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Margaret Park Improvements – Community Meeting #3: Notes

February 1, 2016

6-7:30pm – East Side Enterprise Center
804 Margaret Street in Saint Paul.

This meeting provided the Community a quick review of the content from the December meeting. We then presented updated concept designs of the park layout and new restroom facility based on previous community input received. Once the presentation was completed, we opened the floor for questions and comments.

Attendees: Michael- Huber - Architect, Huber Architects. Dave Ronzani – City of Saint Paul
Tim Herman, Jennifer Herman, Jeanelle Foster, Tabitha Benci DeRango, Dezmond, Steve Trimble,
Stephanie Harr, Brad Griffith, David Durant, Steve Pomrenke, Dezmond Juan

- There was an extended conversation about the public art component of the park.
- Look into alternative tree species for both the canopy and ornamental varieties. Consider fruiting tree species. Serviceberry, Crabapple - ornamental?, Accolade Elm, other fruiting trees suggested - cherry or plum. Amur choke cherry tree also possible.
- Paint the railing along the large retaining wall to match the icons on the new park sign.
- Perforated tables preferred for table tops. Consider both square and traditional picnic tables. The traditional tables are preferred for events and gatherings.
- Would be nice to position picnic tables overlooking the hill to provide seating and viewing space for winter sledding events.
- Tables with perforated tops, some square and some rectangle, black and benches.
- Move Picnic area closer to the play area and hill. Separate the two spaces.
- Keep picnic area away from the street.
- Liked idea of separating picnic areas, putting one closer to playground and one at top of hill overlooking field, grill at each.
- Consider different colors for the building to compliment the building materials on the structure
- Public Art must comply with the Public Art Ordinance of St. Paul.
- Talked about the bronze/acrylic composite plaques as an alternative to traditional bronze for the Roger Tetu Memorial. These are less likely to be stolen, less expensive, and vandal resistant. Would really nicely designed historic photos be able to be included? - In theory yes.
- Consider bronze plaques as a public art option with the historic photos or images done completed by an artist.
- Look into the possibility of adding Signage directing toward Grand Round and add bike repair facility close to Margaret similar to one located at Crosby/Elway Parking lot.
- Additional bike racks on top of what was shown in concept would be nice.



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- Red and Green were most popular color choices for the restroom building siding. Greater preference for red.
- Red Brick, grey metal roof, siding red, suggested some red benches.
- The restroom facility will have an external drinking fountain and water bottle filler
- Restroom building will also have 2 bulletin boards, one that is lockable.
- Paint outline of four square. Currently just scored into the concrete.
- Colorful symbols below new park sign to indicate amenities at the park
- Suggested echoing the "M" from the center court of old Margaret Recreation Center into the bathroom building or in basketball court
- Public art could include storyline of Margaret park including: Old rec center, Sibley school, Marg Sieland plaques. Can possibly incorporate a photo on the plaque but it would be more expensive. Suggested plaques similar to the Beacon Bluff hub park. Tim Herman to help Connect Parks with East Side Arts Council.
- There will be a hose hook up on bathroom facility
- Electricity could be accessed through the street lights. Confirm if they are equipped with outlets. Outlet on restroom facility also a possibility.
- ½ Courts Basketball included if the funding allows. Location for proposed ½ court basketball is acceptable.
- STOMP would need to weed and maintain butterfly garden