



MEETING NOTES

CITY OF SAINT PAUL



MEETING DATE: Thursday, October 24, 2019

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

ATTENDING: Lloyd D., Beth O., Tonia S., Leah Y., Lindsey T., Taina M., Jen C., Brett H., Alice M., Chee Y.

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

Alice welcomed attendees and introductions.

- Agenda
 - Introductions
 - Goal/Recap of Previous Meeting
 - Present Final Concept
 - Traditional Play Equipment - Option A
 - Individual Equipment – Option B1-B7
 - Picnic Table Layout
 - Discussion/Questions
 - Next Steps

Brett presented Option A and Options B1-B7. Refer to pages 1-6 of Presentation Materials.

As discussed, during previous neighborhood meeting, existing play area project is considered completed. Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Department was asked to develop options for additional play equipment.

Option A:

- Option A:
 - Existing equipment
 - Expansion of the play area to include traditional play element for missing age gap
 - Artificial play mounds
 - Tree Grove
 - Concrete walkway all around the play container
 - Replacement of sand to rubber resilient surfacing underneath Skytower and key access points to the traditional play feature.
 - **Total Cost: \$246,961.28**
 - *All costs are based on 2019 pricing.*
 - *High cost because it includes new large play feature and necessary infrastructure such as concrete and rubber resilient surfacing.*

Option B: Includes free standing play features which are more feasible to implement in a shorter amount of time adding more play value. The location for Option B is across the existing monkey bars. This location would be most ideal based on existing shade. **Option B can be incorporated into a variety of locations on site.** All costs are based on 2019 pricing.

- B1: Artificial Turf Play Mounds
 - Mobilization/Demolition/Temporary Controls \$1,500.00
 - Artificial Turf \$9,880.00
 - Concrete Curb \$4,825.62
 - Sub-Drainage \$1,720.00
 - **Total Cost \$17,925.62**

- B2: Global Spinner – Can accommodate large number of children
 - Mobilization/Demolition/Temporary Controls \$1,730.00
 - Play Equipment \$32,098.84
 - Rubber Surfacing \$13,140.00
 - Concrete Curb \$4,600.00
 - **Total Cost \$51,568.84**

- B3: Low Ground Spinner – Incorporating team work to spin
 - Mobilization/Demolition/Temporary Controls \$1,400.00
 - Play Equipment \$9,305.76
 - Rubber Surfacing \$7,400.00
 - Concrete Curb \$2,325.60
 - **Total Cost \$20,431.36**

- B4: Sway Fun – All inclusive play feature
 - Mobilization/Demolition/Temporary Controls \$1,470.00
 - Play Equipment \$29,599.74
 - Rubber Surfacing \$8,620.00
 - Concrete Curb \$2,732.58
 - **Total Cost \$42,422.32**

- B5: See-Saw – Provide a different motion and play value
 - Mobilization/Demolition/Temporary Controls \$1,430.00
 - Play Equipment \$12,273.36
 - Rubber Surfacing \$8,200.00
 - Concrete Curb \$2,616.30
 - **Total Cost \$24,519.66**

- B6: Ground Spinner – All inclusive play feature
 - Mobilization/Demolition/Temporary Controls \$1,440.00
 - Play Equipment \$34,441.50
 - Rubber Surfacing \$9,120.00
 - Concrete Curb \$2,616.30
 - **Total Cost \$47,617.80**

- B7: Combination of Low Ground Spinner and Artificial Turf Play Mounds
 - Mobilization/Demolition/Temporary Controls \$1,300.00
 - Play Equipment \$9,305.76
 - Artificial Turf, Play Mounds \$17,000.00
 - Concrete Curb \$4,635.00
 - Sub-Drainage \$2,300.00
 - **Total Cost** **\$34,540.76**

Potential Private Funding Sources

*Funding sources are hyperlinked to their respective website for more information. Saint Paul Parks and Recreation will continue to look for funding opportunities to share.

- **Neighborhood Star Funding - \$20,000.00**
 - Councilmember Noecker has committed \$20,000.00
- Donated Materials & Labor – Local Contractor provides labor, equipment vendor supplies equipment
- [Utilize community-driven CIB process for neighborhood projects](#)
 - Specific website is not available yet. Will provide updates as soon as it is. Link is for more information on the process and changes in CIB.
- [Toro Grant](#) (*Possible grant if eligible*)
- [National Regional Park Association Grant](#)
- [Kaboom Grant](#)
- Private Fundraising

Brett presented proposed location of three picnic tables (in red). Refer to page 7 of Presentation Materials.

- Parks and Recreation has secured three picnic tables to be placed near and around the play area from Parks Operations and Maintenance.
- Darker gray circles are existing tree shade.
- Locations of picnic tables can be changed. Picnic tables will not be installed this year. Installation of picnic tables will happen in Spring 2020.
- Please communicate any desired locations to Chee at Cheeneng.Yang@ci.stpaul.mn.us

Overall Discussion:

- A comment of adding a bench or another swinging bench next to the existing swinging bench. Response: Staff will follow-up with Parks Maintenance and Operation to see if there is a used bench available. Community should anticipate 3 picnic tables.
- Prefer Option A but why are costs so high. Response: the project takes into consideration infrastructure surrounding play equipment such as curb, sidewalks, accessibility, resilient surfacing, and drainage.
- A traditional play feature would provide a solution to the missing age gap.
- Lots of children love playing on the play mounds referring to the West 7th play mounds.

- For option B, there is a concern about the proximity to the restroom building and the service route.
 - Response: Option B can be incorporated into a variety of locations on site including the location shown in Option A.
- Options B1-B7 are good but prefer the traditional play feature in Option A.
- Concern of where to begin for private fundraising and grant writing.
 - Response: Recommend forming a community led initiative to determine vision and goal of residents.
- From experience, contractors typically provide better rates for community led efforts. Labor and materials may be donated.

Next Steps:

- The play area is complete and there is no additional project funding.
- A community led initiative will be needed to achieve future implementation.
- An idea suggested by those in attendance, was to form a friends of the park organization similar to Friends of Swede Hollow and Friends of Wacouta Commons to establish community consensus and determine future funding opportunities.
- Saint Paul Parks and Recreation will continue to be a resource for the Cherokee Heights community.
- Please refer to the [project website](#) for updated drawings available for community use.
- Feel free to contact us with questions.

Meeting concluded.

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