



## MEETING NOTES

CITY OF SAINT PAUL

MEETING DATE: October 13, 2017

LOCATION: Rice Recreation Center, 1021 Marion St, Saint Paul MN 55117

ATTENDANCE: Betty C., Emily H., Hannah R., Alyssa L., Yer C., Kathleen A., Joe B., Dave Ronzani, Chee Yang

NOTES BY: Dave Ronzani, Chee Yang, October 13, 2017

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### DISCUSSION TOPICS:

***Dave Ronzani welcomed audience and introduced presentation. Refer to page 2-4 of Presentation Materials.***

- Overview of project & project schedule
  - Project Overview
    - Construction budget is \$280,000 which includes play equipment and construction
    - Project objective is to replace and add play equipment meeting CPSC and ADA guidelines
  - Community engagement process to finish in November 2017
  - Construction documents to be completed by end of 2017 to advertise project after New Year
  - Construction anticipated to start Spring 2018 and end by Fall 2018

***Dave recapped community meeting #1 and reviewed key comments. Refer to pages 5-8 of Presentation Materials.***

- Overview of site context.
  - Marydale Park is in District 6 Ward 5.
  - Metro Transit lines run down Dale St and Maryland Ave with easy access to public transportation
  - Marydale Park is located in close proximity to other play areas located at Como Park Elementary and Crossroads Elementary
  - 7 park facilities located within one mile of Marydale Park
  - Dale Street, Maryland, Front and Como Avenues present a barrier to pedestrian due to high volume of traffic
  - Marydale Park serves residential neighborhood – mostly single family and multifamily residences
- Existing Conditions
  - Existing parking lot

- Play area
- Loeb Lake
- Restroom building
- Future Kato Courts Development
- Review site analysis with present conditions
  - Mature vegetation surround the lake
    - A physical and visual barrier from the play area
  - Trail system are used to walk throughout the park around the lake
  - Play area highlighted in yellow
  - Existing restroom building in brown
  - *Kato Courts anticipated to break-ground week of October 16<sup>th</sup>.*
  - Access point to the restroom and play area from Dale Street and parking lot
  - Access point from Jessamine Ave serves as a service route. Jessamine Ave has on-street parking with no sidewalk.
  - Play area has no defined 2-5 year old and 5-12 year old children.
  - Play area is in poor condition and will be completely be removed and replaced with new play equipment to meet current CPSC and ADA guidelines
  - No shade for play area and no nearby trees for natural shade
  - Part of the ADA access route is at a 8% and will need to be reconfigured to meet ADA guidelines
- Meeting 1 Key Comments:
  - Keep an open sight line to bathroom
  - Provide more shade
  - Have buffer zone between play area & Kato courts
  - Preference to have modern and traditional play equipment style
  - Like to have double slides
  - Prefer group swing than traditional swing set
  - Favor the idea of separated play containers for 2-5 year old & 5-12 year old
  - Relate the play area to wildlife & Willow Reserve per Parks & Recreation System Plan

***Chee provided an overview of community outreach at Marydale Festival. Refer to page 9 of Presentation Materials.***

#### Community feedback

- Trend in favor of modern & traditional play features
- Comments to keep in mind:
  - Add basketball courts for older children
  - Provide locked electrical outlet and open only for events

***Dave and Chee presented the refined concepts, play equipment layout, and public art. Refer to pages 10-13 of Presentation Materials.***

*Plan Overview:* Keep in mind concept is still at a conceptual stage and will change and be more refined based on meeting #2 feedback.

- **Refined Concept**

- Separation of 2-5 & 5-12 play area
- Play surfacing: 2-5 rubber resilient surfacing & 5-12 combination of sand and rubber resilient surfacing
- Circulation reconfigured to meet ADA standards
- Pathway loops in front of play area
- Seating opportunity between play area
- Additional seating opportunities around play area & Kato courts
- Trees for shade
- Open sight line to front of restroom building
- Buffer zone from the Kato courts

- **Play Equipment Layout #1**

- 2-5 Play Features
  - Tot Swing
  - Ground level merry-go-round
  - Play house with double slide
- 5-12 Play Features
  - Monkey bars
  - Wavy climbing bridge
  - Platforms leading up to the spiral slide
  - Spiral climbing
  - Tire Swing
  - Keep in mind the required fall zones

- **Play Equipment Layout #2**

- 2-5 Play Features
  - Tot Swing
  - Ground level merry-go-round
  - Play house with double slide
- 5-12 Play Features
  - Oodle Swing (larger fall zone)
  - Monkey Bars
  - Hanging spinner
  - Net Climbing bridge
  - Double Slides
  - Sunbeam Climber
  - Underdeck Tunnel

- **Public Art**

- The public art budget is \$3,500.
- Opportunity to relate public art to wildlife & Willow Reserve.

- Public Art shown:
  - Artful bench
  - Creative Awareness
  - Interactive Sculpture

*Dave asked for questions and comments regarding the concepts.*

- **Overall Discussion:**

- If possible, like to have a springing rider play feature
- Have a visual impact from above to attract visitors
  - Dave commented on playing with the forms of the rubber surfacing to create a playful ground element
- Play area is currently under-utilized
- A community member mentioned parking is allowed on Dale Street
  - Heading North, no parking for 2 hours (unsure of when)
  - Heading South, no parking for 1 hour (unsure of when)
  - Also corrected speed limit to be 30 MPH not 35 MPH as stated in analysis
- Dale St. a barrier for community members to cross to access Marydale Park
  - Dave will inform the county know of the play area improvement project
- Specific tree and plant species have not been determined
  - Will look into a long living and fast growing tree
  - Would like to have trees that don't attract Japanese beetles

- **Concept:**

- Add a small play sand in 2-5 play area
- Like the overall layout

- **Overall Play Equipment Layout**

- Prefer layout #1 – more play value
  - Layout #1 has more platforms making it easier to get up to slide
- Would like to replace the net bridge element from layout #2 to layout #1
- Like the color palette from layout #2
  - Layout #1 is too brown
  - Like to have brighter color scheme
  - Like to have the slide color green as in layout #2
- Like to include the tube tunnel from layout #2 in layout #1
- ADA swing in tot swing
  - Need to re-confirm if it is required

- **Public Art**

- All agree on having an interactive artful bench
- Community member suggested a duck sculpture on bench
  - Other wildlife seen in Marydale Park is a turtle

*Dave concluded meeting. Last community meeting will be Thursday, November 9, 2017 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Final concept to be presented.*

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**Next Meeting: Thursday, November 9, 2017 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Rice Recreation Center, 1021 Marion St, Saint Paul MN 55117.**

Please contact Dave Ronzani at (651) 266-6410 if any items are missing from the meeting notes or items were listed incorrectly.