

MEETING #1

Design Advisory Committee

October 12, 2016

5:30-7:00pm

Saint Paul Parks and Recreation

Jimmy Lee Play Area

Agenda

Welcome & Introductions

Project Introduction & Design Process

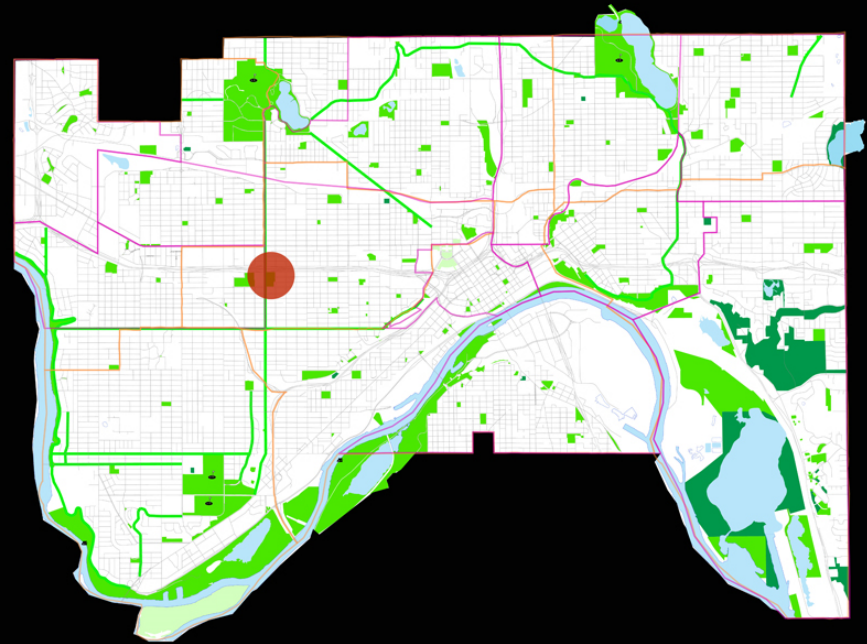
Project Background & Survey Results

Site Analysis & Concept Planning

Design Preference Activity

Discussion

Next steps



Project Overview:

Project Goal: *Create a concept plan for improvements to Jimmy Lee Play Area to improve the play area and create a vibrant public space.*



Meeting Goals:

- Introduce the project
- Review survey results, analysis, and concept diagrams.
- Determine a desired organization of the site for moving forward
- Determine preferences for the play area and other park amenities to include.

Design Advisory Committee guidelines:

Design Advisory Committee process determines the direction of development and refinement of concept designs

Who is the Design Advisory Committee?

-A diverse mix of community representatives including property owners, adjacent residents, stakeholders and representatives from business, finance, institution, and real estate.

Charge of the Design Advisory Committee:

-Advise the design team composed of city staff in the concept development and refinement for the Jimmy Lee Play Area.

Role of the Design Advisory Committee:

- Define the community and neighborhood needs of the park site
- Review plan concepts and provide input on major design elements and park themes
- Bring suggestions from area residents to the attention of the project team
- Help communicate project progress to community members
- Provide guidance to the Parks and Recreation design staff on the final design recommendations for this project
- Ensure that the full range of local issues are addressed during this design process

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How does the Design Advisory Committee process work?

- Decisions for moving forward will be made by consensus.
- Project information will be available to the public on the city website:
www.stpaul.gov/JimmyLeePlayArea
- Meetings are open to the public. Comments from public outside design advisory committee can be sent through email, telephone or by comment card.
- Design Advisory Committee meetings end after design development is complete and consensus has been reached for major project elements

Project Schedule:



July – September 2016

- Internal meetings and Discussion
- Community outreach: Pop Up meeting at Family Fun Night, assemble Design Advisory Committee, and Manage online survey

October 12, 2016 – First Design Advisory Committee Meeting

- Introduce the project, review survey results, discuss site organization options and determine main priorities for the site

Mid-December 2016 – Second Design Advisory Committee Meeting

- Review concept plan options, determine main priorities for the project, select concept plan to develop
- Introduce consultant to design advisory committee

January 2016 – Final Design Advisory Committee Meeting or Project Open house

- Present final design for Jimmy Lee Play Area

January – April 2017 (tentative)– Develop construction documents

To be determined - 2017– Bid Project

Summer 2017 (To be determined)– Construction starts

Project Background

Jimmy Lee Play Area

Project Background:

The Jimmy Lee/Oxford Recreation Center has the highest recorded attendance in St. Paul (343,364 annual visits)
Serves 6183 children ages 0-14 (1/2 mile radius)

Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Facility Inventory and Evaluation (2010):

- Play ground could be upgraded based on the other facilities having a more city-wide appeal
- Small parking lot off of Oxford that could be re-purposed
- Winter-Extensive indoor activities exist, no outdoor activities at the site
- High quality fenced fields do not allow for much site flexibility



Site Observations:

- Consider alternate uses for small parking area by the playground
- Consider upgrading playground equipment and making it a larger area based on the facility's city-wide draw

Project Funding:

Project: Jimmy Lee Play Area
Location: 1063 Iglehart Ave., St. Paul, MN

Log No.: CF-0803124
Activity No.:
Department: Parks and Recreation
Contact: Jody Martinez

District:
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Description:

Removal and replacement of existing play equipment and parking lot improvements located at the Oxford/Jimmy Lee Recreation Center, including associated parkland enhancements. This project also includes investigation and site cleanup required if contamination is found. This is likely due to the proximity to the improved Jimmy Lee Recreation Fields, where extensive contamination was found during Field reconstruction in 2011. Play area enhancements include resilient surfacing to meet ADA compliance installed under new play equipment, equipment replacement, and other site amenities such as seating and landscaping. The most recent improvements to the play area were over 19 years ago, in 1995.

Justification:

The play area is over 19 years old. It is ranked number 1 of play areas to be replaced due to safety, access, and existing condition of the park facilities. The renovation of the play area also creates the opportunity to address the contamination that most likely exists well below the existing play area, though contamination does not pose a risk until the ground is excavated.

