



**Project Address:** 1602 Vilas Park Drive, Madison, WI  
**Application Type:** Informational Presentation on the Vilas Park Master Plan Updates  
Advisory Recommendation  
**Legistar File ID #** [63079](#)  
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## Background Information

**Applicant | Contact:** Kathleen Kane, City of Madison Parks Division, 210 MLK Jr. Blvd., Madison, WI 53703

**Project Description:** The Madison Parks Division is presenting a master plan for design for Vilas Park. The master plan proposed improvement areas include Vilas Park Drive, Main Park Shelter, parking, open space and active recreation, playgrounds, and the lagoon & lake access.

**Project Schedule:**

- This item is scheduled to be reviewed by the Board of Park Commissioners late 2020/early 2021.

**Approval Standards:**

The UDC is an advisory body on this request. Section 33.24(4)(d) provides the UDC's review projects for public projects. While the UDC is an approving body on plans for public buildings, this section of MGO indicates that the role of the UDC in reviewing parks and open spaces is to "provide advice and make recommendations to the responsible department, agency, commission or division on the design, appearance and aesthetics of each proposed project."

## Summary of Design Considerations and Recommendations

This item is before the Urban Design Commission for a report on a park master plan. The UDC's role is to provide an advisory recommendation, as noted above. The action of the UDC should be structured as a recommendation of the body. The use of separate initial and final approvals would not be appropriate for this type of review. The advice and recommendations of this body will be provided to Parks Division Staff and will be forwarded to the Board of Parks Commissioners when they complete their review. Any future plans for building changes will return at the time the project design is proposed.