## **Quarry Park**

## Trails Usage Plan Working Group Meeting #1 Tuesday, January 19, 2016, 12-1pm Goodman Maintenance Facility, 1402 Wingra Creek Parkway

## **MEETING NOTES**

Introductions

Kate Kane and Charlie Romines from the City of Madison Parks Division

Background

Kate Kane described the feedback she received both prior to and after the public information meeting held December 14 regarding the trails usage at Quarry Park and the subsequent follow-up meeting that she and Charlie Romines had with Eric Veum, the City of Madison Risk Manager:

- overall it was the impression of parks staff that the neighborhood seemed to not have issues with mountain bike versus pedestrian use of the trails at the park
- -concerns raised at the meeting or via contact with parks staff centered primarily on dog-walking and strong sentiment for not allowing dogs off leash was expressed
- on the graphic shown at the meeting, pedestrian users seemed dissatisfied with the area shown as "pedestrian only" and requested that the majority of the park trails remain "multi-use" to the greatest extent possible -from a Risk Management standpoint, mountain biking is a permitted activity at the park. The Risk Manager seeks to minimize areas where potential conflicts exist between pedestrian and mountain bike users -suggestions from the Risk Manager included making the main loop trail, were it to remain multi-use, directional in nature (ex. mountain bikers proceed in a counter-clockwise direction, hiking in a clockwise direction -the Risk Manager also suggested adding signage at areas where bikers and walkers would have to overlap (ex.at the east and west entrances) and to add a map or other graphic making the overall trail usage plan clear to visitors
- Following this review, members of the working group discussed various areas at the park which could be better signed, discussed directionality for the main loop trail, discussed a trail map and discussed where trails could be discontinued or abandoned to provide clarity to the network. An overview of an agreement between Parks and CORP was discussed by Charlie Romines.
- Project Timetable
  - a. The next working group session will combine all current mapping about the park to develop a draft map that will be shared with the neighborhood in early spring
  - b. Parks staff will work with CORP to develop an agreement as to how new features can be developed at the park
- Next Steps

The next working group meeting will be held on February 18 at Goodman Maintenance Facility from 4:30-5:30PM

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