This project will replace the existing play equipment that is inaccessible to those with disabilities and does not meet current CPSC playground safety standards.

The recreation center and park serves a significant portion of the surrounding population. Single family and multi-family homes are adjacent to the park space on the East side. The Jimmy Lee/Oxford Community Center are located directly to the west of the play space, where the Great River Indoor Water Park is located. The play area is an existing asset to the community that requires improvement and updating to meet current standards.

The play area is located in a residential neighborhood of Saint Paul where the number of school age children is around 3,925 according to US Census data and 23.3% of households have children under the age of 18 which is similar to the city wide percentage (25.3%). 48% of the households have an income less than \$35,000.

Phase Description	Financing Source	Priors	2016 Adopted	2017 Tentative	2018 Tentative	2019 Tentative	2020 Tentative	Total (not including priors)
Preliminary Design	Capital Imp. Bonds	0	9	0	0	0	0	9
Const-Plans/Spec's	Capital Imp. Bonds	0	34	0	0	0	0	34
Construction/Rehab	Capital Imp. Bonds	0	515	0	0	0	0	515
Construction Mgmt.	Capital Imp. Bonds	0	21	0	0	0	0	21
Design	Capital Imp. Bonds	0	21	0	0	0	0	21
Total Project Cost		0	600	0	0	0	0	600

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History: 1953



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Design Section 651-266-6400

Jimmy Lee Play Area - Context

1953 Aerial Photo

Date Created:
Last Revised:

Feet
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History: 1974



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History: 1985



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1985 Aerial Photo

Date Created:
Last Revised:

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History: 2008



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2008 Aerial Photo

Date Created:
Last Revised:

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History: 2011



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2011 Aerial Photo

Date Created:
Last Revised:

Feet
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History: 2011



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2015 Aerial Photo

Date Created:
Last Revised:

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Community engagement



Pop Up Meeting – July 29, 2016

Mail postcards (400 mailed to neighbors)

**Manage online survey
(82 respondents)**

Manage project website

Assemble Design Advisory Committee

Any other suggestions for more outreach?

The City of Saint Paul Department of Parks and Recreation has funding to

IMPROVE THE JIMMY LEE PLAY AREA

Complete the:
ONLINE SURVEY:
www.surveymonkey.com/r/JIMMYLEEPLAY
Your responses and ideas will help our design staff understand how the proposed improvements can best accommodate the surrounding community

You can volunteer for the Design Advisory committee:
email Anne.Gardner@ci.stpaul.mn.us

Tell us what YOU want the Jimmy Lee Play Area to be!

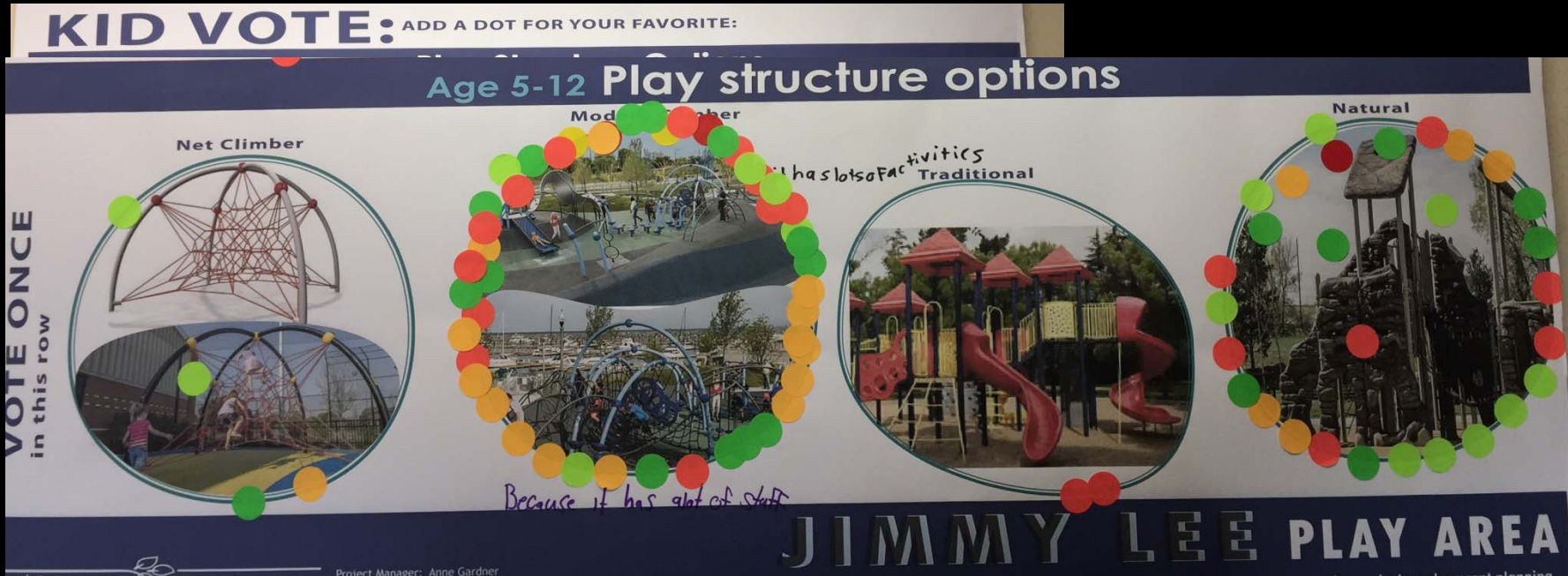
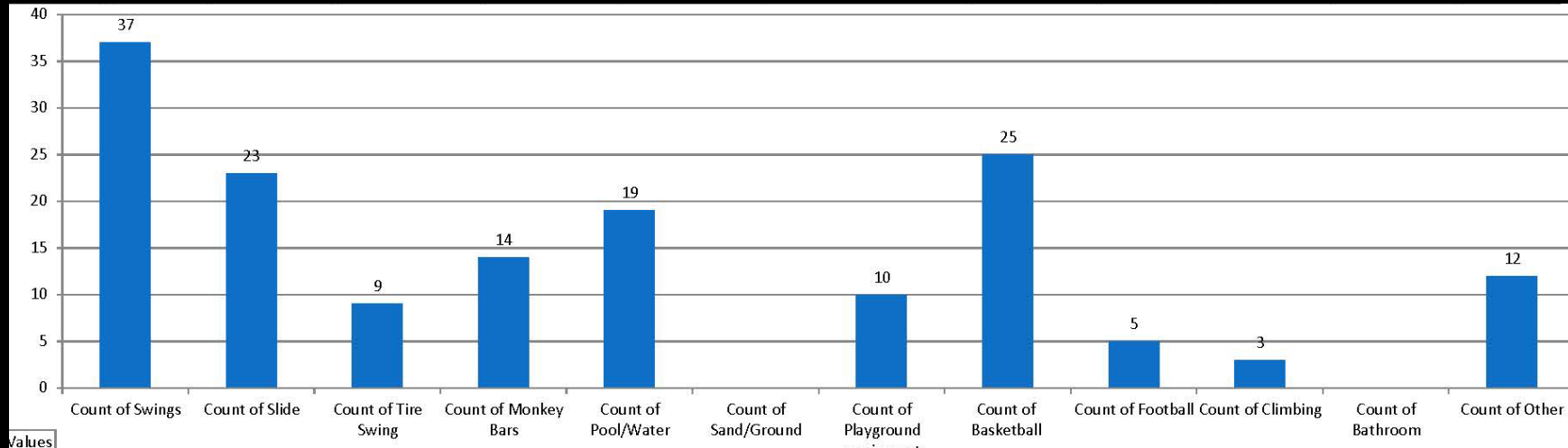
If you have questions, suggestions or comments, please contact
Anne Gardner: 651-266-6421
or refer to the project website:
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Pop Up Meeting Results:

