

Playground Workshop  
6:00 pm Wednesday, October 14, 2015  
Water Utility, 119 E Olin Ave. Madison, WI

WORKSHOP HIGHLIGHTS

- Introductions
- Playground Design Process
  - a. Playground Workshop – Discuss project location, timeframe, budget, general equipment selection, surfacing
  - b. Playground Meeting – 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. Equipment
    - i. Play Structure
    - ii. Double bay swings structure with two belt and two tot swings
  - e. 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
- Project Location & Site Constraints
  - a. Adjacent Playgrounds
    - i. There are 4 existing City of Madison playgrounds within 1 mile of Rimrock Park.

- b. Site Access and Constraints
    - i. The playground will be located where the existing playground is located.
- Project Timetable
  - a. Bid out for construction in 2016
- Project Budget
  - a. Approximately \$25,000 for each playground
- Rimrock Park Equipment and Play Surfacing Selection
  - a. Age Group: group reached consensus for intended age 5-12 play structure.
  - b. Surfacing: The group was split between shredded rubber mulch and wood mulch and would like to address this issue again at the next meeting.
  - c. Playline: The neighborhood group selected the playground manufacturer Playworld Systems. They would like see the structure include monkey bars, balancing components, a stand up a spinner and a rock climbing feature on one concept.
  - d. Colors: the neighborhood selected blue posts and green railings for the structure.
- 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, 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.