POSP Update Progress Memo

Date: September 19, 2024

Project Introduction:
The Park and Open Space Plan (POSP) assists City Boards, Commissioners, City agencies, and other governmental agencies, residents, and volunteers in decision-making related to park development and operations policies. The plan includes an assessment of existing park amenities, service standards, areas of service deficiencies, and recommended approaches for future park development utilizing a system-wide perspective.

The POSP planning and public engagement process began in the summer of 2023, with the intention for the plan to be adopted by the City of Madison Common Council by first quarter of 2025.

Project Objectives:

- The City of Madison Park and Open Space Plan will describe the desired vision for the future of the Madison park system and provide recommendations to guide land use, policy and investment decisions over time to ensure that the vision for the park system is achieved.

- The adopted Park and Open Space Plan update will meet the requirements of grant programs at the Local, State, and Federal levels.

- The process to prepare the new plan will include an extensive public engagement process using tools such as public meetings and workshops, park user survey instruments and focus group discussions.

Recent Activities Review

- Parks Athletics received 40 responses to the 2023 Athletics Survey and 7 responses to a newer Athletic Facility Assessment which sought to obtain information from and was sent directly to organizations and individuals that reserve fields & courts for group athletics - this information will help to inform the Park Facilities Recommendations section of the POSP
- Parks staff met with Destination Madison/Madison Sports Commission on August 12th and the Disability Rights Commission on August 22nd to provide an overview of the plan and discuss ways to include recommendations from the Madison Sports Commission and Disabled community, respectively
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September 2024 LRP Meeting Focus

- Primary focus at today's meeting will be a report-out of the BIPOC engagement outcomes led by All Together (Emily/MSA)

- A review of Accomplishments by Strategy since 2018 (Ann)

- Review & discussion of Sustainability & Adoptability section (Ann)

- Also at today's meeting we will discuss meeting dates through the end of 2024 and January 2025

Next Steps

The next LRP meeting will be in October – at this meeting the primary focus will be a final review of the Issue Paper text and Issue Paper Chapter Introduction; the November meeting will include a review of the Recommendations Section and Executive Summary and the December meeting will feature a first look and review the formatted (pictures / graphics included) full document. There will be a follow-up opportunity to review the fully formatted document at the January 2025 meeting as well.