POSP Update Progress Memo

Date: December 13, 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 the third 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 Finance, Operations and Golf staff for an update to the Park Operational and Capital Resources section
- MSA have been working to update the alternate funding mechanisms section to include public-private partnerships along with updates to donations/contributions sections

December 2024 LRP Meeting Focus

- For this in-person / final meeting of 2024, members are asked to consider a discussion/deep dive into “Strategies” and “Recommendations” and how those are structured within the POSP (Parks staff – Lisa)
- Detailed review of the plan adoption / approvals process (MSA)
- Review of the “recreation snapshot / recreational needs analysis” section
- Also at today’s meeting we will discuss updated January and February meeting dates/time

Next Steps
The next LRP meeting has been scheduled for January (1/15) . This meeting will include a review of Funding Mechanisms and Capital and Operational Resources. In early 2025 there will be the opportunity for a first look at the formatted document and to review final text along with pictures / graphics included in that document.