

Summary of Public Comment Period at PIM #1 – Country Grove Master Plan

Questions or Clarifications

- What size are the parking lots envisioned to be?
 - Parks currently envisions 8 to 10 stall parking lots for the shelter area and dog park.
- Will the shelter include water and electricity?
 - Yes, there will be a restrooms, a drinking fountain, and electricity included in the shelter.
- What are the hours of the park system?
 - All Madison Parks are open from 4am-10pm daily
- Do volunteers assist with Dog Park clean-up?
 - Yes, typically volunteer groups assist with occasional clean-up's in city dog parks.
- Is a traffic study needed with more park development?
 - Typically no. Park uses are not typically intense enough to warrant a traffic study. However, Parks will work with Traffic Engineering and will complete one if it is deemed necessary.
- Are any changes to the playground being proposed with the master plan?
 - No, the playground is planned to remain as is. This playground was last replaced in 2017. All playgrounds in the system are on a rotating replacement schedule, this one included. The typical lifespan of a playground is 20-25 years.
- Will there be lighting in park?
 - Yes. Since the park is open until 10pm, the shelter and parking areas will include some lighting for users to find their way to their cars after dark. Additionally, lighting the tennis, pickleball, and/or futsal courts would be a possibility. Improvements in lighting technology in recent years has made the impact of lighting on surrounding areas significantly less.
- What if I am interested in a community garden?
 - Parks does provide land for some community gardens. However, those gardens are managed by Rooted Wisconsin. If residents are interested in starting a community garden, they should contact Rooted for assistance in organizing a group. From there, Parks works with Rooted to determine an appropriate location.
- What type of building would be at the Community Patio?
 - The building would be a metal structure with a roof and open sides, Parks refers to these as sun shelters. These types of shelters are reservable, but do not provide electricity or water.

Comments on draft master plan proposed uses (Parks will evaluate and potentially incorporate into a revised plan)

- Many supported the dog park. Consider adding agility/play pieces. However, there was some concern about the dog park bringing traffic.
- Many seem happy that tennis courts are being included. Suggestion to explore dedicated pickleball courts was noted by numerous commenters.
- Numerous commenters have concerns about the single-track bike trail, especially in locations where the route goes behind residential back yards and next to Chavez School. Residents are

concerned about noise from the trail and safety. There are also concerns about intersections of the trail with other uses, such as walking on the existing paved path. One commenter was in full support of the trails and others had concerns, but said they could still be open to them.

- Would like a focus on pollinators in natural areas of the park.
- A member of the soccer club which uses the park commented that the park works very well for them and the club will be excited to hear about a potential futsal court.
- Full support for a shelter with restrooms. One commenter suggested to incorporate grills.

Comments on potential other uses (Parks will evaluate and potentially incorporate into a revised plan)

- Would like to see some disc golf baskets be placed. Not a full course, just a few baskets for practice. This sentiment was echoed in numerous comments.
- Interest in a community garden.
- Adding a sand volleyball court was suggested and seconded by numerous commenters.
- Ice rink in the winters.
- A parcourse or outdoor body-weight “gym”.
- Interest in a skatepark.
- Outdoor rigging for yoga silks.
- “American Ninja Warrior” outdoor course.

Comments on traffic adjacent to parkland

- There are existing concerns with the amount of traffic on East Pass and park users crossing the street. More development of the park increases these concerns. Numerous comments echoed these concerns. These concerns are not within Parks control to address. Alder Wehelie acknowledged the concerns and will work to address them with the appropriate city agencies.