

Demetral Park Playground  
Public Input Meeting  
Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup>  
Emerson Elementary School

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
- Project Location & Site Constraints
  - a. Adjacent Playgrounds
  - b. CPSC Standards
  - c. Site Access and Constraints
- 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 9 existing playgrounds within 1 mile of Demetral Park.
  - b. Location and general site access
    - i. The playground will be located where the existing playground is located.
    - ii. There is an existing play structure at Demetral. A portion of the 5-12 play structure will remain on site.
    - iii. There is a sanitary leachate line that runs through the site.
- 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 2-5 play structure, since a portion of the existing 5-12 play structure will remain onsite.
  - b. Surfacing: The group preferred wood mulch surfacing as opposed to rubber mulch surfacing.
  - c. Playline: The neighborhood group selected the playground manufacturer Landscape Structures, split between the Weevos concept, and the Playmakers concept. The neighborhood would like to see once playground design with the Weevos concept, and one playground design with the Playmakers concept.
  - d. Colors: Colors will match existing equipment.
- 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](mailto:slerner@cityofmadison.com) or at (608) 261-4281.