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**Hancock Play Area
Equipment layouts and Furnishings
Meeting Notes – February 10, 2010
Hancock Recreation Center**

Meeting Attendees:

Bobbi Jo Rademacher –Community member; Marjorie Abrams, Bonnie Gustafson, Michael Fishback,– Saint Paul Public Schools; Jun-Li Wang - Hamline Midway Coalition; David Ronzani, Kathleen Anglo, Fernando Fuentes, Susie Odegard – Saint Paul Parks and Recreation

- A. David Ronzani of Parks and Recreation passed out the meeting agenda, sign-in sheet, and evaluation forms, then proceeded with introductions.**
- B. David Ronzani gave an overview of the previous meeting held on December 2nd.**
 - a. Locations of tree pits**
 - b. Play container preference**
 - c. Equipment style preference**
 - d. Option to omit swings from the play area**
- C. David Ronzani presented the updated concept design.**
 - a. Relocated trees**
 - i. Trees were relocated from individual tree planters placed around the play area to a large planter along the south side of the large play container that can hold 3-4 trees to improve growing conditions.
 - b. Sand area**
 - i. Moved from the large container onto the east end of the small container.
- D. David Ronzani presented sample playground layouts from various manufacturers and surfacing samples.**
 - a. Little Tikes Commercial**
 - i. Very positive reaction to the option of hollow “ricochet spheres.”
 - ii. Preferred the emphasis on traditional equipment
 - iii. Liked the large decks and elevated bridge
 - iv. Overall variety of equipment
 - v. Liked the infinity flex climber on the modern structure
 - vi. Liked the roofs
 - b. Playworld Systems**
 - i. Liked the unique equipment, but worried about the net climber
 - ii. Preferred roofs



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iii. Overall neutral reaction

c. Gametime

- i. Leaned heavily toward the modern equipment
- ii. Too exercise oriented emphasis on overhead events, worried that equipment wouldn't appeal to the younger grades.
- iii. Disliked inclined tube in the traditional structure that connected the decks
- iv. Liked the unimpeded sight lines

d. Surfacing

- i. Sample play tile presented
- ii. Synthetic poured in place surfacing preferred over play tiles.
- iii. Preferred lighter colored surface for heat purposes

e. Furnishings

- i. Benches – 6 Total
 1. 4 in large container (2 with and 2 without back rest)
 2. 2 in small container (1 w/ and 1 w/o back)
- ii. Picnic Table – 1 Total – to match benches.

f. Colors

- i. Play equipment
 1. Blue as predominant color w/ lots of complimentary colors
- ii. Surfacing
 1. Preferred lighter colored surface for heat purposes
- iii. Furnishings
 1. Preferred darker surfaces (deters graffiti)

E. Additional Comments

- Community chose Little Tikes Commercial Play equipment
- Add more natural elements
 1. trees essential
 2. large boulders, logs – further research needed
- Try to save the 5" maple tree in front of the recreation center entrance
- Would be nice to incorporate a simple design into the synthetic surfacing, or to outline the fall zones.
- If budget allows, will look into matching the face of existing stone wall to extend around concrete retaining wall along the Hubbard side of the small play container.

F. Next Steps:

- Update notifications will be sent out by email, with a link to the Hancock Play area page on the City website.

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

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