What will improve this play area to make it a fun and positive space for children and families?:



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Survey Results:

SURVEY RESULTS:

An online survey was available in August 2016 to October 2015 for community members to give their feedback on the play area and site improvements of Jimmy Lee. 82 people participated in the Survey. 51% of them live 5 min walk within the park. 14 % visit the park weekly and 30% visit the park on a monthly basis.

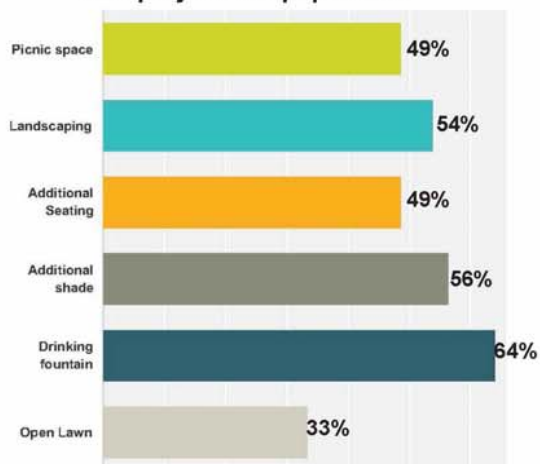
What will improve this play area?

Q: What do you like about the play area and the park?

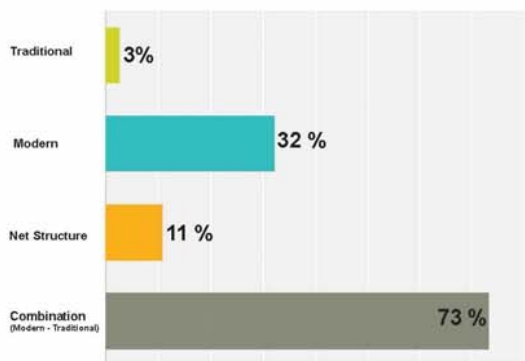
Kids Cover Field Trees Play Jimmy Lee Sand
Getting Equipment Climbing Children Playground

Love the shape and shade
Like the Variety of play areas
Climbing structures & Monkey Bars
The sound of children laughing

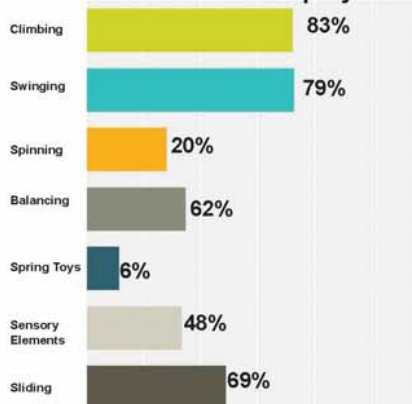
Q: What would you like to see in addition to new play area equipment?



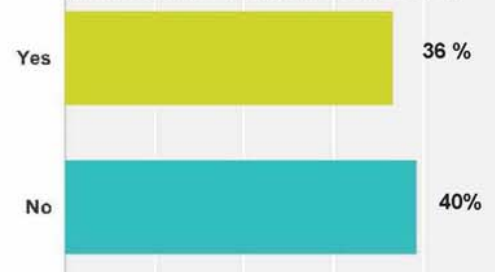
Q: What type of play equipment would you like to see in the new play area?



Q: What type of equipment would you like to see in the new play area?



Q: Should the parking lot remain?



