

WORKSHOP HIGHLIGHTS FOR NORMAN  
CLAYTON PARK

6:00 pm Monday, November 9,  
2020 via Zoom

- Introductions – Mike Sturm
- 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 playgrounds within 1 mile of Norman Clayton Park (1 will also be replaced in 2021 (Orchard Ridge Park) and three were replaced in the last 5 years (Elver (2018); High Point (2015) and Sunridge (2015)).

- b. Site Conditions
    - i. The existing playground location can generally be reused –sits in a good location relative to other amenities – will shift slightly away from tennis courts to allow more space for ‘ball fly’ from the courts;
    - ii. A new path spur will be added connecting to shelter path for an accessible route of travel
    - iii. Existing equipment and pea gravel surfacing will be fully removed with project – Parks staff makes every effort to reuse and recycle all components
- Project Timetable
  - a. Construction in 2021 – Parks seeks to minimize “down time” from when existing equipment is removed to the new equipment going in.
- Project Budget
  - a. Approximately \$34,000 for the playground equipment.
- **Norman Clayton Park Equipment and Play Surfacing Selection**
  - a. Age Group: attendees reached consensus for intended age **5-12 playstructure.**
  - b. Surfacing: The attendees were evenly divided between wood mulch surfacing and rubber surfacing and asked staff if they could seek additional input, if possible, from the neighborhood to help make a final decision.  
**Surfacing will be discussed again at the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting**
  - c. Playline: After much discussion & review – a close decision between Burke and Gametime resulted in attendees selecting the playground manufacturer **Gametime** and requested the playground structure have a **climbing wall (with holds) or structure (such as the “stalagmite” rock formation as well as two slides w/ varying heights, a roof over at least one of the platforms for a playhouse feel and play panels (such as a storefront window)**
  - d. Colors: attendees requested to see one playground option with **purple posts and sky (blue) railings** and the other with **tan posts and orange railings.**
- Next Steps
  - a. Email Kate Kane at [kkane@cityofmadison.com](mailto:kkane@cityofmadison.com) to share input on surfacing preference and to receive email notification of future playground meetings.
  - b. Take information from this meeting and incorporate into conceptual designs (including two equipment 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](mailto:kkane@cityofmadison.com) or at (608) 261-9671.

**The next meeting will be on January 11, 2021 at 6:00 pm via Zoom**