



## MEETING NOTES

CITY OF SAINT PAUL



MEETING DATE: January 26, 2017

LOCATION: Baker Park Recreation Center, 209 Page St W, Saint Paul MN 55107

ATTENDING: Jill Danner, Steve Rossow, Betsy Thompson, Troy Parkinson, Alice Messer, Chee Yang

NOT IN ATTENDANCE: Megan Namowicz, Shawn Jacobson, Louis Garcia, Anastacia Martinez, Rachel Quick, Shawn Jacobson, Lloyd Dalton

NOTES BY: Chee Yang, January 27, 2017

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### DISCUSSION TOPICS:

*Chee Yang welcomed audience and began the presentation.*

- Agenda & project schedule
  - Outlined presentation agenda
  - Design process to conclude in February 2017 with the Open House
  - Advertise the project after completion of construction documents in April 2017
  - Construction anticipated to start late June/early July 2017 and conclude in September 2017

*Chee recapped concepts from previous meeting. Refer to pages 4-5 of Presentation Materials.*

**Plan Overview:** White indicates existing trees, brown are existing park facilities, and green represent proposed trees.

- **Concept A**
  - Looped path around play area connecting to swing bay
  - Swings are near play area but in separate bay
  - Picnic and seating around play space
  - Trees to provide shade
- **Concept B**
  - Looped path around play area
  - Reconfiguration of play area
  - Play spaces defined by material
  - Play area remains at top of plateau
- Meeting 2 key comments:

- Provide space for informal nature play
- Provide shade for sand play
- Liked tower Structure
- Include monkey bars
- Include grove of river birch trees
- Like utilizing existing play container

***Chee presented final concept of Cherokee Regional Park Play Area. Refer to page 6-10 of Presentation Materials.***

- **Final Concept** - White trees are existing trees and green trees are proposed; Dashed line represents play equipment clearance zone
  - Keep existing play container – utilize for swings & 2-5 play area
  - Looped path around play area connecting to other play spaces
  - Picnic and seating around play space
  - Use existing trees for shade
  - Birch grove for seating and informal nature play
  - Signature play element with sky tower
  - Bike racks and a fix-it station
  - Wider sidewalk to accommodate strollers and bikes while entering play area
  - Sections illustrating height relationship of skytower to immediate surrounding
  - Sections show the tube slide
  
- **Play Equipment**
  - Skytower with slide - Signature play feature
  - A playful 2-5 play house
  - Tot-swings & regular swings
  - Monkey bars
  - Informal nature play birch grove
  - Low artificial turf play-mounds
  
- **Site Furnishings**
  - Existing bench style
  - Picnic table style preferred by park maintenance and operations
  - Arched heavy duty swinging bench
  - Bicycle Fix-It Station
  - Bike Racks – style preferred by bicyclists

***Discussion of final concept.***

**\*\*\*UPDATE:** Since the funding source is the state Legacy Grant, the 1% for public art is not required for this project. After discussing with the design advisory committee, it was agreed the funding would go towards play area and explore future opportunities for public art.

- **Overall Discussion:**
  - A comment on the swing bench being a lovely addition
  - Birch grove can become a space for meditation in the morning
  - Would like to have higher swings, not so low, so parents can swing as well
  - Ways to promote the Open House in February
    - Put out flyer box
    - Distribute postcard flyer in neighborhood, neighborhood business, email, network/social media, ECFE

*Chee concluded meeting.*

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**Next Meeting: Open House – Thursday, February 16, 2017  
from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Baker Park Recreation Center, 209  
Page St W, Saint Paul MN 55107.**

Please contact Chee Yang at 651-266-6414 if any items are missing from the meeting notes or items were listed incorrectly.