

From: Matthew Poster <mattposter11@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 10:10 AM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Support of the proposed all-wheel spots at Warner and Elvehjem Parks

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Hello,

My name is Matthew Poster and I lived in the Elvehjem the past 18yrs. I'd love to see the something like this built especially in spaces that are deteriorating and no longer used for there intended purposes.

These types of spaces need to be reworked and evolve into what our neighborhoods need to keep children engaged in outdoor activities. Once redone, they provide significant value for families to have alternatives to the typical baseball diamonds and large fields that lay vacant most of the time!

Thanks,
Matthew Poster

From: Meyer, Dave
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 10:13 AM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Wheel Park in Warner near unused softball diamond

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Good Morning,

I visited the pilot program a couple of times last fall and read about the proposal to set up a Wheel Park on the old bleacher slab by the unused softball diamond #4 in Warner Park.

Our NA board thinks it's a great idea for City of Madison Parks to work with the Skatepark Fund group and put something together that can be enjoyed by many in our neighborhood and those on the Northside.

Please move this idea forward!

Thank you,

David Meyer
Brentwood Village Neighborhood Assoc.



From: Leon aka Elyse Clouthier <sabertoothgrinds@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 10:55 AM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: In Support of All Wheel Spot

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Hi there!

My name is Leon and i am a 33 year old queer skateboarder, skatepark builder, community organizer, and DIY enthusiast. I teach skateboarding at Freedom Sk8 Camps and organize Femme Skate Night at the Madison Skatepark.

I am in strong support of Madison approving spaces for permission DIY all-wheelspots. This is a great way to get wheelspots/skateparks for free! The materials will be gathered and the labor will be done grassroots style by passionate folks like myself, community, and friends. Madison is far behind other progressive cities when it comes to skateparks (i will use wheelspot/skatepark interchangeably). There are cities with upwards of 20-30 skateparks/spots in the vicinity. We need more than one skatepark, just like we need more than one playground, basketball court, tennis court, etc. Skateboarding, roller skating/blading, and scootering are more popular than ever and they're not going away. The skatepark is full nearly everyday. I know many people who don't go to the park because it is too crowded. It is good to supplement that with several smaller spots sprinkled throughout the city.

There are beautiful city approved DIY skateparks in St. Louis, Kansas City, Fort Collins, Seattle, San Diego, Philadelphia, Milwaukee, Portland, New Orleans, and Detroit, just to name a few. People travel from around the globe to ride some of these special spots. They are works of art, sometimes including mosaics, murals, and community gardens. These are special supplements to the professionally built parks/spots in the area. DIYs build community and a sense of ownership. They are a great place to learn responsibility for a space. DIYs are self-sufficient because of the culture built around them.

Please approve multiple spots for permission DIY wheelspots. They will positively effect the community, giving people a place to practice their passions, be active and creative. Kids will have a place to ride as well as learn to care for a community space. The city will save money and build momentum for future skateparks/mini spots by approving DIYs asap.

I have been to hundreds of skateparks and 34 DIYs around the country. They are beautiful, unique additions to a community and Madison should definitely approve space for them as soon as possible.

If you would like to know more about DIY building and DIY skateparks in other cities, I'd be happy to offer my knowledge.

Thanks!

Leon (aka Elyse Clouthier)

(They/them)

From: Eric Magnussen <emag71@mac.com>

Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 9:16 PM

To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>

Subject: Support of proposed all-wheel sports at Warner and Elvehjem Parks

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My name is Eric Magnussen, I currently live on the northside of Madison near Warner Park. I have been a skateboarder for over 35 years and travelled all over the country participating in the sport I love. I support the proposal for the creation of all-wheel sports area.

If done properly with guidance from experienced participants from the Madison Skatepark Fund these constructed areas will turn unused or under-used areas of Madisons parks into lively destinations for positive and exciting recreation opportunities. The Madison Skatepark Fund will provide all the funding and labor for the construction (no cost for the city). This will also provide an opportunity for community building, involving local future users in construction and maintenance/care which will foster a sense of accomplishment and pride. This is a unique opportunity to add very special recreational facilities to Madisons already great appeal. These type of DIY spots have flourished in places like Portland Oregon, and San Pedro CA and led to a boom of community skateparks in places like the metropolitan area of Denver which alone has over 15 world class public skateparks, that are in almost constant use, unless its raining or snowing, and when it stops snowing dedicated locals arrive to clear the snow with shovels to keep the action moving. Overall its just a great opportunity to improve the action sport terrain and offer residents another exciting facet of recreation, plus many of these spots are a great incentive to attract and retain a more vibrant and diverse community!

Please consider this great opportunity

Thanks for your time

Eric Magnussen

From: Dan Collins <dan@theena.org>

Sent: Tuesday, June 8, 2021 11:26 AM

To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>; board@theena.org; Patrick Hasburgh <patrick.hasburgh@gmail.com>

Subject: All-Wheel Spot in Elvehjem – Support from the Neighborhood Association

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Dear Board of Park Commissions,

I'm writing on behalf of the Elvehjem Neighborhood Association [board of directors](#).

We're voicing our support to approve the use of Elvehjem Park for an All-Wheel Spot. Patrick Hasburgh of the Madison Skatepark Fund and Ann Freiwald of Parks have been in contact with us for the last three months and have convinced us that this would be a positive addition to our neighborhood.

