



Victory Heights Park Play Area Renovation Meeting Notes

**First Public Meeting and Open House
Victory Heights Cooperative Preschool
1737 NE 106th Street
Tuesday, December 15, 2015 6 - 8 p.m.**

This is the first of two community meetings for the Seattle Park District Funded project at Victory Heights Park. Parks staff presented an overview and potential play area elements for the renovation project. Community attendees engaged with staff and provided the following comments and input:

Play Area Recommendations:

- Less directed play, more natural creative play – rocks, dirt for digging, discovery
- Organic materials
- High swings
- Rope play equipment and webbing
- No spring toys
- Bigger area for 2-5 year olds
- Fast merry-go-round
- Natural elements such as logs and rocks
- Avoid play equipment materials that may get hot in the sun
- Equipment that encourages muscle, brain and cognitive development
- Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design
- Accessible equipment and features such as sign language tiles and braille

Other:

- Loop around park for walking
- Connecting the Thornton Creek area
- Incorporate play into slopes around passive green space, e.g. slides, zipline
- Safety concerns with fence on eastern side of park and logs in parking area
- Fitness zone equipment for seniors
- Water feature
- Art feature

Budget:

The total budget for the improvements is \$893,000 for the Park. The project budget covers all costs associated with the project including planning, design, permits, bidding and construction.