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**Baker Recreation Center Play Area
 Concept / Play Equipment Options
 Meeting Notes – November 10, 2009
 Baker Recreation Center**

Meeting Attendees:

*Sharon Hendrix – Cherokee Heights Elementary; Derek Johnson – Jane Addams School;
 Amanda Felion, Bev Wittgenstein, and Kathleen Anglo – St. Paul Parks and Recreation*

A. Kathleen Anglo presented two concepts for the play equipment.

- a. With Swings
 - i. Equipment spans top and middle tier with swings taking up most of top tier
 - ii. Components:
- b. Without Swings (favored by the students)
 - i. Most equipment in top tier
 - ii. Components:
 - iii. Seating: large seating area in middle container
- c. Tot Equipment: Kompan house/fire department with slides and climbers, tot swings, spring rider
- d. Surfacing: mixture of wood mulch and rubber surfacing
- e. Drainage: Install trench drains along sidewalk and connect downspout to drywell to alleviate drainage down walk. Also, a raingarden at bottom of play area will collect any additional water to avoid pooling on the sidewalk.

B. West Side Circulator Stop Plans

- a. Derek presented a plan designed by the Center for Changing Landscapes
 - i. The plan is meant to serve as a 'Vision Plan' for future site improvements.
 - ii. Derek will hold a meeting to discuss the Vision Plan on Tuesday, December 1st at 3:30 PM.

C. Discussion/Comments/Questions:

- a. Play Equipment
 - i. Sharon's poll of the students revealed most *liked the option without swings* so they could have more equipment:
 1. Remove one picnic table and add another independent play piece.



2. Some hesitation about the roller slide: this can be changed with a traditional slide.
- b. Site Considerations
 - i. Additional light on the brick wall to illuminate the sidewalk and play area. May reduce vandalism. (extremely dark at night)
 - ii. Derek will add to list for Parks maintenance and Kathleen will check with Joe Buzicky.

D. Next Steps:

- a. Amanda will present play area plan to WSCO at their next meeting.
- b. Construction Documents completed with construction to begin mid-June after school lets out.

PLEASE REVIEW THESE NOTES AND CONTACT ME (651-266-6368) IF COMMENTS ARE INCORRECTLY NOTED OR MISSED COMPLETELY.

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