Suggested Art Ideas:

Big animals & plant sculptures
A big chair
Reflection of history
Vertical garden
Colorful play art
Community mural
Youth artists
Playground art
Imaginative play experience: space rocket, boat
Homage to Rondo with modern elements to represent other cultures of the neighborhood

Suggested Artists:

Seitu Jones	Sam Douglas
Heidi Gicalone	Tacoumba Aiken
Mary Foote	Wing Young Huie
Caron Bell	Planet Giggles
Iris Logan	Ernie Barnes inspired
Melodee Strong	Lori Greene

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Site Analysis & Neighborhood Context

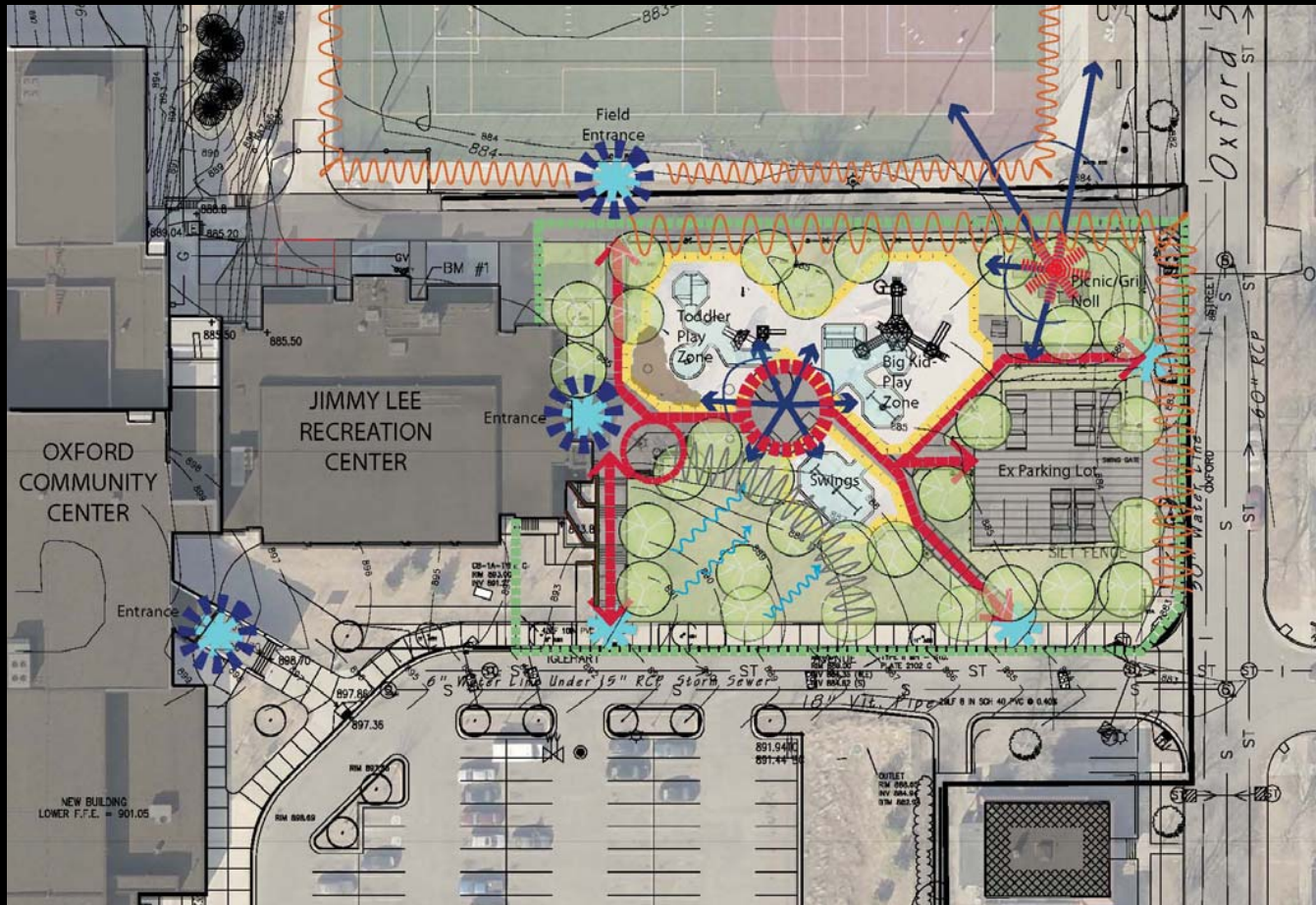
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Site Analysis: Neighborhood Context:



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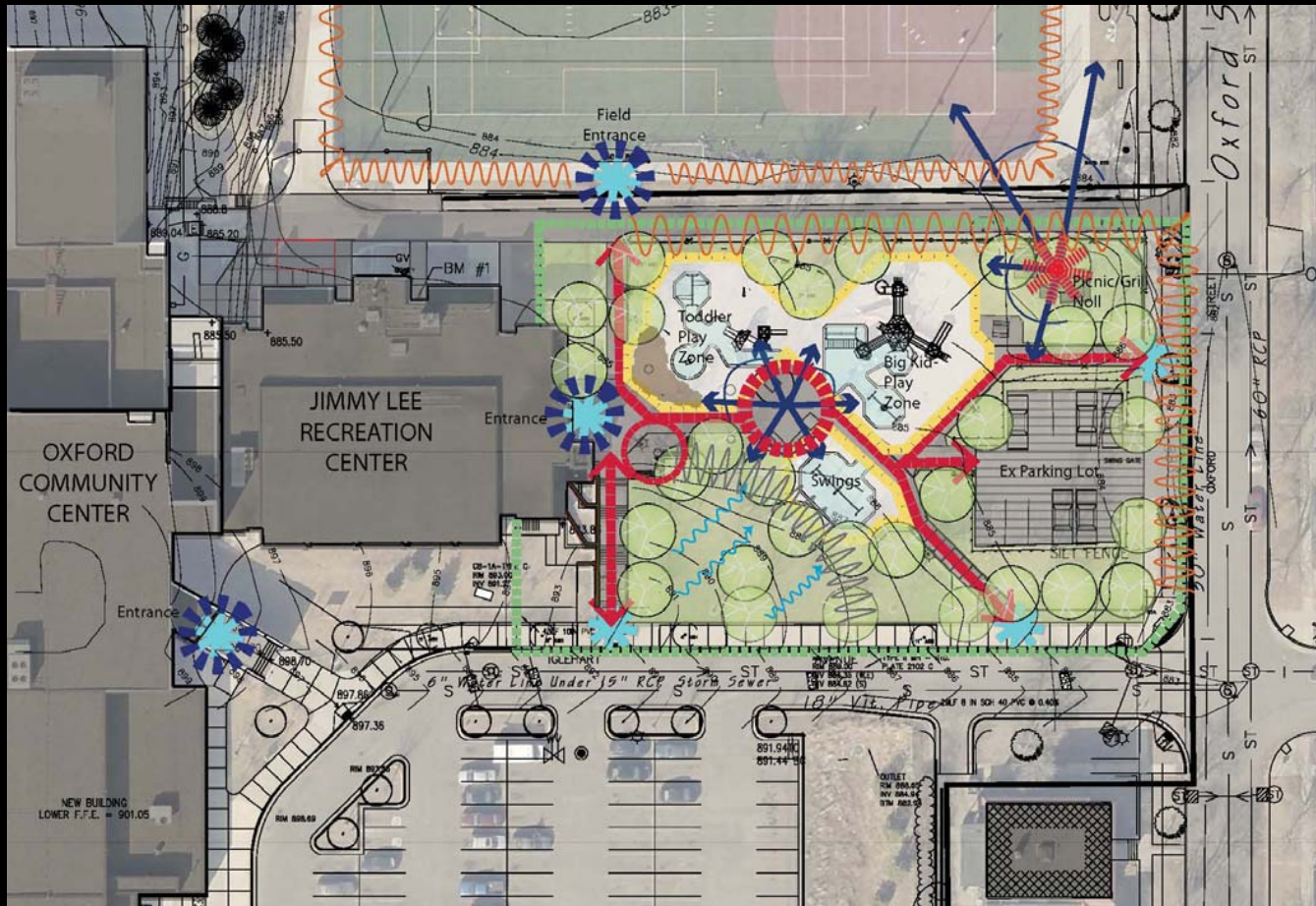
Site Analysis: Constraints and Opportunities



