

Playground Workshop
6:00 pm Thursday, November 5, 2015
1625 Northport Drive, 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 Lerdahl 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
- Lerdahl Park Equipment and Play Surfacing Selection
 - a. Age Group: group reached consensus for intended age 5-12 play structure.
 - b. Surfacing: The group voted overwhelmingly for wood mulch but wanted to be sure that this item could change at the second meeting if needed – will 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 a straight slide, pod similar to Bernie’s Beach playground if possible, a stand up a spinner and lower level features that would appeal to the younger age range of children as well.
 - d. Colors: the neighborhood selected purple 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 Kate Kane at kkane@cityofmadison.com or at (608) 261-9671.