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Holly Tot Lot Concept Design Review Meeting Notes –October 13, 2009 Martin Luther King Recreation Center

Meeting Attendees:

*Gwen Schwebel, Marilyn Natz, Doug Olson, and Shawne Monahan – All Community members.
Dave Ronzani, and Kathleen Anglo – St. Paul Parks and Recreation*

Task Force Members:

Jill Ross, Patrick Rhone, Gwen Schwebel, Charlie Essig, Scott Robinson, Sharon Pfeifer, Shawne Monahan, Xandre Folscher, Mason Riddle, Vincent Bradford, and Myriam Grady

- A. David Ronzani of Parks and Recreation passed out the meeting agenda and then briefly recapped the previous meeting.**
- B. David Ronzani discussed the arborist's evaluation of the large silver maple and the recommendation for its removal being in the best interest of the park for the long term. City also recommended replacing the large tree with the 3" maple currently located in the turf area.**
- C. David Ronzani summarized 2 concept designs for the new play area which included design intent, program spaces, function, circulation, materials, etc.**
 - a. Concept 1 – Formal Victorian**
 - i. Circulation**
 - 1. Holly entrance centered on tree w/ formal entry columns
 - 2. Alley entrance aligned with main Holly entrance
 - ii. Design intent**
 - 1. Historical Architectural detailing
 - 2. Victorian inspired graphic in play space
 - 3. Axial symmetry
 - 4. Formal Hedges (border plantings)
 - 5. Stormwater treated on site
 - iii. Program spaces**
 - 1. Play (sand, swings, etc.)
 - 2. Entry (picnic area, bike racks, water)
 - 3. Natural turf
 - 4. Raingarden



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iv. Materials

1. Synthetic poured in place or play tile surfacing
2. Formal stone seat wall
3. Ornamental fencing and other Victorian inspired furnishings
4. Play sand

b. Concept 2 – Secret Garden:

i. Circulation

1. Holly entrance offset from tree w/ entry columns
2. Walkway along east side of the play area connects the entrances.

ii. Design intent

1. Low impact design cues
2. Irregular shape to utilize available open space between on-site trees
3. Shade garden encourages interaction with the plants
4. Stormwater treated on site

iii. Program spaces

1. Play (sand, swings, etc.)
2. Shade “Secret” garden
3. Entry (picnic area, bike racks, water)
4. Natural turf
5. Raingarden

iv. Materials

1. Permeable synthetic play turf
2. Use of recycled materials where available
3. Native plant preference
4. Limestone seat wall
5. Ornamental fencing and other Victorian inspired furnishings
6. Play sand

c. Concept 2 was preferred over the more formal layout of Concept 1.

d. Additional requests/Concerns with the future Tot Lot design:

- Preference of wood material and natural colors over plastic play equipment
- Concern over the potential of lost shade from relocating the 3” maple
- Concerns of fall height from the proposed 18” seat wall along the east border of the play surface
- Questions about turf drainage and installation (will bring a sample to the next meeting)
- Preference of shrubs to be used as border plantings versus ornamental grasses or perennials.
- Concern about mowing the reduced turf area.
- Concern about functionality of the raingarden
- Ornamental trash cans to match the fencing
- Historical information for park sign
- Request to retain the “digger” currently located on site
- Request to add lighting within the park – not covered in budget
- Concern about street lighting – will inquire about with public works.

D. Next Steps:

a. Meeting #3 – Design Development, Early November, date TBD.

**PLEASE REVIEW THESE NOTES AND CONTACT ME (651-266-6410) IF
COMMENTS ARE INCORRECTLY NOTED OR MISSED COMPLETELY.**

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