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Dear Board of Park Commissioners,

My name is Abigail Ryan and I am a City of Madison employee currently serving as the co-lead of the Allied Drive Neighborhood Resource Team, the body charged with improving and coordinating government services, promoting equity, and improving quality of life for the residents of the Allied Drive Neighborhood. I write today in support of agenda item 24 (the Southwest Area Plan) and in the hope that this body will also proactively incorporate the recommendations laid out in the Southwest Area Plan for park improvements in the Allied Neighborhood, specifically long-requested improvements at Britta Park (4300 Britta Pkwy). We are fortunate that the Planning Department has been so responsive to grassroots neighborhood voices, who identified these improvements as a top priority for the neighborhood in the near term. We know that the Parks Department is currently conducting a long-range planning process, and we recognize the need to consider the needs of all of Madison's neighborhoods and 280+ parks, yet we also want to highlight the urgency of the needs of the extended Allied Neighborhood, where resources are limited both by the geography of highways and also by municipal boundaries. Especially with the anticipated development of the 93-unit Timberline Terrace (4506 Verona Rd) coming soon, which boasts Britta Park as the closest greenspace, "a 5-minute walk away" (albeit necessitating crossing under the incredibly busy Hwy 18/Verona Road), this historically under-resourced neighborhood in the shadow of busy highways could use investment in its parks which are also well-used as community gathering spaces.

Thank you for your consideration.
Sincerely,
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