Galaxy Park Master Plan

132 Milky Way

City of Madison Parks Division Madison, WI





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INTRODUCTION

Galaxy Park is a 3.47 acre mini park located on the far east side of Madison at 132 Milky Way. The service area for the park is ½ mile. The nearest developed parks to this location are Kennedy, McClellan and North Star Parks to the south and Reston Heights and Dominion Parks across Sprecher Road to the east, and Honeysuckle and Town Center Parks to the north. All of these fall within a 1-mile radius from Galaxy Park. Heritage Prairie Conservation Park also falls within the 1-mile radius to the south of Galaxy Park. See Adjacent Park Map (Exhibit 1).



HISTORY

This property was dedicated as public parkland in Outlot 46 of the North Addition to Grandview Commons in 2014 (see Exhibit 2). At the time of dedication, the park was given an interim name of Camar Park. During the master planning process, the name Galaxy Park was selected by the neighborhood. Galaxy Park and the surrounding



neighborhood are part of the <u>Sprecher Neighborhood Development Plan</u> (see Exhibit 3). The neighborhood plan shows the park expanding to the west, so discussions with the neighborhood during the master planning process included the opportunity to place amenities beyond what would normally be included in a mini park.

EXISTING CONDITIONS

The existing property consists of 3.47 acres of mostly sloped, previously disturbed topography. The northern most section is predominately flat, with steep slopes along the southern property edge line as shown on the Topography Map (see Exhibit 4).



Several areas within the park feature slopes greater than 10% as shown in the Slope Analysis Map (see Exhibit 5). These areas are primarily located along the central section of the park from south to north but taper down to slopes under 5% along the northernmost edge that abuts Jackson Quarry Lane.

Existing trees were identified on the survey (Exhibit 6) by City of Madison Parks to identify size and species existing on the property. The survey identified trees along the western edge of the property which are predominately immature low-quality hardwoods including box elders, hackberry and elm. A large number of trees border the park at the south, but are outside of the fenced property line and are identified on the survey as treeline-only. Though the species are primarily considered invasive, the neighborhood does value the screening that trees in this area of the park are able to provide from the less-desirable views into the Homburg Quarry site to the immediate west.



MASTER PLAN

The master plan process included two public input meetings and a community survey, which is consistent with the adopted Park Master Plan Policy.

Public Input Process

The first public input meeting was held on December 4, 2017. The public input meeting provided background and context on the site and asked for neighborhood input on the proposed park and potential amenities. At the first public meeting, participants assisted in developing concepts for the park. Additionally, an online survey was provided with hard copies mailed to approximately 1,150 addresses of residents within ¼ mile of the park. The survey gauged the desire for specific amenities that are typically found within neighborhood parks while also identifying seasonal usage patterns and demographic information. The results of the survey are shown in Exhibit 7. Two master plan design concepts were provided for the community to review and provide comments. The master plan proposed for Galaxy Park was the option that was selected by the majority of the public input meeting participants. The presentations provided at the public input meetings are included in Exhibit 8.

Proposed Park Amenities

The proposed park master plan (see Exhibit 9) took into consideration the site's topography, existing vegetation, public input obtained during the meetings and received by Parks staff, and the community survey. The top amenities identified through the master planning process included playground, shelter, a relatively level open space area and natural areas. The proposed amenities are consistent with the Park and Open Space Plan for amenities within a Neighborhood Park – which Galaxy Park is being planned as, in light of its proposed future expansion to the west under the neighborhood plan. The proposed amenities included in the master plan are:

Playground

A playground at the park was identified at the first and second meetings as well as within the survey as a strongly desired amenity at this location. Several of the meeting attendees were aware of the large unit count multifamily development plans for the lots across Jackson Quarry Lane and immediately to the north of the park and expressed interest in this amenity for the new residents.

Sun Shelter

An open-sided, reservable sun shelter with picnic tables is included in the proposed master plan. Shelters are standard neighborhood park amenities. A sun shelter was identified as a desired amenity through both the community survey and the public input meetings.

