

Sauk Creek Park Playground  
Public Input Meeting  
Monday, November 11, 2013, 6:30 pm  
High Point Church

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- Introductions
- City of Madison Playgrounds
  - a. Over 170 playgrounds
  - b. Highest number of playgrounds 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 Design Process
  - a. Public Input Meeting to discuss project location, timeframe, budget, general equipment selection, surfacing
  - b. Playground Meeting #1 – Two playground concepts presented based on input from previous meeting, select one concept, identify any changes needed
  - c. Playground Meeting #2 (if necessary) to finalize playground design
- Project Location & Site Constraints
  - a. Adjacent Playgrounds – 5 playgrounds within 1 mile of Sauk Creek Park, 9 playgrounds within 2 miles of Sauk Creek Park, all 9 playgrounds have a 5-12 age group structure
  - b. Consumer Product Safety Commission Standards
    - i. Playgrounds designed for either 0-2 age group, 2-5 age group or 5-12 age group
    - ii. Existing Sauk Creek Park playground is designed for 5-12 age group
  - c. Site Access and Constraints
    - i. Existing trees
    - ii. Flat Site
    - iii. Few Utilities
- Project Timetable
  - a. Demolition of existing playground will occur Fall 2013
  - b. Design needs to be finalized in early January
  - c. Part of playground contract to be bid for construction in spring/summer 2014
- Playground Equipment Standards
  - a. National Standards based on data-driven research to ensure playgrounds are safe
    - i. US Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC)
    - ii. American National Standards Institute (ANSI)
    - iii. American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM)
    - iv. Approximately 200,000 emergency room visits nationwide related to playground injuries

- b. Madison's Playground Standards
    - i. Ensure high play value
    - ii. Manage long term maintenance costs
    - iii. Provide quality equipment – preselected top manufacturers' most durable product line
  - c. Colors
    - i. Natural colors
      - 1. Tend to fade less
      - 2. Blend in better with their surroundings
  - d. Edging
    - i. Plastic timbers
  - e. Equipment
    - i. Play structure
    - ii. Double bay swing structure with two big kid swings and two tot swings
  - f. Surfacing
    - i. Must meet ASTM F1292 – Critical Fall Heights for 10'
    - ii. Must meet ASTM F1951 – ADA Accessibility
    - iii. Only engineered wood fiber mulch and recycled shredded rubber meet these
    - iv. Recycled shredded rubber material is colored and coated
- Project Budget
  - a. Approximately \$25,000 for playground equipment
- Equipment and Play Surfacing Selection
  - a. Age Group
    - i. For Sauk Creek Park: group voted for 5-12 age group because it provides the widest range of ages for the playground
  - b. Surfacing
    - i. Discussed pro's and con's of each product
    - ii. For Sauk Creek Park: group voted for recycled shredded rubber
  - c. Playline
    - i. For Sauk Creek Park: group preferred conventional platform-based play equipment vs. modern, cable rope-style playground. Playworld Systems, Playmakers product line selected.
- 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, Sauk Creek Neighborhood 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.