

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 6 existing City of Madison playgrounds within 1 mile of Wheeler Heights Park.

- b. Site Access and Constraints
 - i. The playground will be relocated to bring it closer to Northview Drive and sidewalk access. An added plus is that the grades are generally better in this area. The backstop will be replaced in 2017 and relocated over the footprint of the old playground.
- Project Timetable
 - a. Bid out for construction in 2016
- Project Budget
 - a. Approximately \$25,000 for each playground
- Wheeler Heights Park Equipment and Play Surfacing Selection
 - a. Age Group: group reached consensus for intended age 5-12 play structure.
 - b. Surfacing: Wood mulch was the selected surfacing
 - c. Playline: The neighborhood group selected the playground manufacturer Playworld Systems.
 - d. Colors: the neighborhood selected blue 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.