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Griggs Park – Play Area Replacement

March 6, 2013 6:00 p.m.

Minutes – Meeting Three

In attendance:

Staff

Bryan Murphy
Mary Ann Hagen, Rec Services

Public

Larua Savolainen
Faith Krogstad
Mike Rausch
Triesta Brown
Jessie McClary
Willis Bowman

Benita Warns
Sara Bogie
Krista Hanson
Wyatt Hanson
Eva Hanson
Steve Jevning

Meeting began at 6:10 p.m.

1) Meeting 2 Recap

- a) Last meeting we discussed:
 - i) A – Central 2 – 5 and 5 – 12 Year old play area with outlying pods for swings
 - ii) B – Organic layout with ‘shortcut’ path
 - iii) C – Symmetrical plan with 2 – 5 and 5 – 12 year old equipment separated

2) Master Plan

- a) Organic trail alignment
- b) Separate 2 – 5 and 5 – 12 year old play areas
- c) Adjacent pod for swings and other equipment
- d) ‘Shortcut’ opportunity
- e) Fence along Hubbard Ave. and Dunlap St.
- f) Pergola shade structure
- g) New walk to front door of building
- h) Southwest walk connection
- i) Water quality swales and rain garden
- i) Opportunities for art near intersection of Hubbard and Dunlap



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3) Comments about master plan

- a) Need a bike rack
- b) Can a railing be salvaged – similar to Hamline Hague Park?
- c) Removed park entrance off Hubbard is going to be missed
 - i) Will be difficult for someone with a stroller to access park from west
 - ii) The ‘front’ of the park is seen to face Hubbard. It seems to get lost with the addition of fence and no entrance
- d) Is there enough water to supplement rain gardens?
 - i) Can a curb cut be cut in at Dunlap? (There is a sidewalk that will prevent that)
- e) Are the fences really needed?
 - i) Maybe berms could be used to encourage/discourage access between park and street
 - ii) There is already chain link fence along south property line. Bryan will look at to see if it needs to be replaced
- f) Is there a sand/water feature. Confirmed that water is desired at play area
- g) Are the Ash trees being removed?
 - i) Most will stay – they shouldn’t experience an immediate death if struck with Emerald Ash Borer
 - ii) New trees will be planted to succeed the Ash should they be infected/die

4) Play equipment ideas

- a) Natural
- b) Modern/Topo
- c) Fusion

5) Comments about Play equipment ideas

a) Likes

- i) Natural play equipment
- ii) Real rocks
- iii) Real logs
- iv) Tennis game
- v) Topography
- vi) Rope and climbers
- vii) Fossil dig item for sand
- viii) Newell Park boat
- ix) Log roll
- x) ‘Tire swing’
- xi) ‘Chase’ games
- xii) Hill slide
- xiii) Braille and sign language panels

(1) Suggested trees –

- (a) Willow
- (b) Oak
- (c) Elm
- (d) Crabapple
- (e) Maple

(2) Maybe any removed Ash could be used for furniture, art, etc

- h) Important to keep existing features
- i) Need more benches
 - i) Move bench swing to area between 2 – 5 and 5- 12 year old play containers – and maybe add one at east end of play area
- j) Is shade structure needed where there is shade from the trees?
 - i) Chose for that location because of its proximity to the two play areas
 - ii) Will consider alternate area for shade structure
 - iii) Shade structure would be a composite material, four post, arbor/pergola style
- k) Need more swings
 - i) Maybe the tot swings could go in the container with the 2 – 5 play equipment

xiv) Water

xv) Sand surfacing

xvi) Evos climber

xvii) Swings and climbers for older kids

xviii) Overhead spinner

xix) Omni spin

xx) We-Saw

xxi) Hollowed out tree – Teddy Bear Park

xxii) Water – bucketing it to sand (interactive water)

xxiii) Saucer swing

xxiv) Zip line

b) Dislikes

- i) Tennis game (don't like using electronics to get kids to play)
- ii) Woodchips

c) Other

- i) Steve shared ideas by Leonardo's Basement
 - (1) Side to side swings
 - (2) Chain link fence climber
 - (3) Chain link fence house
 - (4) Chain link art
 - (5) Rock wall and overlook at hill by building
- ii) Salvaged materials
 - (1) Shouldn't leave park feeling abandoned
 - (2) Needs to look refined
- iii) Like the idea of saving money
 - (1) Community install
 - (2) Salvaged materials
- iv) Work with Leonardo's Basement for fulfillment of Art component

6) Next Steps

- a) Refine play area plan
- b) Identify Play Equipment
- c) Next meeting – March 27th 6:00 p.m.