

WORKSHOP HIGHLIGHTS FOR GALAXY PARK
6:00 pm Thursday, November 7, 2019
Elvehjem Elementary- Library

- 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 8 existing playgrounds within 1 mile of Galaxy Park.

- b. Site Conditions
 - i. No currently existing amenities in park.
 - ii. The available funding is for the playground replacement. Additional park improvements such as picnic shelter will be occurring through separate funding available through the capital budget process.
- Project Timetable
 - a. Construction in 2020.
- Project Budget
 - a. Approximately \$30,000 for the playground equipment.
- Galaxy Park Equipment and Play Surfacing Selection
 - a. Age Group: group reached consensus for intended age **5-12 play structure.**
 - b. Surfacing: The group preferred **rubber mulch surfacing** as opposed to wood mulch surfacing.
 - c. Playline: The neighborhood group selected the playground manufacturers **Landscape Structures** and requested the playground structure have **overhead bars, a Cozy Cocoon-type play element, and paths/ramping to ensure accessibility.**
 - d. Colors: group requested to see two playground options with **blue posts with lime green railings, and brown posts with dark green railings.**
- Next Steps
 - a. Email Sarah Close at sclose@cityofmadison.com 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 Sarah Close at sclose@cityofmadison.com or at (608) 263-6850.

The next meeting will be on January 21, 2020 at 6:00 pm at Fire Station 13, Community Room.