

## Meeting Notes

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**Present:** Katie Bang, The Berger Partnership  
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Kim Baldwin, Seattle Parks

**Purpose:** Play Area Concept Generation

**Discussion:** The purpose of this meeting was to generate ideas and comments from the public on the three types of play that is slated for the Family Terrace at the Maple Leaf Reservoir Park. Stations for the three types of play in addition to a collage station were provided for input. Notes from the natural play, built play, and children's garden are below. These comments will be used to develop concepts for the play area that will be presented at the next public meeting to be held on July 13th.

### **Natural Play**

Adventure

Stones for climbing

Loose materials

Bridges/tunnels (natural)

Logs/balance

Climbing tree

Levels/grade change

Slide on grade

Stormwater/runnel/dry stream

Sand

Textures of Northwest (walls/concrete surface)

Music

Challenge play (logs suspended)

Plank bridge

Obstacle course

Covered play

Kid-powered

    Pump cistern

    Fill tank/control release

Loose parts

    Branches

Connections between areas

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Add surface marks (canes)  
Transition between spaces  
Nat.playgrd.com  
Tunnels – in/out/over (moles)  
Kid scale for play  
Hide  
Living path (willows)  
Sand/gravel pit with fossil bed  
Dry runnel  
Path on berm  
Hillside slide  
More buffer at rvelt  
Dahl play boulders  
Adventure/obstacle  
Dry creek bed (built edges)  
Runnel with gates  
Interactive stormwater play  
Stones for climbing  
Art integrated critters  
Consider maintenance (durable columns)  
Tree house  
Waterfall (natural)  
Logs (natural materials)  
Natural obstacles  
Rock fort  
Polished rock/fossils  
Tunnel/cave  
Faux rock-carved  
Sundial  
Seasonal events  
Telescope – views – search for items  
View finder

### **Children's Garden**

Clues in the step stones...go find it!  
Tie spaces together with education clues/challenge



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Following things flowing through water

Symbols through park—birds, bugs, frogs, plants, ferns

Soil/water/sun/insects, worms, worm bin

Compost

Fruit trees – espalier apple

Parent organization

Planting day

School volunteers

Harvest sale

Paths for interest – watering

Arbor – kiwi vines

Collect water from SPU building

Seasonal change – interesting plants – bulbs, dogwood, vine maple, blueberries

Interpretive signs

Butterflies/insects – plants to attract

Haz. shells, stepping stones, ground tree bark

Logs for outdoor classroom

Digging in the dirt

Children witnessing life/growth

Non-toxic

Eat the rainbow eggplant

Edible plants – smell/eat

Self-sowing plants – giant sunflowers

Runnels

Interactive plexi-glass windows through path

Narrative

Artist/writer

Structures – some play structures (rocks, i.e. turtles at zoo, ladybugs, worms, tractor, animal figures, slides)

Rain gardens / rain harvesting

Tool box – plastic/games – chess, watering cans

Rocks to climb on

Physical interaction with plants and structures, tunnels, vines, sweet peas, beans

Exploring – paths, wandering, curvy

Climbing under

Scale of plants – dinosaur food

Color of leaves – variegated



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Plants that smell

Garden art, moving with the wind / wings

Signage that is fun

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- Color, glowing

- Moving parts

- Mazes

- Noise

Tables for eating

Visibility

Mason bee houses with signage

Bird houses

Dan Corson rain drum

Organizing plants according to color, plant type

Sculpture with rock, natural

South slope and exposure

- Tables/comfort for elderly people

- ADA accessible

Edibles – produce

Products of their labor

Watching the growing process – measuring sticks, growth chart

Seasonal... Spring tulips, forsythia, daphne, witch hazel, ribes, crocus, flowering trees, azalea... Summer – super special flower, yellow rose... Fall – blueberries, dogwood, maples... Winter, aspens

Attracting wildlife – smells, herbs, rosemary, sage

Enclosure with vines - WA Park, PDX, trees woven together

Glacial till example – show what soil is existing geology – healthy soil for growing

Labels – plants and educational info with wildlife

Eco-zones of PNW – mountain, rainforest, native, coastal

Stream through garden – dry creek bed

### **Built Play**

Opportunities for kids of all ages

Changing levels – tunnels underneath

Swirly and straight slides. Metal too hot. Plastic static. Concrete (?) slide at meridian.

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Climbing ropes – rope at Ravenna Bridge

Zip lines, or different ages, Northgate, more than 1 next to each other, from a time, no track, Madison Park, Denny Park, Discovery Park

Jefferson at MLK (?) Park, rope climbers

Monkey bars

Connections – kids can run with bridges, etc.

Varying platforms

View ridge, hide and seek timbers

Fish slide at Karkeek; Hill slide, Maple Leaf character

Meridian sandbox with water channel

Views of airplanes

Different ways to exit platforms – slides, poles, etc.

Tire swing, other things that swing

Bucket swings and big kid

Topsy-turvy tire – Northgate

Sun shade for structure

Solve drainage issues at current play

Rain gardens / play features like Dahl (?)

Swinging

Natural materials, more wood, stone, less plastic

Tall swing like at Coven (?) Park

Physical separation among ages / visual connections

Benches for adults

Merry-go-round, maybe keep old one

Log boom park, around and up and down

Separation from Roosevelt; vegetation, next to street

Roller coaster

ADA accessibility, wood chips hard to maneuver

Old track / tractor

Using color or surfacing to mark space

Maze

Toys in sand/gravel pit (Magnuson) (no animal feces)

Rock tunnel/slide

Moving parts – dials, spinning, moving

Musical, sound garden

Discover objects in the play area

Signage for views



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Meadow and a place to learn about nature

Focus on climbing and balance, slack line

Talking tube

Stream with pump, rainwater

Kompan – play structure

Tall structures

Tree climb at Zoomasium

Imaginary role playing

Integrated play with ADA features

Fence for safety

Covered area

Sound garden with rain

### Meeting Adjourned

The preceding is assumed to be a complete and correct record of the significant items and actions agreed upon at the above meeting. Please advise the author immediately of any additions or corrections to the minutes. Work is proceeding on the basis of this record.

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c: All present