Opportunities:

- Play area is nestled within the bowl created by surrounding topography
- Trees provide ample shade
- Play areas are ample for each age group
- Picnic Knoll gives nice views to surrounding fields and neighborhood

Site Analysis: Constraints and Opportunities

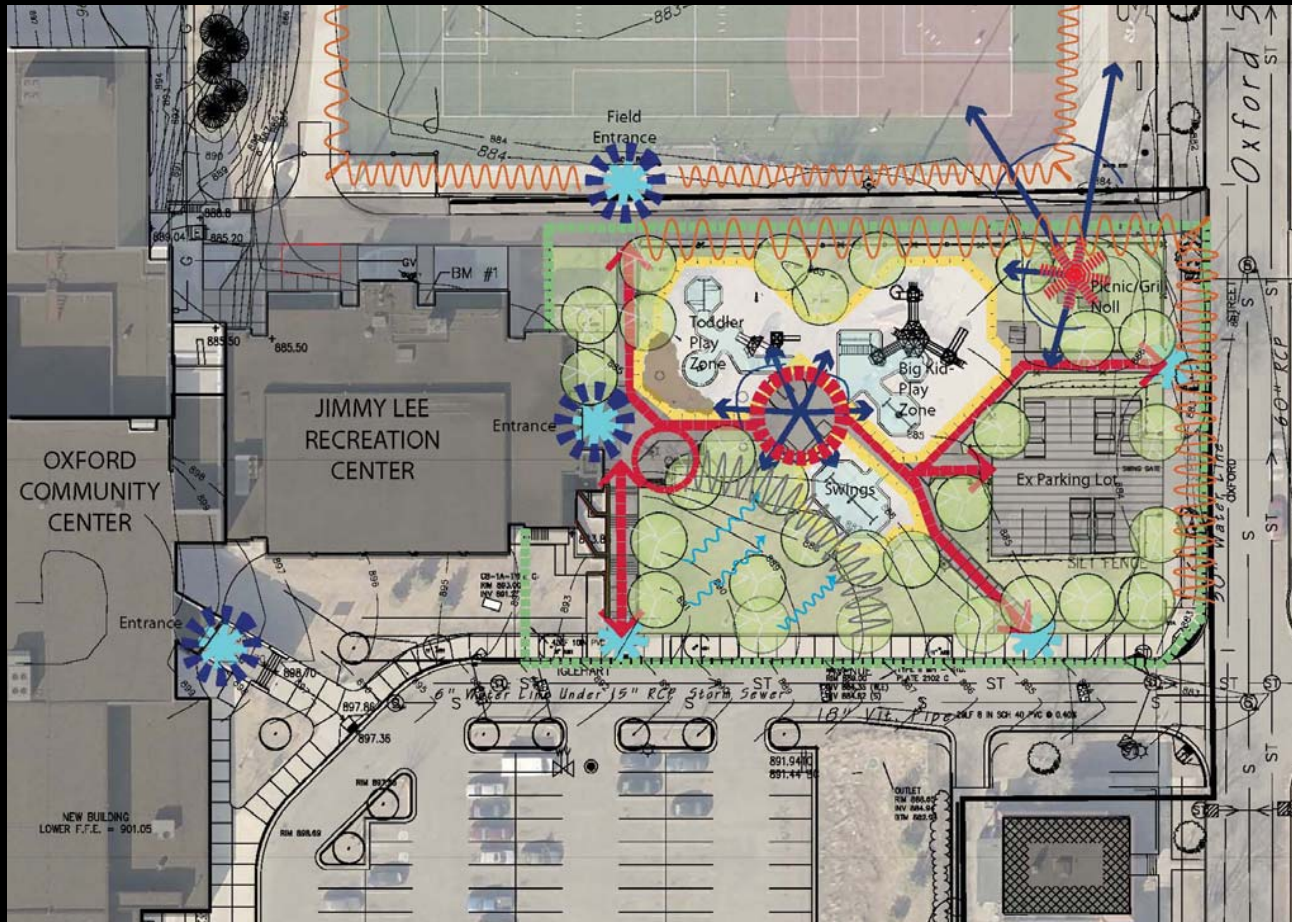


Constraints:

- Sidewalks are deteriorating
- Many trees are ash trees requiring treatment
- Sand gets kicked around
- Weeds growing in sand indicate unused areas
- Equipment needs to be upgraded to current safety standards
- Erosion on hillside from trees and steep slopes
- Parking Lot for 11 cars is deteriorating
- Previous reports indicate soil contamination is present and will need to be addressed during play area renovation
- Signage needed to give Play Area an identity

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Site Analysis: Constraints and Opportunities



Considerations:

- Removal of parking lot creates opportunities for more play space
- Topography could be utilized for interesting play opportunities
- Celebrate the connections to the field space, the Jimmy Lee building, and the neighborhood and create safe access ways
- Seating and picnic areas could be increased to accommodate larger groups
- Create a unique play area that will have it's own identity
- Celebrate this vibrant space and community!

