



Madison Senior Center Courtyard (MSCC) Public Informational Meeting #1

4/21/2022

Public Commentary:

- Larry – this is a public park. Want everyone in the neighborhood to participate. Preserve activities for current users.
- Jon Yttri – The park should be named for Thornton Wilder – born in Madison, won the Pulitzer Prize for Literature and Drama.
- Laura Baldridge – The view from Mifflin Street side has a Porta-Potty – it is a safety issue. Drug deals happen there. Pavers are bad for accessibility. Only part of the park is shoveled (impacts accessibility). Tables should be movable – so they can go in shade or sun.
- Karen Foxgrover – urgent need of change because of uneven surfaces – bumps and dips in pavement. Power wheelchair – it can throw her over. Could it be fixed immediately?! People trip and fall – observed. Given the run-around on maintenance – “not my job, responsibility.” Picnicking space. Groups get together. Grilling – invite other people – sometimes leads to feuds. Easy access. Excited for grass.
- Dory Christensen – need for parks in the neighborhood. A real park in the neighborhood is the preference – this is not a substitute.
- Mike Verveer – this is not a replacement for a new downtown park. City real estate is not currently searching for parkland. Reference “Mifflandia Plan”
 - Cap. Center Market porta-potty – COVID addition. One porta-potty left.
 - Mifflin St. Block Party – April 30.
- Maurice Better – it is a small space. Will not be able to take away the long driveway. Concerned it cannot be a place for everyone. Picnic, sit under a tree, read a book, small stage – musical events. Grill. Feels like it would be crowded. Advocating for simplicity.
- Mike Jones – place for kids to play. The view to the courtyard is important - People live here. Doesn't live there but wants the people who live there to have a nice experience. Pets?
- Madeline – neighborhood activist on CNI, has been a loud voice. Neighborhood Park for the entire community. Not just for Cap. Centre Apts.
- Paul Quinn – lives at cap. Center – most people will want hard pavement for accessibility. Cannot pave the whole park. Will have to make some decisions about how to address paving surfaces.