



# Ravenna Eckstein Park Play Area Renovation

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## **Project History:**

### Genesis of Project:

- In the fall of 2005, a group of Ravenna neighbors began exploring the replacement of the aging play equipment at Ravenna Eckstein Community Center. With support from the Community Center, Seattle Parks and the Department of Neighborhoods, this project is now underway.

### Elements Open/Not Open to Public Comment and Why:

- Parks has many policies, design standards and technical specifications in place to ensure safety and durability and these elements are not open to public comment. There are also many safety standards and ADA requirements that will dictate the layout of specific pieces of equipment, the distance between them, the heights and the surfacing upon which they sit.
- Once all the regulations are fulfilled for the play area, there are many decisions left to be made. Parks would like to have your input on what type of equipment you would like in the play area and what color scheme. We will be asking for your input on these specific details at the second meeting. We will discuss the whole park in broader detail at the first meeting.

### Public Process Conducted to Date:

- A 4' x 4' project sign has been posted at the site.
- A project website is currently being built at: <http://www.seattle.gov/parks/maintenance/> Meeting minutes and general information will be posted on this site.
- Three community meetings will be held. Fliers were mailed to residents within a 300' radius of the park boundary per our minimal requirement. This radius was extended beyond that minimum to include adjacent mail carrier routes. The meeting will be posted on the Parks website and fliers will be posted in the near vicinity.
- Whom Parks notified about the meeting and the sources of the list: Parks generates a cumulative list of interested groups over time within specific areas. Some of the contacts on the list include but are not limited to: Local Community Organizations, Community Center and Activity Based Advisory Councils, Neighborhood Planning Groups, Local Community Newspapers, User Groups, Neighborhood Councils, etc.
- Community members also did their own outreach.

## **Explanation of How Decisions are Made:**

### How Parks Uses Input from the Public:

- Public input will be used to define the current needs and concerns at the park. The designer then uses this information to prepare design options and finally, at the last public meeting, a final preferred design.

### What Impact that has on a Project:

- The designer will take the creative ideas and concerns put forth by the community into consideration. All issues will be looked at and weighed against the project goals, budget and timeline. Some issues may be related to programming and not design. These issues will be passed on to the appropriate Parks personnel.

### How "Majority" Opinions will Figure in Decisions:

- Majority decisions help the designers understand which ideas are well received. These ideas are then considered more heavily than an idea that didn't get a very positive response. Because of this, we ask that you be vocal and state your opinions clearly.

## Factors that may Impact the Outcome:

### Safety:

- Safety is always the most important factor in any project. We are fortunate to have well defined guidelines for play areas to allow us to achieve high standards.

### **Budget:**

#### Source:

- Cumulative Reserve Fund: Ballfields/Athletic Courts/Play Areas

#### Amount:

- \$300,000 Total Project Budget for Planning, Public Involvement Process, Design, Bidding and Construction. Plus a grass roots effort from the community to be awarded a \$100,000 Department of Neighborhoods Matching Grant. If awarded, the Total Project Budget will be \$500,000.

### Impact On Scope:

- The scope of work to be built in 2008 will be dependent upon the total amount of funding received.

## Timeline:

### Upcoming Steps In the Process:

- **Design:**  
Community Meeting #1: February 15  
(Information gathering regarding use and design ideas)  
Community Meeting #2: March 22  
(Presentation of conceptual drawing(s); details of play area)  
Community Meeting #3: May 10  
(Presentation of Preferred Schematic Design)
- **Grant Application:** April 2007
- **Construction Documents:** Fall/Winter 2007
- **Construction:** Spring /Summer 2008
- **Completion:** Summer 2008

### Points at which Parks will Invite Public Comment:

- The three community meetings are held to invite public comment. Further comment is always welcome via email and phone calls.

## Next Steps:

- After the design process is complete, Parks will make a decision and proceed to implement it.

<b>INPUT, DECISION-MAKING PROCESS &amp; SCHEDULE</b>	Winter/ Spring 2007	Fall/ Winter 2007	Spring/ Summer 2008
<b>Pro View</b> – Internal Parks review of proposed project elements.	★		
<b>Community Meetings</b> – Early discussions with community members and presentation of conceptual design. <b>Public Input Invited.</b>	★		
<b>Pro View Technical Review</b> – Internal Technical Review of 65% & 95% Construction Drawings		★	
<b>Construction</b>			★