



**DELRIDGE PLAYFIELD IMPROVEMENTS**  
**2008 Parks and Green Spaces Levy**  
**Meeting Notes**  
**October 19, 2009**

This is the first of two public meetings. Construction is scheduled to start in May 2010 and will be completed in the fall 2010. The renovation will have 2 soccer fields, one softball, one baseball and two Ultimate fields. The ADA accessibility to the north will be maintained and ADA access to the south will be added from the south parking lot. The backstops, field drainage, lights will be replaced and artificial turf will be installed. The turf is lead free. A citizen expressed concern about the VOC's from artificial surface made from recycled tires. There were questions about using other less volatile materials. Ted Holden said he would find out how strong the VOC's will be and report at the next meeting. A field lighting presentation was made by Don McLean from DMD & Associates Ltd, the field lighting consultant. The existing lighting was installed in 1960 with total of 122 fixtures on 15 poles ranging from 70' to 80' high. It will be replaced by 50 fixtures on 12 poles. New lights will be more energy efficient and the glare factor will be improved. Loyal Heights and Lower Woodland fields are recent projects using similar technology.

**Additional questions and concerns that came up during the meeting:**

Q. Will buzzing from the lights go away?

A. yes

Q. How much time will it take the lights warm up?

A. If turned on initially when the fixtures are cold, about 5 minutes. If the lights are on and turned off, then turned on again when still warm, it takes longer.

Q. Why are the soccer fields oriented different ways?

A. Not enough room because of steep slope to the west.

Q. Softball and baseball mounds - Are they fixed.

A. The baseball field will have a permanent mound as it is not in the field of play for any other sport. Parks is strongly considering a synthetic surface on the mound, which will require that no metal cleats are used. Softball has no mound.

Q. Can you move two Ultimate fields down and right to only overlapping with one soccer field to maximize play and use of area?

A. Will study this request and bring it to next meeting.

Q. What was the rationale by switching softball and baseball diamonds.

A. Baseball located from NE corner to SW corner because this orientation is better for batter's eye to avoid afternoon sun. Softball will be relocate from the SW corner to the NE corner. There will be one permanent baseball mound. The baseball field will have both 80' and 90' base layouts. For Softball, we are showing 60' layouts. However, at Miller Playfield we also added bases at 70'.

Q. Residence on 26<sup>th</sup> – will this work effect integrity of slope, cause tree to fall down?–

A. We are not touching the steep slope area because it would trigger Permit issue – We will not cut any trees in steep slope area.

Q. What are Line colors?

A. White line for soccer; Yellow line for Ultimate.

Q. Why no lacrosse?

A. Concerned about too many lines and over striping the fields– we would need to do both men's and women's, as they are different.

Comment: There are no lacrosse fields in West Seattle.

Comment: Highline Club is growing. Wish to see lacrosse lines. Boy's lacrosse lines are usually blue. How many players? Fifth and sixth graders have clubs. It is a club sport that is growing.

Comment: All for fitting as much activities into the field and maximize the use of the field as possible. There is a large population of children. More sports would be better for Delridge.

A. Holden said he would bring a mock up of striping for lacrosse to the next meeting

Q. Are new bleachers included in the project?

A. If budget allows.

Q. How long is the lifecycle for synthetic turf?

A. Turf has lifespan of about 10 years with typical 8 year warranty and will cost approximately \$500,000 to replace carpet. Holden said product is not recyclable but the manufacture's website indicates it is.

Q. For safety concern, would you consider safety barriers at south and to the west of the soccer field ( bollards / rock /fence)?.

A. The City will look into a short fence to discourage vehicles from driving up on the field from the south. We will provide fencing behind the northwest soccer goal to prevent balls going down the steep forested slope to the west, approx. from 8' to 12' tall as we did at Lower Woodland Play field #2.

Q. Is parking an issue during games?

A. The parking is not part of the scope of work.

Comment: Neighbors commented that parking is not a problem. This field is on a major bus line and we should be encouraging transit and carpool.

Soccer supporters related as to how West Seattle soccer has grown and serves a number of kids and adults. They do not want to have to travel to another neighborhood for the young kids to play soccer. They appreciate the second field and would like to make know the importance of soccer in the neighborhood.

Q. Are these turf fields more dangerous?

A. In hot weather they tend to get 10 to 15 degrees hotter than the ambient temperature. Parks reserves the right to close the field if we feel the temperatures are too high for safe use. Holden read statistics that demonstrated synthetic fields are safer than natural turf fields.

Q. What level of competition is it?

A. Recreational.

Q. Concerns about shoe cleat.

A. Metal cleat are not allowed and will be notified on the field signage. Metal cleats, particularly on the synthetic pitcher's mound do damage.

Q. What's the timeline for construction? Could it be completed before game start in fall?

A. Construction is currently scheduled to occur from May to September to take benefit of good weather. Field constructed in the summer usually take less time and reduce the construction impacts to the neighborhood.

Q. Is there walkway around the field?

A. Yes, 4' wide to the west and the rest will be 6' wide.

Q. Can you provide distance marker along the path?

A. Good idea! Will do.

Q. Can you use permeable concrete?

A. Storm water will be drained to field which has an under drain system (typically 40' O.C.) to collect the storm water and take it away from the site. Most precipitation will soak into the sub grade. Only during major rain events will the subsurface drains be needed.

Q. What system for lighting?

A. Musco Lighting. Lighting will substantially improve the spill and glare issues. The synthetic turf will lessen the glare. Lights can be re-aimed a bit after installation to minimize impact to

adjacent housings. Lights are controlled by the Skylogic system and can be remotely turned off. Will provide phone number on signs.

Q. How will this be bid on?

A. Fields are done with purchase order. FieldTurf through KCDA or AstroTurf through US Communities. AstroTurf as installed at Lower Woodland field #2 has only crumb rubber infill, no sand.

Q. Could leftover budget be transferred to High Point Lighting improvement?

A. We have no control on the use of surplus budget. There is the Levy Opportunity Fund open for application.

Next steps:

Next meeting will be on Nov. 23, we will incorporate comments to next plan. People are encouraged to give more comments to Ted through e-mail or phone.