Paved Path

An accessible route of travel from the public sidewalk along Jackson Quarry Lane will be provided to the playground and shelter.

Open Area for Active / Passive Recreation

The area at the northwest corner of the park will be level graded (slopes 2-3% or less) for use as open space for pick-up ball games, picnicking, and other activities requiring level and flexible use open space.

Natural Areas

Since the majority of the property to the south features steep slopes, this portion of the park property is identified in the master plan as low-mow meadow.

Bluegrass dominated low mow meadows will be managed in accordance with the adopted <u>Land</u> <u>Management Plan</u>. Managed meadows are mowed once or twice a year and are managed for invasive woody species. They are typically native and non-native grasses and forbs and provide pollinator habitat.

Privacy Screening / Sled Hill

A 7-8 foot height berm planted with assorted hardwoods and conifers along the western edge of the park will provide a sledding opportunity during the winter months and year-round screening from the quarry operation to the west of the park.



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EXHIBIT 3: Sprecher Neighborhood Development Plan



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EXHIBIT 4: Topography Map



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Galaxy Park

ELEVATION





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Galaxy Park

SLOPE

Legend

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EXHIBIT 6: Survey of Galaxy Park

EXHIBIT 7: Community Survey Results

Please select and rank the type of playground amenities you feel are important to be installed at **Galaxy Park** and should be included in the park master plan.





EXHIBIT 8: 5 Public Information Meeting Presentations

CAMAR PARK MASTER PLAN & NORTH STAR PARK EXPANSION

Public Meeting #1

INTRODUCTION

Kate Kane, City of Madison Parks Division Sarah Lerner, City of Madison Parks Division

WHAT IS A MASTER PLAN?

- o Guides the development of park facilities in the plan.
- o Based on neighborhood input.
- Subject to public review.
- o Approved by the Board of Park Commissioners.

TONIGHT'S GOALS

- Introduce the projects
- Discuss typical park facilities
- The big picture!
- $_{\odot}$ Hear your values and vision for the future park areas
- O DESIGN YOUR OWN PARK!





HISTORY

 North Star Park – 23.6 acres
 2002 - Grandview Commons Outlot 10 20.5 acres $_{\odot 2014}$ – North Addition to Grandview Commons Outlot 43 - $\,$ 4.7 acres

Camar Park

02014- North Addition to Grandview Commons Outlot 46 - 3.47 acres

EXISTING CONDITIONS

North Star Park and Camar Park

- o Photos
- Topography and Slope Existing Vegetation
- Context
- o Adjacent Parks
- Neighborhood Development Plan



























CONTEXT AND DEMOGRAPHICS

- 1.
- Context Adjacent Parks Neighborhood Plan

- Demographics
 # of People < 17
 # of People 18-65
 # of People 65+













UNIQUE NEIGHBORHOOD PARK AMENITIES

- Fenced Off-Leash Dog Park
- o Mountain Bike Trails
- Community Gardens (Managed by Community GroundWorks)
- Edible Landscaping
- o Hiking Trails
- o Volleyball
- o Tennis Courts
- Prairie Restorations









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DESIGN YOUR PARK!

1. Work in a group for 20 minutes.

2. Share ideas.



TAKE THE SURVEY!

1. A survey will be mailed to you and will be available online in the next few weeks.



NEXT STEPS, STAY CONNECTED!

CAMAR PARK MASTER PLAN & NORTHSTAR PARK EXPANSION

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NORTH STAR PARK EXPANSION AND CAMAR PARK MASTER PLANS

Public Meeting #2 McClellan Park Neighborhood Association Annual Meeting 4-11-2018

INTRODUCTION

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TONIGHT'S GOALS

Recap last meeting
 Present draft plans





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- o Aerial
- o Photos
- Topography
- Slope
- Vegetation

































































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EXHIBIT 9: Galaxy Park Master Plan

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