

Arbor Hills Park Playground
Public Input Meeting
Thursday, October 23, 2014, 6:00 pm
Arbor Covenant Church

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- Introductions
- Playground Design Process
 - a. Public Input Meeting #1 – Discuss project location, timeframe, budget, general equipment selection, surfacing
 - b. Playground Meeting #1 – Two playground concepts for playground will be presented based on input from previous meeting, select one concept, identify any changes needed
- City of Madison Playgrounds
 - a. Over 170 playgrounds
 - b. Highest number of playground per capita in the United States
 - c. Guidelines for playground development
 - i. Develop a sustainable system
 - ii. No more than one playground area per park
 - iii. Standardized playground design process
- Playground Equipment Standards
 - a. City of Madison
 - i. Promotion of wide variety of skill sets
 - ii. Manage long term maintenance costs
 - iii. Provide quality equipment
 - b. National Standards
 - i. US Consumer Product Safety Commission
 - ii. American National Standards Institute
 - iii. American Society for Testing and Materials
 - c. Colors
 - i. Natural colors
 - ii. Other options include blue and purple for upright posts, bright green for handrail
 - d. Edging
 - i. Plastic timbers
 - e. Equipment
 - i. Play Structure
 - ii. Double bay swings structure with two belt and two tot swings
 - f. Surfacing
 - i. Must meet ASTM F1292 – Critical Fall Heights
 - ii. Must meet ASTM F1951 – ADA Accessibility
 - iii. Only wood fiber mulch and shredded rubber mulch meet those requirements
 - iv. Recycled shredded mulch is color and poly coated

- Project Location & Site Constraints
 - a. Adjacent Playgrounds
 - i. There are 6 existing playgrounds within 1 mile of Arbor Hills Park (Aldo Leopold Park, Leopold School, Fitchburg Springs Park, Hatchery Hills Park, Rosecommons Park, Chickory Meadows Park).
 - b. Site Access and Constraints
 - i. The playground will be located where the existing playground is located.
 - ii. There are several trees and steep topography.
- Project Timetable
 - a. Bid out for construction in 2015
- Project Budget
 - a. Approximately \$25,000 for each playground
- Equipment and Play Surfacing Selection
 - a. Age Group: group reached consensus for intended age 5-12 play structure.
 - b. Surfacing: The group preferred rubber mulch surfacing as opposed to wood mulch surfacing, but would like to revisit this decision at the second meeting.
 - c. Playline: The neighborhood group selected the playground manufacturer Landscape Structures, split between the Evos concept, and the standard platform structure concept. The neighborhood requested that they would like to see an overhead component as well as teeter totter. The neighborhood also requested that the City review options for a zip line play structure.
 - d. Colors: group reached consensus for natural color scheme
- Next Steps
 - a. Sign up to receive email notification of future playground meetings.
 - b. Take information from this meeting and incorporate into conceptual designs to be presented at a follow-up playground meeting.
 - c. Follow-up meeting will be noticed via e-mail, City of Madison Parks website, neighborhood association list serve, and sent to alder.

If interested in receiving notice of the next playground meeting, please contact Sarah Lerner at slerner@cityofmadison.com or at (608) 261-4281.