

Badger Park Playground
Public Input Meeting
Thursday, October 2, 2014, 6:00 pm
Badger Rock Neighborhood Center (Multi-Purpose Room)

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 and on swing bays/supports, bright green for handrails
 - d. Edging
 - i. Plastic timbers
 - e. Equipment
 - i. Play structure
 - ii. Double bay swing 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 (deep brown)
- Project Location & Site Constraints
 - a. Adjacent Playgrounds
 - i. There are 3 existing playgrounds within 1 mile of Badger Park (Southdale Park, Rimrock Park and Ocean Road Park). Additionally, there are two playgrounds just outside of the 1 mile radius (Baxter Park and Indian Springs Park that each have 5-12 play structures).
 - ii. All 3 playgrounds have play structures intended for ages 5-12.

- iii. Badger Park will also be receiving a new playground, surfacing and edge restraint (to keep mulch in).
 - b. Site Access and Constraints
 - i. The playground will be located almost entirely over the existing playground area so as to maintain the open space for soccer / other field sports.
 - ii. Trees will be preserved as much as possible – they do tightly ring the existing playground area; no significant grading issues – site is very flat.
 - iii. A new accessible path will also be installed in 2015.
 - iv. The existing bench will be relocated to fit with the new playground layout / timber borders
- 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
 - i. For Badger Park: group reached a consensus for a 5-12 age group play structure especially due to the proximity of the neighborhood center and middle school
 - b. Surfacing
 - i. Discussed pro's and con's of each product
 - ii. For Badger Park: a majority of the attendees preferred rubber mulch surfacing for the playground.
 - c. Playline
 - i. For Badger Park: group preferred a conventional platform based playground structure. The playline character that had the most number of votes for the 5-12 play structure was Playwold Systems product line.
 - d. Colors
 - i. For Badger Park: the group liked the optional colors: purple posts and swing bay and lime green railings.
- 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 Kate Kane at kkane@cityofmadison.com or at (608) 261-9671.