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Imagination Center at Reindahl Park - Temporary Trailer Installation

Body

Planning is underway for the Imagination Center at Reindahl Park. Madison Public Library is planning to construct a dynamic library and public facility at Reindahl Park to serve northeast Madison and the surrounding region, building off the planning approach used for our eastside strategic plan, *Communities Inspiring Libraries: A Strategic Plan for Eastside Growth*. Our plan (which laid the groundwork for the Reindahl project) relied on community conversations that enabled library staff to assemble a detailed analysis of community goals. It also identified how the library should support those goals. Similarly, we are now hosting conversations with individuals, neighbors, service providers, businesses, and others with a stake in the Reindahl project.

To help facilitate these conversations, we would like to temporarily locate an 8' x 20' mobile office in Reindahl Park. The library planner and other library staff will use the mobile office to conduct interviews with neighbors and park users as well as have a place to work on the plan and store items. We are working collaboratively with the Parks department to produce a plan that enhances both our library service and the park experience at Reindahl. For example, library staff is documenting suggestions for the park that arise in community conversations and monitoring park users. The Parks department is providing resources to support our planning efforts and helping us define the vision for the Imagination Center. It is our intention that this will be a transformational project for Madison and we are excited to continue the planning process.

Staff recommends approval of the temporary trailer installation with the Park Superintendent's approval of the location. The Madison Public Library will be required to obtain any necessary permits and all costs associated with the trailer, including utilities, will be at the Library's expense.