



MEETING NOTES

CITY OF SAINT PAUL

DATE: November 10, 2009

LOCATION: West 7th Community Center, Room 112

ATTENDING: Julie Murphy, Zoe Breimhorst, Cathalina Young, Dennis Chandler, Jo Heinz, Brian Singer, Tom Brock, Cody Olson, Alice Messer

NOTES BY: Alice Messer *Alice Messer*

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

- Alice Messer presented overall concept plan for play area renovation
- Concept Plan included:
 - One play area with 2 -5 area, 5-12 area and swings
 - Tricycle track surrounding play area
 - Rain garden at entrance of building to collect/treat roof drains
 - Benches and picnic tables surrounding play area
 - Majority of existing trees to remain for barrier from ball fields and provide shade of play area (Total of 6 trees removed)
 - “Natural” play encouraged through large berms surround existing trees
 - Sand area away from building entrance for digging
 - Options for play surfacing with rubber surfacing, synthetic turf and sand
- Presentation of various play equipment scenarios with explanation of pros and cons for all options. Options included train and tree house themes.
- Meeting opened up for community input on concept plan and play equipment.
Community comments included:
 - 1) Add two tot swings to concept plan
 - 2) Concern for wood structure for lack of visibility, vandalism and dated look
 - 3) Like openness/uniqueness of cable type play equipment
 - 4) Concern for non-traditional slide. Explore other slide options
 - 5) Explore adding zipline, climbing wall, tire swings, fire pole to play options
 - 6) 2 picnic tables added for summer lunch program
 - 7) Add space for four square
 - 8) No overall consensus on 2 -5 play area. Keep exploring options.
- Concerns on synthetic turf with fill material. Research concerns regarding black infill and safety with children.
- Lighting of play area desired. Will explore providing 2 to 3 lights surrounding play equipment. Lighting of parking lot not included in scope of project.

Actions:

- Alice to provide playground locations with synthetic turf and rubber surfacing installed.
- Alice to research alternative slide options to 5 -12 play structure for more traditional look
- Alice to research alternative 2 – 5 play options and email out concepts to group for additional comment
- Next meeting scheduled for **December 15, 2009 from 6:30 to 8:00**, West 7th Community Center
- Information presented at November 10, 2009 meeting provided on City Website at :
<http://www.stpaul.gov/index.aspx?NID=1199>

Please contact Alice Messer at 651-266-6412 if any items are missing from the meeting notes or items were listed incorrectly