

Project:	Vilas Park Master Plan	Location:	Skype
MSA Project No.:	15885004	Date:	April 27, 2020
Meeting Purpose:	Review of Preliminary Concepts	Time:	10:00 am – 11:00 am
Meeting Organizer:	Dan Williams		

Attendees:

Name	Affiliation
Kate Kane	Parks Div., City of Madison
Ann Freiwald	Parks Div., City of Madison
Julie Stroick	Planning, City of Madison
Sean Malloy	Traffic Eng., City of Madison
Joanna O'Brien	Engineering, City of Madison
Joseph Darcangelo	Dane Co. – Henry Vilas Zoo
Karen Oberhauser	UW Arboretum
Dan Williams	MSA
Dan Schmitt	MSA
Joshua Schmitt	Park Ranger, City of Madison

Action Items:
1. Update Project Scope and Schedule:

- a. Project Status: Phase II Design Development – draft concept plans

2. Open Items:

- a. Parking:
 - i. Has City considered paid/permit parking?
 - ii. How would this impact zoo (free status)?
 - iii. Is there a formal agreement between County/City on use of parking lots for zoo?
- b. Traffic:
 - i. Watch impacts of temporary Vilas Park Drive vehicular traffic closure

3. Discussion: Concepts and Initial Feedback from RRG and CPAG Meeting on 4/22

- a. Mobility and Safety
 - i. Vilas Park Drive –
 1. Modification to a two-way, single lane road was mentioned at 4/22 meeting, as a way to reduce effectiveness of VPD as a route for commuters.
 - ii. Parking
- b. Environment
 1. What is minimum setback of pavement (roads and parking) from shoreline of Lake Wingra or Lagoon? Same for structures?
 2. Paul Dearlove – Clean Lakes Alliance – “I believe making an open-water connection between the main lake and the lagoon will only encourage carp spawning and do little to improve the health of the lake or the lagoons.”

- c. Community
 - i. Shelter
 1. Location and style – RRG members prefer open “see through” structure, lots of windows and/or coiling doors.
 - ii. Playground – RRG/CPAG members indicated tennis courts are heavily used and should remain, also would prefer to keep a playground where one currently exists by zoo/shoe.
 - iii. Suggestion to change presentation (theme) to omit the “local concerts”.

4. Questions from Public Engagement:

5. Next Steps:

- a. IAS Meeting #5 – May – Review Draft Concept
- b. PIM #2 – May (held Virtually as a Zoom meeting)
- c. IAS Meeting #6 – Late August – Finalize Draft Plan

Meeting Notes

Presentation:

- Make it clear that final plan is intended to be a combination of preferred alternates from each concept or a new idea.
- Described commonalities of each concept.

Staff Comments:

- Alignment of park entrance at Campbell would be preferred by TE. A single access point could be problematic. Consider a gate Randall exit for use as needed to help control access. Zoo would prefer two access points.
- Lagoon/Runoff – Stormwater Engineering didn’t see anything immediately concerning. Will review internally and follow up with any additional questions. Maintenance plan and responsibilities would need to be discussed during design development but would likely be Parks responsibility.
- 75’ setback is typical state standard for impervious improvements near shoreline. Parks/Engineering will follow up with DNR.
- Planning –
 - Concerns over additional traffic at Edgewood Drive/Vilas Park Drive intersection if a shelter is placed on western side of the park (off of the peninsula). Consider additional traffic and it’s impacts if shelter is placed there. Effects of amplified music allowed in shelter on nearby homes.
 - Investigate if Zoo users would use the playground in the Northeast section of the park (west of

zoo entrance).

- Effects of removing parking on Vilas park drive for users with limited mobility/seniors. Follow up with Keith/Access for Independence. Looped trails are a common best practice in Park design.
- Does Edgewood have any facility plans for the park and pleasure drive or other facilities related to Vilas park. MSA to follow up with Edgewood rep.
- Zoo –
 - Updated Facilities Plan has been completed and will review with parks/project team. Next 5 years or so. Assumption is that due to Zoo's internal playground, the exterior playground in Vilas park may not be a direct use of zoo users but many community members do walk to the Vilas playground
 - Consider a route through the zoo as part of a trail loop.