Site Analysis: Constraints and Opportunities



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Site Analysis: Existing Conditions: 5-12 Play area



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Site Analysis: Existing Conditions: Toddler Play area

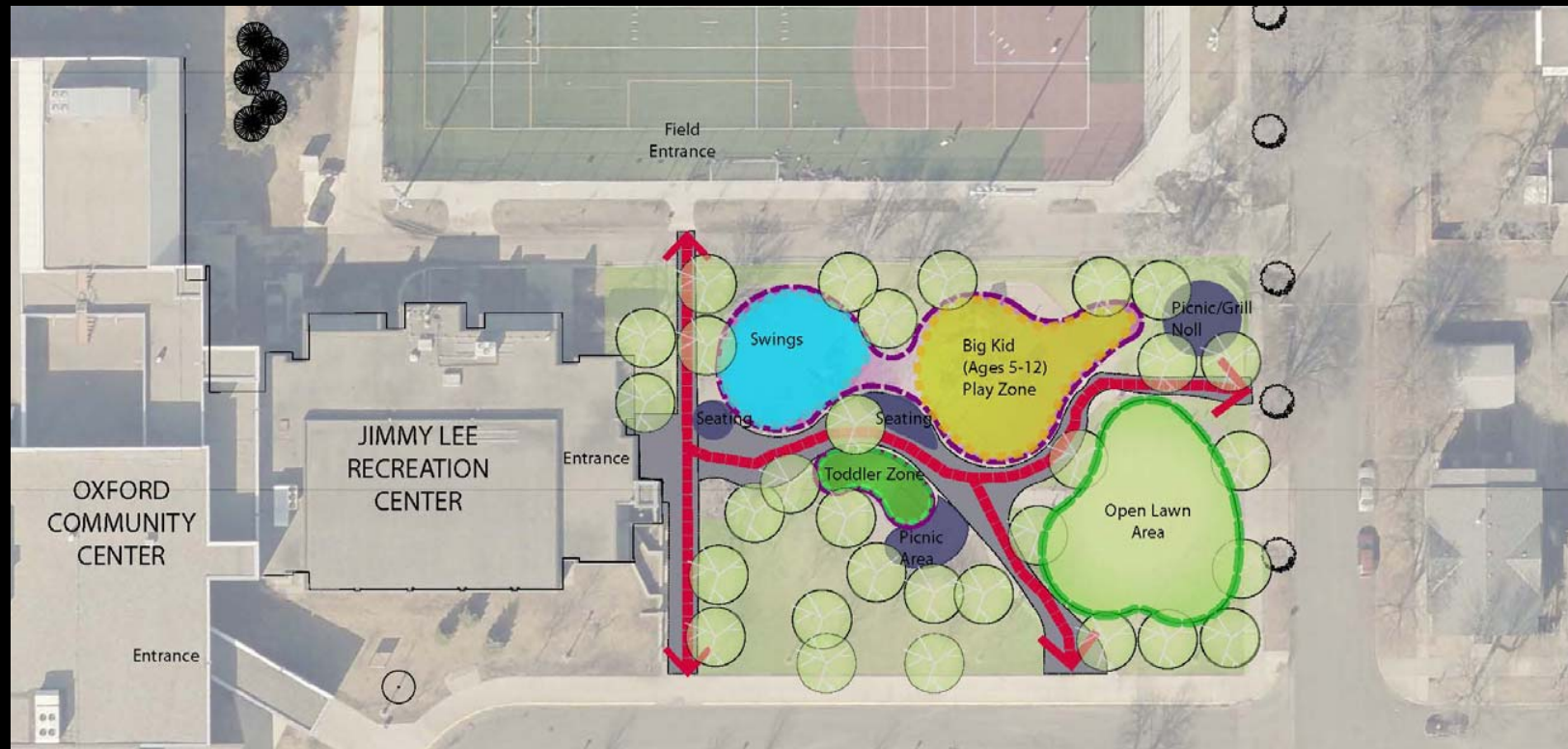


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Site Analysis: Existing Conditions: Building Entrance



