

COMMUNITY ISSUES

Cherokee Park proposal draws crowds, questions and concerns

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“That’s a statement, not a question,” was the most common response to comments made by attendees at the Cherokee Park development public meeting.

On February 28 more than 150 people crammed into a hot, stuffy Warner Park Center meeting room to learn about, and offer opinion on, the proposed development.

After a review of the plan by project consultants Tim Anderson, Bill White and others, the developers took questions and comments for about two and half hours.

Attendees’ concerns were myriad ranging from the environmental impact of more silt and runoff in the already carp-clogged marsh water, to the social consequences of “blending” high and middle-income neighborhoods.

Many had questions regarding expanding Whitetail Ridge Park. One person asked if the percentage of the population that are members of the Cherokee Country Club stays the same with the new development, will that new influx ensure the success of the club, one of the primary goals of the project.

Most of the land in the proposed development is in the Town of Burke,



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Cherokee Park, Inc. development proposal:

- ♦ Longterm plans for building about 1000 housing units, which include a mix of single family and duplex houses, townhomes and condominiums, built in several phases over two decades or more.
- ♦ Focus on Cherokee County Club: improvements and expansion, including possible timeshare residential units, a coffee shop and other facilities; and plan for residents in new housing to join Club to ensure its long term economic viability.
- ♦ Need to annex much of the property into the City of Madison.
- ♦ Expansion of Whitetail Ridge Park.
- ♦ Total area of about 1300 acres with significant amounts of greenspace.
- ♦ Relocation to the southeast of Wheeler Road between N. Sherman Avenue and County Highway CV.
- ♦ Possible roundabout at Wheeler Road and N. Sherman Avenue.
- ♦ Development concept maps at www.cherokeerealestate.net/future.html

City of Madison draft special area plan:

- ♦ Draft plan to be presented to the public on April 25 (see sidebar).
- ♦ Recommended housing densities and building types.
- ♦ Some details of an expanded Whitetail Ridge Park.
- ♦ Integration of bicycle/pedestrian trails throughout the proposed development area and adjacent areas.

and the developer, Cherokee Park, Inc., will submit its first annexation petition and rezoning/general development plan request should be submitted in mid to late April.

“Development will occur incremen-

tally as it has in the past,” White said, “but will be with a variety of housing stocks to support the country club and other outdoor recreational uses.”

“We anticipate having at least two more public meetings this spring,” he

The City of Madison invites you to attend a presentation of its

Draft Special Area Plan for the Cherokee Park Area

**Tuesday, April 25
7:00 pm
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