POSP Update Progress Memo
Date: November 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

- Staff are working with Parks' Recreational Services to update the information for the draft of the facility demands / "recreational snapshot" section
- Staff are working with Parks Finance, Operations and Golf staff for an update to the Park Operational and Capital Resources section
- MSA is working to update the Funding Mechanisms and Plan Approval Process.

November 2024 LRP Meeting Focus

- Detailed review of status of each of the chapters, and potential changes to Table of Contents (ex. Ch.8 / Operational Resources section is returning) prior to its appearance in the full draft version
- Discussion of the Issue Papers, including a review of the DRAFT introduction to the Issue Papers section and discussion of their purpose and location within the document
- Also at today's meeting we will draft dates/time and format for 2025 meetings and discuss plan adoption/approvals process

Next Steps
The next LRP meeting will be in December (12/18) – this meeting will include a review of the Recreational Needs / Recreational Snapshot, draft Recommended Strategies and Plan Adoption/Approvals Process. In January 2025, a review of Ch. 7 Funding Mechanisms and Ch. 8

Operational Resources will occur. In early 2025 there will be the opportunity for a first look at the formatted document and to review pictures / graphics included in that document.

There will be a follow-up opportunities to review the fully formatted document at subsequent meetings. Please note schedule may be adjusted as we work through the transition following departure of Ann Freiwald as Planning & Development manager.