



Project:	<u>Vilas Park Master Plan</u>	Location:	<u>Edgewood College, Predolin 118</u>
MSA Project No.:	<u>15885004</u>	Date:	<u>February 10, 2020</u>
Meeting Purpose:	<u>Resident Resource Group</u>	Time:	<u>5:30 pm – 7:30 pm</u>
Meeting Organizer:	<u>Dan Williams</u>		

Note: All attendees parking on the Edgewood campus must sign in at the front desk in Predolin Center.

Attendees:

	Name	Affiliation
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Maia Chen	Burr Oaks Neighborhood Resident
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tag Evers	District 13 Alderperson
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sheri Carter	District 14 Alderperson
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jim Lorman	Greenbush Neighborhood Association
<input type="checkbox"/>	Linda & Keith Feiler	Greenbush Neighborhood Residents
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ben Yahr Casey Hanson Peter Witucki	Friends of Lake Wingra
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Wendy Fearnside Lee Lazar Ann Rivlin	Vilas Park Neighborhood Association
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dan Williams Dan Schmitt	MSA
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Catherine Jago	Dudgeon-Monroe Neighborhood Association

Action Items:

1. (Re)Introductions 5:30 – 5:35 pm
2. Project Overview 5:35 – 6:00 pm
 - A. **Updated** project scope and schedule
 - B. Themes of what we have heard so far:
 - a. On-line public survey
 - b. Park observations/intercept interviews
 - c. Focus groups
 - d. Community Partner Advisory Group
 - e. Resident Resource Group/Neighborhood Associations
 - f. State Agencies
 - C. Summary of Site Analysis
3. Discussion 6:00 – 6:50 pm
 - A. Priorities for park features, existing and proposed, and how they fit into the Vilas Park Master Plan?

Ideas and comments to consider in design:

- Resurface tennis courts
- Native vegetation around shoreline of Lake Wingra and Lagoons would help reduce goose population.

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- More benches to be included along lakes. How to place so the added open space does not contribute to goose habitat.
- Areas around parking lots by tennis court and shelter are heavily used for picnicking.
- Not much activity around the bridge.
- Consider realignment of Vilas Park Drive to be further from the lake in at least one concept plan.
- Modify shelter location to improve viewshed from northern park looking south onto lake wingra.
- New Shelter to be a neighborhood scaled amenity like Elver/Tenny Parks. Not a community center like Warner Park. Consider glass curtain walls/doors.
- Possible location could be the west end of the lagoons, either on the peninsula or near the existing tennis court.
- Consider design of shelter. Front/Back how does that impact the lake/lagoons and the associated views.
- More consideration needs to be made for access to restrooms from play equipment/sports/picnic areas.
- Could a small sledding hill be designed near the current tennis courts?
- Playground(s) need shade.
- Could a live parking status system (lot full) be installed with signs near entrances to help direct users to the nearest open lot? Similar to airports/rest stops?
- Maintain kayak and canoe access.
- Zoo/Park will use as much parking as you provide. No net increase in parking should be included in the design, better utilize/organize the available spaces.
- Ice skating is part of the regional identity of the park. What can be done with the hockey rinks during other seasons? What will lagoon ice conditions be in the future? How often and how long will the lagoons freeze?
- Maintain and expand the edible landscape on underutilized portion of the peninsula.
- Trees are encroaching eastward into the open green space along the multi-use trail. Consider management methods.
- Intersection at Parking lot, Grant, Drake is confusing for visiting users and neighbors routinely see traffic enter the wrong way on the one-way park drive.
- Heavy use of parking by visiting schools during Spring. Buses regularly seen in North Parking lot, despite signs indicating they are prohibited.
- “New” Vilas Park drive to be designed to slow traffic and improve safety of bikers and pedestrians. 15 mph speed limit should accommodate shared use by vehicles and bikers.
- Beach house could be consolidated with the shelter.
- Add more drinking fountains in design.
- Add bike parking.
- Boardwalks on the west side of the shoreline between Vilas Park Drive and Lake Wingra where the right-of-way is pinched between the zoo and the lake.
- Consider a shuttle from Bowman Field (Fish Hatchery Road) during events.
- Food carts had been located at the park in the past but seemed to have failed? Would they work now?
- Traffic backs up at Monore and Edgewood intersection. Seems to have gotten worse since the Monroe St. reconstruction project.
- Vilas Park Dr. should be considered as a park road not a commuter throughfare.
- Vilas Neighborhood Association –
 - Unstructured Recreation Opportunities.
 - Vilas is a neighborhood AND community park.
 - Closing Vilas Park Drive to through traffic would likely lead to increased traffic on neighborhood streets.
 - Provide trade-offs for proposed plans to help neighborhood discuss options and weigh alternatives.

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- Have the Lagoons and Lakes been tested for PFAS?
- What are the contaminants identified in the Lagoon samples? What do they mean?

General Comments

- What are the 5 big issues as identified by public engagement? Provide these to groups for review and comment.
- What does the City need from the group? Neighborhoods?
 - Input and Feedback on proposed amenities.
 - Respond to the trade-offs of proposed changes.
- Why are there only “2” entrances to the zoo? Safety? Accreditation?
- Continued engagement of neighborhoods (especially Greenbush Neighborhood Association) in the design of the “Wingra Overlook” section of Vilas Park.
- Was beach closed during site observations, as shown in the presentation?

4. Next Steps 6:50 – 7:00 pm
- A. Community Partner Advisory meetings #3 and #4 #5 will be held jointly with members of the Resident Resource Group.
 - B. Verify preferred personal contact information.
5. Adjourn Meeting 7:00 pm