We featured Patrick at our Annual Meeting where the idea was met with enthusiasm and support from attendees. As an active neighborhood association, part of our job is to hear our residents' wants and needs and relay them accordingly. On the topic of an All-Wheel Spot, it's apparent that this would be a good thing for Elvehjem.

This is not to suggest that there's unanimous excitement among residents as there are some who have concerns about foot/car traffic and maintenance. Broadly speaking, however, our neighbors seem energized by the prospect.

Best,

Dan (and the ENA Board)

From: Ken Swift <kswift@uwalumni.com>

Sent: Tuesday, June 8, 2021 8:51 PM

To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>

Subject: all-wheel spots at Warner and Elvehjem

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Hello Madison Parks Commissioners,

I write to encourage you to support the proposed all-wheel spots at Warner Park and Elvehjem Park and any others that may appear in the future. The wheelspots would be in places that aren't being used now but that would be greatly welcomed by the city's growing population of skateboarders, roller skaters, bikers, etc. And here you have the Madison Skatepark Fund stepping up to fund and construct these nuanced spots at no cost to the city - what's not to like?

This is a great first step in re-using park spaces with high interest and verbal support from those neighborhoods. The popularity of the Goodman Skatepark in McPike Park shows how needed other large skateparks are around the city. But that's a shout-out for another day. These smaller spots are ready, the DIY Madison Skatepark Fund is gearing up, let's get this show on the road!

Thank you for considering support of a sporting population that continues to grow in every part of the city.

Ken Swift

father of a skateboarder and of a roller skater

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From: donuts <rasdonuts@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 10:02 AM

To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>

Subject: skatepark DIY space

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Hello there.

My name is Matt and I am a life long skateboarder. I am writing today to express my full support of Madison getting on board with having land for a few DIY space. I regularly travel around the country going on skate trips, where I mainly go to places that have a thriving DIY scene/park. This is a worldwide

movement that somewhere as progressive as Madison needs to have a couple of DIY spots. While in my travels I often help out other communities in the construction of these places, too. Great DIY's can be anything from a small 2 tennis courts, up to full on skateparks that are larger than the Madison central park skatepark! Concrete is a very easy skill to teach, and it is easy to get others involved as it's not a very technical medium. No fancy power tools and mostly grunt labor! These places of community building are also funded by the skaters themselves, through throwing fundraising parties, etc. I cannot tell you how excited I am for this ball to get rolling. We have the tools and knowledge to really put Madison on the DIY map, and have others traveling here from far away. As someone who helped with the DIY that was next to the yahara around 2008 or 9, which got removed, I am hoping that the only news I get is good news! Heres to the future, heres to progression, heres to building community, teaching the next generation of skaters skills to maybe even have a career in concrete/building skateparks.

thanks for reading this...if you made it this far.

I look forward to amazing all of you, and the people of Madison as a whole, with what a group of talented skateboarders are capable of creating...its going to be a real work of art!

peace and love

Matt

From: Dawn Mogilevsky <dawnmogilevsky@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 1:56 PM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Objection to all wheel park at Elvehjem Park

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Good Afternoon,

I am writing in regard to the proposed all wheel park at Elvehjem Park. I live on Painted Post Drive and have several concerns.

The so-called "defunct Elvehjem tennis courts" is proposed as a location for a new all wheel park. The only reason the tennis courts are run down is because the city doesn't take care of them. The Elvehjem tennis courts are, in fact, used on a daily basis by those of us living in the neighborhood. My husband and I play pickleball, my son and other neighbors play tennis or pickleball there multiple times each week. I would like to continue to be able to walk to my neighborhood park and use the courts, rather than driving to another location!

My children and the children of neighbors have taken tennis lessons at Elvehjem park, and it is a wonderful setting.

Another concern is the lack of available parking for increased use in the park. There is not a parking lot other than the small lot for Elvehjem school. This lot is full during school and used frequently by families with young children utilizing the playgrounds during the evenings and weekends. All summer long there are elementary school aged children who walk or ride their bikes to and through the parking lot to access the playgrounds and the school gardens. It is a place of community gathering for families and children in the neighborhood and has always been a safe location.

I am concerned about increased traffic both in the parking lot and on the small neighborhood streets; Painted Post Drive and Academy Drive. Unlike the Warner Park area, which is also a proposed all wheel park location, there are no major streets to handle the increase in traffic. There are many families with young children in our neighborhood and increased traffic will decrease the safety of our streets.

I'm also concerned about the number of cars parked on the street, and who this is going to draw into our neighborhood. We have a quiet, safe neighborhood and I am concerned about the nature of that changing with people from outside the Elvehjem neighborhood drawn in to use the skate park.

The article describes the current skate park at McPike Park as a destination park that people travel to from all around Wisconsin and the Midwest! How many of those people will be curious to see the newly developed all wheel parks and start venturing into the Elvehjem neighborhood? I am concerned that our safe, quiet streets will have increased traffic, increased parked cars on the street, and potentially no longer be an area children can visit freely to play during the summers and weekends.

Please don't make this change to our wonderful neighborhood!

Sincerely,

Dawn Mogilevsky

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