

February 28, 2020

Public Meeting Number 2

Hiawatha Play Area Renovation

VISIT DATE: February 27, 2020

TOT TIME TIME: 10:00 am

EVENING: 6:30 pm

PRESENT: Shannon Glass, Parks
Sean, Intern
Karen Kiest, KKLA
Clara Pang, KKLA

PRESENT: Ed Pottharst, Parks
Second Intern
Karen Kiest, KKLA
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I. Purpose of the Second Public Meeting:

The purpose of the second meeting was to update the community, provide play layout options, and play equipment options. A second survey has been posted online as well.

II. Description and Summary

The first community workshop was held in the Hiawatha Playfield Community. There were (2) meetings:

- morning open house shared with the regular Tot Time event, included 25+ tots and 25+ parents wandering the gym floor
- evening open house, upstairs in the community center auditorium, was attended by (3) people, including (1) reporter for the West Seattle Blog.

III. Boards

Nine boards were available for review and comment:

1st Meeting

- People were familiar with the history of the park
- People loved the old 25-foot high play equipment!

Existing Site

- Keep Trees
- Consider that filling retaining wall would take the trees out of plain view...Ideas – more boulders, Amphitheater, Sensory Trail
- Children love the rock area under the trees
- Keep existing play area while new one is being built

Scheme A

- Like because clusters play together, separates the teen basketball area and leaves more of the park untouched

Scheme B

- Like the spacing between the play areas -- can watch kids in close space
- Like having sunlight hit the BB court a priority – this scheme moves out the furthest from the CC building
- Appreciate expanded fitness area

Scheme C

- More difficult layout with children in multiple age groups – harder to keep watch

Other Play Areas

- Children love the Wallingford Avenue Playground, because of climbing/non-climbing features (Madison Park Playground too climbing-oriented)
- Consider fitness trail like they have in Lincoln Park, with ‘stops’ along the way, costs little but can get lots of use
- Zipline at Lafayette E.S. – don’t see need for zipline here
- Playground at Good Shepherd
- Playground at Volunteer Park
- Circular sidewalk loop (like at Maple Leaf) good for kids on scooters etc. to stay in view

Play Pieces 2-5

- Strong support for sand pit (boulders, logs, nature play)
- Little tree house (robinia) liked
- See saws!
- Swings
- Small climber, roller slide, spinner

Play Pieces 5-99

- Lots of swings are good – liked by kids!
- Children love structures that feel like a fort – imaginative play
- Love climbers, swings and the rolling pin slides
- Chair swing should stay – kids love it
- More natural elements (robinia parkour)
- Net Climber
- New Basketball -- court is used a lot
- Provide hoop at 10’ height; level out the ground
- Obstacle courses
- Like rope climbing, ziplines
- Keep fitness equipment – helpful for parents wanting to exercise will watching children
- Concern Fitness equipment overrun by kids and doesn’t work well
- Next to high school, make sure equipment is strong enough for teenagers and include something for them, such as a zip line

Sample Play Layouts

- Like big climber play structure, with more things to do on it