



Hill Farms Area Community Garden Siting Project
Community Meeting Summary – January 8, 2018

On Monday, January 8th, 2018 approximately 34 community residents attended a public meeting to provide input and feedback on a proposed community garden site within or near the Hill Farms Neighborhood convened by the City of Madison Mayor's Office and Parks Division at Mount Olive Lutheran Church (110 N Whitney Way).

At this meeting, community members were asked to use colored dots to cast one (1) vote for their preferred garden site, choosing between Bordner Park, Indian Hills Park, and Rennebohm Park. In addition to their votes, attendees also recorded their comments on each proposed site location.

Bordner Park

- 2 recorded votes

Comments:

- Will require removal of rock pile
- Can't walk there; no car
- We like our trees! Don't cut them down
- Bordner site is too intrusive to the neighbors; parking is a big concern
- That's where we hunt for non-denominational spring eggs
- Smallest area; densely located near houses
- Parking seems very limited

Indian Hills Park

- 19 recorded votes

Comments:

- Why not add a small parking lot?
- Flooding concerns?
- Vote for Indian Hills Park but am concerned about soil quality
- Can't walk there; no car
- I don't want a garden in any of these locations!
- Indian Hills seems like largest area for lowest cost; not as much density as Rennebohm Park
- A community garden would make this park more appealing and used; seems to be empty fairly often
- Golf course chemicals leaching
- Any chance for a parking lot?
- Is there easy biking and walking access? To carry plants?

Pros

- Largest site = most plots
- Has lowest median income = helps more people
- Also most renters without own yards

- Lower cost relative to size
- Largest site, lowest cost = best option
- More people overall could use this area, making for a greater sense of “community”

Cons

- Parking limited
- Will the golf course chemical use be problematic for food garden?

