



City of Seattle
Department of Parks and Recreation
Workshop Discussion Summary

Ravenna Eckstein Park Play Area Renovation

Summary of workgroup discussions from Ravenna Eckstein Play Area Mtg. #1

From workgroup, in no particular order:

- Incorporate Feng Shui.
- Play area connection to Community Center is also due to indoor play area & rest rooms.
- Likes shade.
- Not comfortable using this park. Feels surrounded by private property. Big hard surface area doesn't look like park.
- Ideas about expanding entry node, sort of a wheel with spokes to different activities, but with space to pause and choose.
- Discussion about removing two parking spaces at SW entry and expand the entry. Open more for sight visibility / light. Make the entrance more inviting.
- Possibly relocate pole vault and long jump distances to north entrance area by upper field, north entry.
- Sidewalk connection to SW is poor.
- Very strongly agree with need for connectivity between west area and east area (upper and lower field), could be through grading or linking play elements along the route.
- Could reroute the path from CC and join with the path from adjacent apartment to accommodate the expanded playground.
- Create a picnic/gathering area at north of existing play area. The CC also uses this area for small events. This area is wet with a catch basin on the lawn area.
- There are people jumping off the fence between adj. apartment p-patch and park.
- Take ADA to the next level; make access truly integrated and universal.
- Provide accessible route between SE parking lot and west area.
- Provide cross-walk marking on SW parking area for accessible route considerations.
- Provide sign at 65th St. & 21th Ave. NE?
- Deciduous trees at SW parking lot create shade and drop leaves on existing tennis court. Their roots also create uneven surface on adjacent paving.
- The area north of the tennis court with picnic tables and benches is ugly and uncomfortable.
- Possible theme, picking up on "Ravenna" – ravine, so shaped land forms that suggest this.

- Unique identity of playground would be nice, distinguish from Ravenna Park and others nearby.
- Starbucks sponsorship – giant mermaid play feature.
- Playable art/sculpture.
- Keep little kids close to CC.
- Would be nice to provide a tot-swing set here.
- Possible expansion of play area to include the north hitting wall/practice ½ court, as well as the small seating area up to the tennis courts.
- Possible construction theme to play equipment.
- Doesn't like Kompan's Galaxy play equipments. Not much play value provided.
- Like the idea of providing some adult exercise stations along loop trail
- Like the idea of reflexogy, maybe a small rounded gravel walking path.
- Improve lighting for night safety. Add wall mount light on west wall of the CC, maybe spot light at west entry to CC. SE parking lot is dark at SW corner. Doesn't feel safe walking from SE parking lot to CC main entrance.
- Resurface tennis court, basketball court and other asphalt hard surface area.
- Prune plants at south of basketball court.
- Provide playground safety surface for swing area. Like existing 10' high swing.
- Consider expanding play area to existing swing area for older kids. Still debating.