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Whitewater Park

- Gary Lacy and Mason Lacy attended the Whitewater Park Steering Committee meeting on Monday, October 21st. They presented the updated preliminary design and provided feedback for the Mandt Park master plan.
- Had a preliminary permitting meeting with DNR officials the afternoon of Monday, October 21st. Gary Lacy and Mason Lacy provided information to the DNR about the preliminary design and hydraulic analysis. The DNR was receptive to the design and gave feedback on the permitting process. This is something new for them, so they are trying to understand how to classify it. They also provided feedback on the Municipal Dam Program grant.
- The DNR responded to permitting the project. We won't be able to apply for the Municipal Dam Program and keep the dam's foundation or put something similar in its place. However, the feeling is that the current design will be permitted with a few modifications. I had a conversation with Gary Lacy about their response. He communicated that the City has two paths forward. There could be a lesser design and more upstream impact with less cost or we could keep the current design and make the modifications.
- Had a meeting with DNR officials about the sediment sampling results. What we do with the river will factor into the remediation.
- Attended the 11/13 RDA meeting and gave a project update.

Miscellaneous

- Attended three days of CVMIC training for managers. The topics were soft skills, coaching employees, and risk management. I had to cancel a few trainings due to scheduling and conflicts and rescheduled them to the first quarter of 2020.
- Attended Committee of the Whole budget meeting.
- Went to the County Executive's meeting on community center initiatives. He created initiatives to improve mental health and is working with youth centers to help implement them. The $500,000 set aside for the initiative will be for staff trainings and possibly extra staff such as social workers. There will be another meeting in a month or two. There is also another initiative where he funded an outdoor education position within Dane County Parks that will be working with youth centers to get children outdoors.
- Went over the draft food cart ordinance. There should not be any food carts in parks unless they pay a separate fee since they would be profiting off the park. There is an article in the parks and recreation association trade magazine that covered food trucks in parks. Many of the communities went to a separate fee towards the parks and recreation department.
- Met with other leadership team members about the food truck policy. In other areas of the country and state, food trucks typically pay a fee that goes towards the park. National restaurant Shake Shack is a good example as the company started as vendor in Central Park.
- Updated the sponsorship packet and form for 2020. I included the regional flag football tournament for the first time. I'm hoping to draw interest from businesses outside of Dane County due to 10 other communities that participate.
- Compared proposals for the ADA transition plan. MSA currently manages the City's GIS system and this could be an added feature to the transition plan. It would be a creation of a module

within our current system that maps out deficiencies, correctable actions, and the timeline for implementation.

- Demoed the Gym Dandy software for park scheduling. The software is intuitive to use for customers and has a lot of features for staff. This should be helpful for not only scheduling, but there is a work order feature that could be implemented by maintenance.

Mandt Park Master Plan

- Hosted the public meeting for the master plan on October 15th.
- Updated the department's website and added a comment box for the public to comment on the three concept plans. Promoted this option on our Facebook page and customer database.
- I sent the three concepts to Luke Butz from the Stoughton School District and asked for feedback. I forwarded the School District's comments to the consultants.

Nordic Ridge Playground

- Met with the Bryant Foundation about the playground and restrooms at Rotary Park. They would like to see additional community commitment to both projects. I will be working with the Rotary Club on fundraising for both projects.
- I reached out to the Madison Community Foundation to see if the playground was something they would support.

Impact Fee Study

- Completed the existing park infrastructure spreadsheet that is used to determine the development cost of parkland. This sets the City's standard for parkland development. I worked with both Ayres and MSA to get replacement values. Block construction shelters with restrooms like we have at East Park cost $400,000 to construct in 2019.
- Had a conference call with the consultant to go over questions that I had.
- Received bid tabs from Dane County Parks for their trail projects. We have an option if we want to have a trail impact fee as well.

Recreation

- Worked with a girl scout troop to clean up the abandoned plots at the community garden. They approached me for any service project options. There were 10 plots that still had fencing up, weeds, and other issues that needed to be cleaned out.
- Attended the Friends of Gazebo Musikk meeting on October 21st. They have committed to donating a $1,000 towards the park improvements at Rotary Park.

Bjoin Park

- I sent out a Doodle poll to see when the interested neighbors would be able to meet. There will be a meeting on Saturday, November 16th and on Tuesday, November 19th. About half of the interested neighbors from the survey responded to the poll.
- Prepared for the neighborhood meetings which included compiling the survey results and various maps.

Rotary Park Improvements

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- Filled out the grant application for the improvements.
- MSA will be working on the survey and soil borings before winter to keep it on schedule for a Memorial Day opening. We would need a commitment letter for the grant to move forward with construction.
- Met with MSA about the project and communicated with them that a restroom that had the ability to have an adult changing station and incorporated the look of the surrounding City buildings was needed. There's a large contingent of people with disabilities who attend the Gazebo Musikk concerts and it was communicated with me from their advocates that this would be needed.