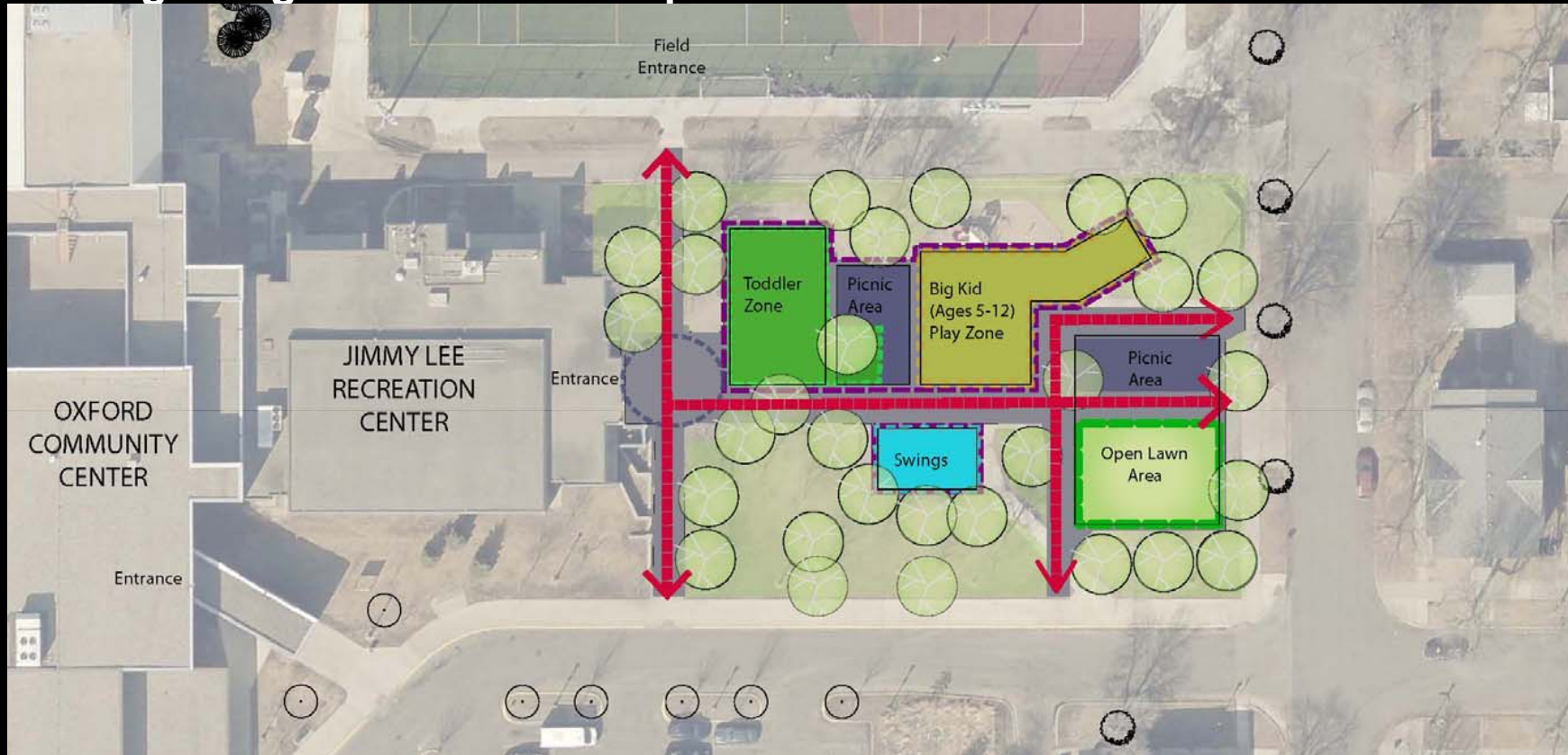
Site Design: Organizational Concepts: OPTION 1



ORGANIC:

- Curvilinear pathways and play spaces
- Parking lot is converted into an open lawn space for flexible uses
- Toddler zone is nestled into the hillside
- Big kid zone utilizes the hillside topography
- Seating and picnic areas are scattered throughout

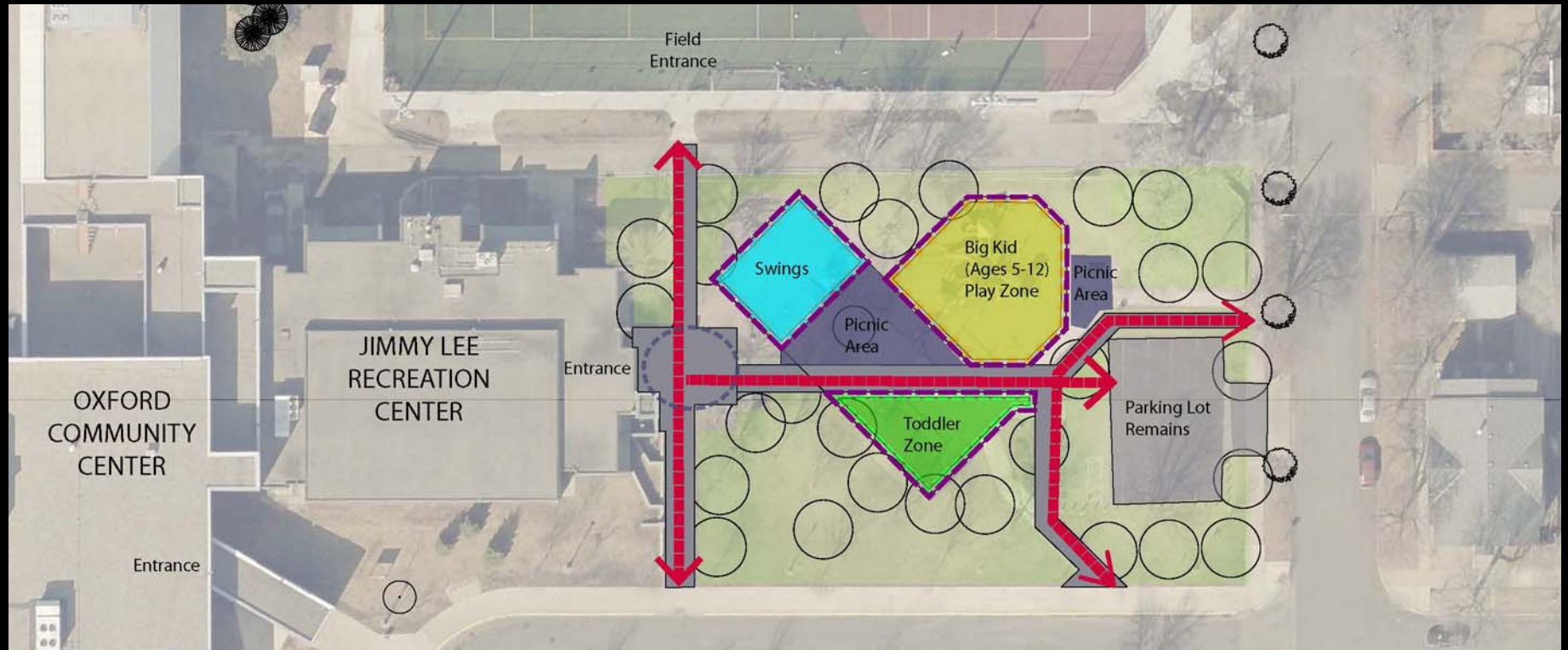
Site Design: Organizational Concepts: OPTION 2



GRID:

- Pathways have strong geometric lines
- Parking lot is converted into an open lawn and picnic area
- Larger picnic area divides the big kid and toddler play zone
- Big kid zone utilizes the hillside topography
- Two larger picnic areas to accommodate multiple gatherings

