

Meeting Notes

E C Hughes Playground - Play Area Renovation

Schematic Design

Meeting #2

June 13, 2018 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Open House at the Park – 2805 SW Holden St, Seattle, WA

98126 **Attendees:** Approximately 20 participants (including 8 children)

Project Team	Libby Hudson, Planner; Bronwen Carpenter, Landscape Architect; and Katie Bang, Project Manager
Project	E C Hughes Play Playground Renovation will update play area and play equipment with structures accessible to children of all abilities. Additionally, the project will enhance safety and improve play area accessibility in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
Budget & Schedule	Budget: \$600,000 for planning, design and construction Schedule: Planning & Design: Spring & Summer 2018 Construction: Early 2019

Introduction & Project Description

PDD staff held presented the schematic design and proposed play equipment for the play area renovation. Community members brought their children to view the plans and proposed play equipment and provided comments and suggestions regarding the park renovation project.

The project will maintain the basic layout of the play area and provide new play structures with a “tree house inspired theme” that includes two multi-level deck structures with slides, geared to 2-5 year old’s and 5-12 year old’s; a merry-go-round with netting; balancing and spinning toys; and four bays of swings. The play area is also being enhanced for accessibility in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The wading pool will not be affected.

The preferred design will include a new seating plaza north of the existing play area. The seating wall will be replaced and a grass mound will replace the sand play and toddler swing area. The two play structures will be located in the circular play area east of the field house, along with the new netted whirl. Swings, that include two full-size, two toddler, two accessible and a partner swing (built for two), will replace the existing 4-swing set. Two balancing and spinning toys will be placed where the exiting merry-go-round is located. An accessible path of travel will be provided from the sidewalk to the play area.

Comments

- Like the proposed layout
- We like the existing sand box
- Like the swings
- Would like to see talk tubes like those at Delridge Park
- Like the bouncy, rubber mounds

- Like to see some play panels
- Like to see a disk swing
- Kids use the monkey bars a lot – all ages Kids love the little counter and bench located under the existing play structure – get hours of imaginative play such as ordering food at the counter– Would love to see something similar
- Can we add a “counter” type surface next to the current one in the area next to the big slide? Kids enjoy playing diner – serving ice cream made of woodchips/pine cones, et.
- If we can add tubes that can be talked though, my kids of different ages enjoy
- The structure should have nooks for kids
- This park is well used by many neighborhoods; it draws people from Gatewood – no park there
- The existing structure has bridges; hope the new one is as adventurous
- Our favorite thing here are the swings & the sandbox!
- Consider adding springy rubber mounds as a play feature
- The grass mound to the north will be good to discourage kids from running into the street
- The net climbing feature on the 5-12 structure between the monkey bars and the deck does not look very dynamic, consider replacing

Other Comments prior to the meeting:

- Please reconsider removing the existing tall swings; these are the last tall swings in West Seattle; Consider landmark status or other means; It’s unlikely that injury claims justify tearing them down
Response: Parks is no longer able to keep swings this height as they do not meet current safety standards. Safety standards have changed since these swings were installed and only swings 10’ or shorter meet the current requirements. We look comprehensively when we renovate a play areas, and in addition to the existing sings no longer being in compliance with safety standards, it is a tremendous amount of space and surfacing to maintain for two swings. In that area we are able to fit seven swings that meet safety standards.

The meeting graphics have been left on-site at the field house wall for others to view.

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