Rennebohm Park

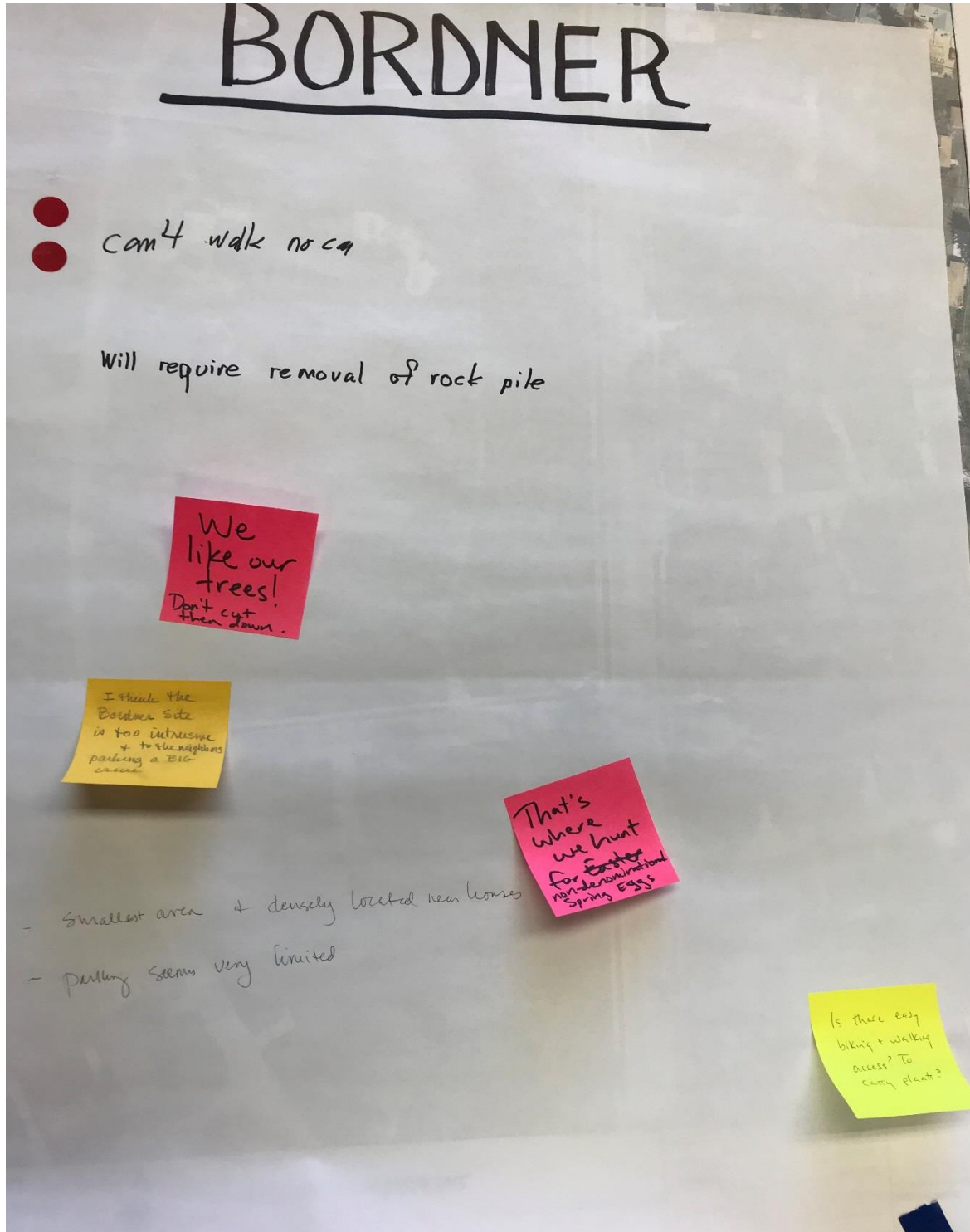
13 recorded votes

Comments:

- Will this be the last expansion of Rennebohm, if selected?
- Can use the existing garden governance structure
- Garden use tends to be evenings and weekends, with little use between 9a-4p. This use is opposite DOT parking.
- Rennebohm location is too expensive and park is saturated with people now
- Leave path where it is at! Very nice – people can enjoy the garden
- It’s a *public* park for everyone to enjoy – not just gardeners
- Several of the gardeners grow flowers, not food to eat
- Rennebohm is a busy park – find another quieter area
- I want my garden to be as close to my kitchen as possible. I live on Sheboygan near Rennebohm
- Gardens are taking over the public park
- Don’t move the path – too expensive!
- What access is there (for all 3 locations) to take out the harvest?
- Why not Garner Park?
- Handicapped parking?
- People who have yards shouldn’t get garden plots; use their own land
- Regarding handicapped parking, could a few stalls be installed at Rennebohm Park, just inside the existing gate?
- Move the gate inward to open area up to the street
- I am absolutely opposed to the garden expansion at Rennebohm because as a resident of that neighborhood and a park user, I don’t want usage impaired. The park focus should be recreational first and foremost.

Photos

Bordner Park



Indian Hills Park

INDIAN HILLS



Why not add a small parking lot?

Will there be flooding potential?

can't walk there no car

INCLUDE GARNER PARK TO CONSIDER LOTS OF SPACE POTENTIAL

I VOTE FOR THE INDIAN HILLS SITE BUT AM CONCERNED ABOUT SOIL QUALITY OF THIS SITE

I don't want a garden into ANY of these locations! WE TOO!

Pros

- largest site = most plots ✓
- has lowest median income = ✓
helps more people
- also most renters w/o own yards
- lower cost relative to size

largest site lowest cost = best option
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making for a greater sense of "community"

Indian Hills seems to have the largest area at the lowest cost. And it is not used as densely as Glenview.

A comm. garden would make this park more appealing & used. Now it seems to be empty fairly often.

Indian Hills: Golf course chemicals leaching?

Any chance for a parking lot for Indian Hills?

Is there any biking + walking access? To carry plans?

Cons:

parking is limited.
will the golf course chemical use be problematic for food gardens

Rennebohm Park

RENNEBOHM



Will this be the last expansion in Rennebohm, if selected.
Can use the existing garden governance structure
Density concerns: oo. DOT expands + more agts \$ + Rldgs go in, very crowded

Garden use tends to be evenings + weekends
with little use between 9 + 4. This
use is opposite of DOT parking.

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neighborhood

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responsibility

It's generally
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to get people in

Re: Handicap parking
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