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Holly Tot Lot Analysis and Programming Meeting Notes – September 10, 2009 Martin Luther King Recreation Center

Meeting Attendees:

Jill Ross, Carol Stoddart, Barb Courtney, Patrick Rhone, Bethany Gladmill, Beatrix Rhone, Gwen Schwebel, Dan Cahill, Marilyn Natz, Doug Olson, Charlie Essig, Scott Robinson, Sharon Pfeifer, 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 proceeded with introductions.**
- B. David Ronzani presented existing conditions, site analysis, goals and objectives, and Likes/Dislikes/Wants.**
- C. Discussion/Comments/Questions:**
 - a. Dislikes/Concerns with the current tot lot:**
 - Noisy equipment
 - Lack of consistent maintenance
 - Chain-link fence around the perimeter needs to be replaced
 - Conflicting opinions about whether or not dogs should be allowed in the play area
 - Concern about the drainage issue centering on the stormwater flow in the brick alley.
 - b. What is liked about the current tot lot and should be carried over into the new design if possible:**
 - Small scale
 - Trees and available shade
 - Swings
 - The digger is a favorite piece of equipment
 - The large silver maple, though they would like to know the practicality of preserving it.



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- Community garden
- c. **Additional improvements:**
 - Meet ADA accessibility and CPSC safety guidelines for use zones
 - Maintain site lines through play area
 - Reduce mowing
 - Wood chips vs. sand, or alternative options
 - Picnic tables
 - Benches
 - Bike rack
 - Explore the possibility of redirecting some stormwater from the alley into a raingarden
 - Plants for play, trees left undisturbed where possible
 - Greens and tans in playground equipment. (i.e. House of Hope Playground), neutral colors
 - Avoid equipment that resembles one that would be found at a fast food restaurant
 - Use materials such as bricks and pavers to give the urban playground feel such as in Boston or New York
 - Incorporate the Victorian character of the neighborhood into the design
 - Drinking fountain – dry well (away from sand), dog bowl on fountain
 - Preserve community garden
 - Raingarden off alley
 - Swings oriented north/south
 - Increased lighting/historic street lights
 - Water source for the garden

D. Next Steps:

- a. Meeting #2 – Concept Design – Tuesday October 13th from 6:30 to 8:00 in the Multi-Purpose Room at Martin Luther King Recreation Center
- b. Meeting #3 – Design Development, Mid-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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