

Brittingham Park Playground  
Public Input Meeting  
Thursday, November 20, 2014, 6:00 pm  
City of Madison Water Utility Conference Rooms A&B

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- Introductions
- Playground Design Process
  - a. Public Input Meeting #1 – Discuss project locations, timeframe, budgets, general equipment selection, surfacing
  - b. Public Input Meeting #2 – Two playground concepts for the Brittingham Beach Park playground will be presented based on input from previous meeting, select one concept, identify any changes needed. Discuss equipment and location options for the fully accessible playground at the central location
  - c. Public Input Meeting #3 – Recap process to-date; finalize location for the accessible playground
- 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. Interest in meeting Mayor’s equity initiative at Parks through providing a fully accessible playground at Brittingham Park
    - 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 playground areas within Brittingham Park (Brittingham Beach Park, Brittingham Main Park and Brittingham Shelter which offer double bay swings, 2-5 and 5-12 age

range equipment and double-bay swings respectively). Additionally, there are two playgrounds located within the Bayview Triangle Neighborhood (5-12 age range at the Head Start area and 2-5 structure at the Bayview Foundation Playground) and one playground just outside of the 1 mile radius (Edward Klief Park has a 5-12 play structures).

- ii. Brittingham Beach Park and one of the locations in the main park area (either shelter or main) be receiving a new playground, surfacing and edge restraint (to keep mulch in).
  - b. Site Access and Constraints
    - i. The Beach Park playground will be located almost entirely over the existing playground area so as to maintain the open space for boat rental operation and other existing park activities (basketball courts, bike path).
    - ii. Trees will be preserved as much as possible – they do tightly ring the existing playground areas; no significant grading issues – site is very flat.
    - iii. A new accessible path will be installed at the Beach Park location in 2015.
    - iv. Discussed opportunities for locating a fully accessible playground at Brittingham Park
- Project Timetable
    - a. Bid out for construction in 2015
  - Project Budget
    - a. Approximately \$25,000 for Brittingham Beach Park; more is available for a fully accessible play area
  - Equipment and Play Surfacing Selection
    - a. Age Group
      - i. For Brittingham Beach Park: group reached a consensus for a 5-12 age group play structure especially due to interest from the surrounding neighborhood and boat rental operation
    - b. Surfacing
      - i. Discussed pro's and con's of each product
      - ii. For Brittingham Beach Park: a majority of the attendees preferred rubber mulch surfacing for the playground.
    - c. Playline
      - i. For Brittingham Beach 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 Brittingham Beach Park: the group liked the natural colors: green posts and swing bay and brown platforms and tan roofs and slides.
  - Next Steps
    - a. Sign up to receive email notification of future playground meetings.
    - b. Parks staff will take information from this meeting and incorporate into two conceptual designs for Brittingham Beach Park to be presented at a follow-up playground meeting.
    - c. Further refinement including equipment options and locations for the fully accessible playground will be presented for review and discussion at the follow-up meeting.
    - d. Follow-up meetings will be noticed via e-mail, City of Madison Parks website, neighborhood association list serve, and sent to alder.

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