison accept responsibility for injury or mishaps during construction? Parks has a volunteer form that we use for efforts such as these and it includes a waiver.

Please feel free to share your thoughts with the Board of Park Commissioners in June.

Thank you for your interest in Brentwood Park.

Ann Freiwald, PLA

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From: Sent: Wednesday, May 25, 2022 9:17 AM To: Freiwald, Ann <AFreiwald@cityofmadison.com> Subject: Brentwood Park Pump Track

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Dear Ms. Friewald,

We are writing to express displeasure with, and opposition to the proposed pump track at Brentwood Park. After reading the flyer you sent to residents, it seems clear that very little thought and zero commitment to the project have been invested by the City of Madison, and we find it a little hard to believe you would entertain approval of anything so poorly conceived. Here are the main concerns with your lack of consideration:

Pump tracks require careful planning, quality materials, and a dedicated and experienced crew to design, build and maintain them. Apparently the City does know this because **professional contractors** have been hired for other tracks in Madison (Aldo Leopold Park). Your letter states that "volunteers will use hand tools and a small bobcat build the project" and "a dump truck will likely need to visit the park a few times to deliver fill." It is also stated that volunteers will maintain the track. Read these sections out loud and tell us, which is harder to imagine, why we should accept it, and how much of it you really believe?

You must know that volunteers cannot be counted on to commit to long term care of a project like this. If there is great need and demand for a track, then Madison should build it and build it right, budget for its care, and place it properly. The track should not be in a small neighborhood park surrounded by homes. Is this what the North Side should expect – piles of dirt groomed by kids who won't know what to do after the first rainstorm washes half their track into someone's yard? We don't believe we need this mess, and neither should you.

A range of age groups enjoy this simple park, and you might not understand that young children will certainly not be welcome on the track. Pump track riders want their tracks for technical riding and skills practice, and kids on bikes and scooters are considered a nuisance to them. If you need convincing, visit a track or read the pump track community forums. This park will become one thing: a bike park. It won't even be a "nice" bike park; it will be a temporary, half-assed attempt at a track that is some biker's pipe dream.

Thoughts and questions:

- 1. Brentwood Park is the only park in the Brentwood Neighborhood.
- 2. Brentwood Park is surrounded by homes.
- 3. When volunteers move on, no one will care for the track.
- 4. Pump track parks are not multi-use. Brentwood Park will become "the pump track" park.
- 5. Parking will become an issue on streets around the park, as not everyone will ride their bike to the park.
- 6. Noise will become an issue for those families living closest to the park.
- 7. From where will the "fill" be sourced and will it be safe and clean? What is the plan for restoration and erosion control?
- 8. Does the City of Madison accept responsibility for injury or mishaps during construction?

Please take a few moments to really think about this proposal. We hope you will see that it really makes no sense at all.

PS – If I build a stable at the park can I keep my pony there? I promise I will take get volunteers to maintain the area.

Sincerely,

Second-generation Brentwood residents and neighbors.

Freiwald, Ann

From: Sent: To: Subject: Freiwald, Ann <u>Friday, Ma</u>y 20, 2022 5:42 PM

RE: Brentwood Park Dirt Pump Track

Thank you Tyler, I appreciate your supportive note. I have copied Henry above, he is leading the volunteer team on this project.

Have a nice weekend.

Ann Freiwald, PLA

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From: Sent: Friday, May 20, 2022 5:25 PM To: Freiwald, Ann <AFreiwald@cityofmadison.com> Subject: Brentwood Park Dirt Pump Track

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Good Afternoon Ann!

I live next to the park and love the idea! And would love to help out if needed at all.

Thanks,

Tyler