POSP Update Progress Memo

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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 fourth 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 have incorporated feedback from the May 21, 2025 LRP Subcommittee meeting.
- All chapter content for the POSP has been to MSA consultant team to begin pulling together the InDesign published draft document.
- Staff are coordinating with MSA to provide photos to complement the layout of the document
- Staff are also developing a final draft of the information that will be in the Appendix.

May 21, 2025 LRP Meeting Focus

1. Review Draft POSP in InDesign Format, provide Feedback
2. Review Appendix Materials
3. Confirm plans for Public Engagement

Next Steps
Public Engagement as approved by LRP will take place over June and early July. The next LRP meeting is scheduled for July 16, 2025. Staff are optimistic that a final InDesign draft of the document, that incorporates final public comment will be available for LRP Review that time. The Overall goal is to have the 2025-2030 POSP finalized and for LRP to make a recommendation for approval of the Plan to the Board of Park Commissioners following their July 16 meeting.