Site Design: Organizational Concepts: OPTION 3



DIAGONAL:

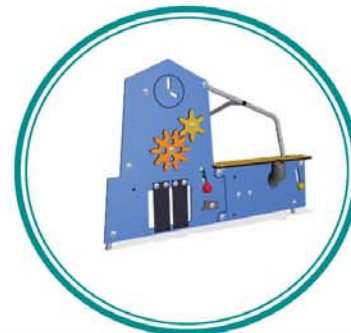
- Pathways are similar to current configuration
- Parking lot remains with 2 less stalls
- Larger picnic area divides the big kid and toddler play zone
- Expanded paving to give more space at the Jimmy Lee entrance
- Large toddler zone is nestled into the hillside

Play Equipment Images:

Age 2-5 **STYLE OF EQUIPMENT: Climbers, Platform, Combination**

PICK
YOUR
FAVORITE!

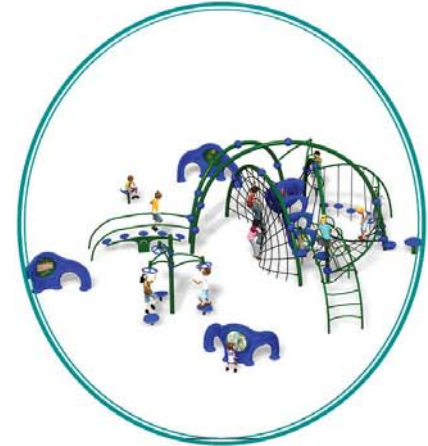
VOTE AROUND THE CIRCLE



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Play Equipment Images:

Age 5-12 **STYLE OF EQUIPMENT: Climbers, Platform, Combination**



Pick your favorite!



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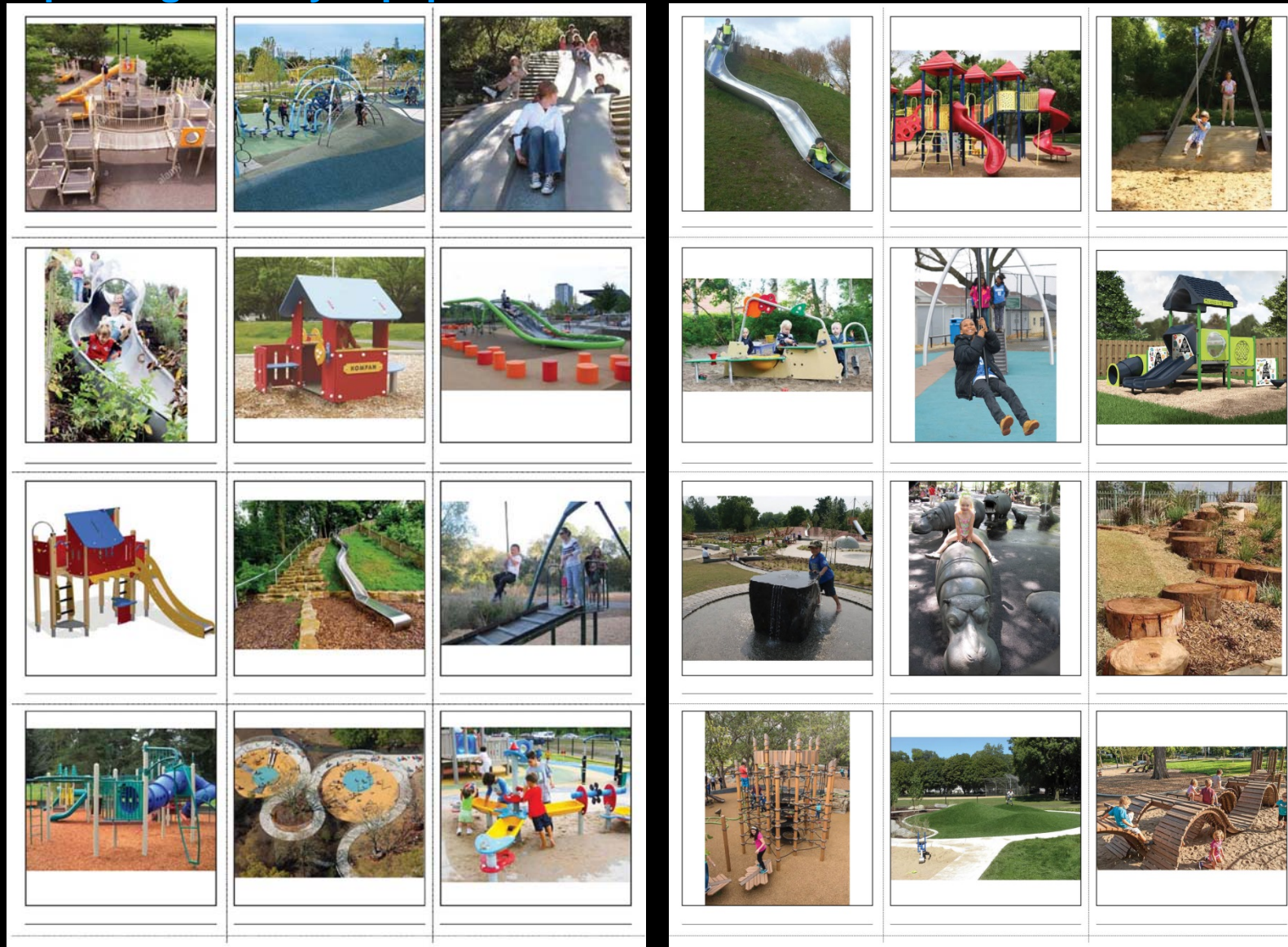
Play Equipment Images:

SWINGS

PICK YOUR FAVORITE!



Concept Images: Play Equipment:





Discussion

1. Are there any additional themes to inspire the design?
2. What are your ideas and desires for this site?
3. What are the priorities for Jimmy Lee Play Area?

Moving Forward....

Next Meeting: Mid – December 2016



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