



Madison Senior Center Courtyard (MSCC)
Stakeholder Group Meeting #1 - Capitol Centre Apartments

5/3/2022

Public Commentary:

- Will the current driving lane be maintained?
 - Mike Sturm explained the restrictions faced due to access and utility easements
- Residents are concerned about the general public driving through the site or parking in the easement
- There is a rumor that the mound may be an effigy
 - Parks has resources to investigate history of site and any records of effigy mounds in the area
- Existing design has fruiting trees over benches and furniture, which is problematic for using that seating
- Will public events like movies, concerts, and food trucks create a noise nuisance for residents?
- Grills in example photo look “weird,” what would real grills look like? Will they be cleaned regularly?
 - Parks Dept. standard charcoal grill, will require ash disposal.
- Concern that gardening plots would not work, unclear as to their reason for concern
- Capitol Centre residents say they feel “possessive” over the space
- Suggestion for naming park after Thornton Wilder, a Madison native
- Will there be deterrents for loitering (specific concern about homeless population), drug use, drug sales?
 - Mike Sturm noted there is a difference between undesirable activities and people – all people are welcome in City of Madison Parks.
 - Sleeping in city parks is not illegal, though parks close at 10:00pm
 - It is hoped that an increase in desirable activity decreases attractiveness for undesirable activity
- Building ingress/egress will be maintained during construction
- Will the park be usable to pet owners? Concern over owners cleaning up after pets
 - Standard parks policy is to allow dogs on-leash and on walking paths
 - Specific parks may be designated as pet-free by the Parks Commission
 - Possibility of including a pet waste station to encourage owners to clean up after their pets
- Will the design encourage skateboarding?
 - Skateboarding is allowed in city parks but deterrents can be considered in design
- Will there be a designated music/performance area?
 - May not be designated performance space, but flexible use space is likely
- A flexible use open space is a high priority
- Per Alder Verveer, transition to city park must not diminish use or enjoyment of the space by Capitol Centre residents