



Fairmount Playground Renovation Community Meeting One MINUTES

Wednesday, December 2, 2009

**6:30– 7:45 p.m. *Meeting started at 6:45 to allow for people to arrive from scheduled location.
High Point Community Center *Location was changed day of meeting**

Introduction: A project introduction was given by the Project manager Kelly Davidson. The total project budget including design, administration and construction is \$170,000. The scope of the project is focused on replacing the outdated play equipment with new equipment that meets all safety standards and provides access for all users. The project is currently in design and is expected to be in construction May – August 2010.

Presentation: Pamela Alspaugh, Sr. Landscape Architect provided a presentation of two schematic designs that are intended to be starting points for discussion.

Community Discussion:

Requests:

- The design should mold into the site
- The design should encourage free, intuitive, imaginative play
- There should be less plastic in the equipment, like wood structures
- Would like to see natural elements and theme
- Keep the swings
- There should be unique feature that allows for imaginative play
- Is a sand box possible? Possibly around the boat.
- What can be done in the back hillside?
- There should be room to run and play.
- Keep the merry-go-round
- Include as many individual elements as possible
- Can there be two separated swing sets?
- Clean up the understory in the woods.
- Improve drainage on the field.
- Can there be a pathway from the Fauntleroy sidewalk to the site?
- Repair the sidewalk on Fauntleroy.
- Use poured in place rubber as area delineation.

Comments:

- The site is currently a lonely place
- Like the climbing rocks
- Observed very young children and teens at using the site
- There is not currently a net at any other playgrounds in the neighborhood
- Like the idea of a boat as a unique feature
- Like that sandboxes become community gathering spaces with toys “donated”
- The full site, into the wooded hillside, should be used.
- Like the rope feature
- Like the seat wall.

Example Parks:

- Woodland Park Zoo
- Green Lake (the old Green Lake)
- Maple Leaf Park
- The old Queen Anne Hill Park
- Whale Tale Park w/ boat
- Delridge Community Center, mound of dirt
- Powell Barnett Park Fire Engine
- Cascade Park, Hot Lava feature
- Carkeek Park
- Lincoln Park, seating

Prioritized themes that emerged from meeting: Natural, Imaginative, Open, Unique Feature

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Meeting Information will be posted on line after the meeting.

<http://seattle.gov/parks/projects/fairmount/playground.htm>

Thank you for your insight and participation tonight. It is your ideas that will guide the design and transformation of our new playground!

