

Stevens Street Playground Improvements
Public Input Meeting
Wednesday, September 3, 2014, 6:00 pm
First Baptist Church
518 N. Franklin Ave.

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 for each play area will be 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 – 2 playgrounds within 1 mile of Stevens Street Park, both are designed for the 5-12 age range.
 - 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 Stevens Street playgrounds are designed for the 5-12 age group
 - c. Site Access and Constraints
 - i. Existing trees
 - ii. Existing retaining walls
 - iii. Sidewalk access
- Project Timetable
 - a. Demolition of existing playground will occur in 2015
 - b. Design needs to be finalized in early January
 - c. Part of playground contract to be bid for construction in spring/summer 2015
- 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
 - 3. Color options include blue and purple for upright posts, and bright green for the handrail.
 - d. Edging
 - i. Plastic timbers
 - e. Equipment
 - i. Play structure
 - ii. Double bay swing structure with two big kid swings and two tot swings
 - 1. Swings may need to be installed as separate bays due to retaining wall constraints.
 - 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 per play area
- Equipment and Play Surfacing Selection
 - a. Age Group
 - i. For Stevens Street: group reached agreement for a play structure for the 2-5 age group and a play structure for the 5-12 age group.
 - b. Surfacing
 - i. Discussed pro's and con's of each product
 - ii. For Stevens Street Park: group voted unanimously for wood mulch surfacing
 - c. Playline
 - i. For Stevens Street Playground: group preferred a conventional platform based playground. The playline character that had the most number of votes for both the 2-5 and 5-15 playstructures was the Playworld Systems product line.
- 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. Provide cost information for seating area improvements.
 - d. Follow-up meeting will be noticed via e-mail, City of Madison Parks website, Prairie Hills Neighborhood Association website; and sent to alder.

If interested in receiving notice of the next playground meeting please contact Sarah Lerner at msturm@cityofmadison.com or at (608) 267-4921.