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Griggs Park – Play Area Replacement

March 17, 2013 6:00 p.m.

Minutes – Meeting Four

In attendance:

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Meeting began at 6:05 p.m.

- 1) **Master Plan**
 - a) Circulation
 - i) Walks connect four corners of play area
 - ii) Retains access point along Hubbard Avenue
 - b) Play Areas
 - i) 5-12 year old play area with ‘shortcut’ opportunity
 - ii) 2-5 year old play area separated from 5-12
 - iii) Swing area
 - c) Seating areas
 - i) Shade structure between two play areas
 - ii) Benches and swing benches located around play area
 - iii) Picnic table snuggled up among trees
 - d) Lighting
 - e) Landscaping
 - i) Trees
 - ii) Water quality swale (raingarden)



Play equipment

- f) 5-12 year old play area
 - i) Large boulder with connecting nets
 - ii) Log steppers
 - iii) Log balance beam
 - iv) Flywheel Spinner
 - v) Embankment slides
 - vi) Rung Climber
 - vii) 4-person see saw
- g) 2-5 year old play area
 - i) Tree house
 - ii) Log Crawl tube
 - iii) Log Steppers
 - iv) Tot swings
- h) Swings
 - i) Conventional swings (3)
 - ii) Adaptive seat (1)
 - iii) Saucer Swing
- i) Water pump/spigot
- j) Sand diggables

2) Comments

- a) What is the height of the log steppers?
 - i) They vary from 8"-38"
- b) Check the content of recycled material in surfacing
 - i) Concern about off-gassing
 - (1) How long will off-gassing be an issue?
 - ii) Prefer recycled material
- c) How is the relationship between sand and the surfacing
 - i) Works well with poured-in-place...not so well with artificial turf
- d) What about dry stream idea?
 - i) That was from an earlier concept
- e) Looks 'Plastic-y'
- f) What about adding rocks into landscaped areas?
- g) Discussion about slide on embankment near building
- h) Is platform necessary at embankment slides
- i) Would like the pump to look more 'natural'
- j) Suggested items for 2-5 year old play area in lieu of chain-link play house
 - i) Diggers
 - ii) Spring riders
 - iii) Maybe move the teeter totter to 2-5 year old play area
- k) Prefer more natural colors for play equipment and surfacing
- l) Perhaps a tree house can be added to 5-12 year old area
 - i) Would add area for kids to get under...for shade
 - ii) Can it be built into hill?
- m) A fireman pole is desired
- n) Plan seems to lack interest for 10-12 year old range
 - i) Equipment would be a challenge for 8 year old, this would provide something for them to grow into
- o) Get watershed involved in management of stormwater
 - i) May provide funding for education component
- p) Don't care for the stark blue rubber river
- q) Remember to add a bike rack
- r) Could fruit from flowering trees be edible?

- i) Yes
- ii) Example at Science Museum
- iii) Cherry trees
- s) Like four-sided picnic tables
 - i) Prefer picnic tables to benches under pergola

3) Art

- a) Mosaic neighborhood
- b) Could be community involved
- c) Should be a landmark
- d) Paint the pavement
- e) Could tie in with water quality swale
- f) Create landmark at Corner of Hubbard and Dunlap
- g) Tie in Japanese Garden
 - i) Maybe the shade structure has an Asian character
- h) Examples
 - i) Midway Green Arch Garden near Pierce Butler and Hamline
 - ii) Planters on Snelling
 - iii) Sculpture made out of items salvaged from river
 - iv) Goldfish in Raingarden
- i) Mosaic in sidewalk

4) Schedule

- a) Additional meetings will push back construction
 - i) Project could go out for bid in July
 - ii) Construction would start mid/late August and complete in the fall

5) Next Steps

- a) Refine play area plan
- b) Provide ideas for surfacing colors/layout
- c) Provide ideas for play equipment colors
- d) Ideas for art
- e) Next meeting – June 12th 6:00 p.m. – Leonardo's Basement