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HUBBARD HOMESTEAD PLAY AREA PROJECT

Seattle Parks and Recreation's Planning & Development Division

Northgate Community Center

Tuesday October 16th 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

MEETING NOTES

Present

Seattle Parks and Recreation (SPR) Staff

- Katie Bang, Seattle Parks and Recreation Project Manager
- Jules Posades, Seattle Parks and Recreation

Berger Partnership, Landscape Architects, Staff

- Andy Mitton, Principal
- Matt Martenson, Associate

Community Members – Approximately 25 community members attended to provide input on play area equipment and themes.

Summary

On Oct 16, we hosted the first public meeting for the Hubbard Homestead Park play area project. Approximately 25 people, neighbors, families and people, many of whom had been involved in the initial design of the park, attended. Seattle Parks and Recreation along with Berger Partnership, PS our landscape architecture design consultants, presented the project parameters including information about the decommissioning of Victory Creek play area. Under Parks and Recreation policy number 060-P 5.12.1, a decommissioning is necessary because it is substantially out of code compliance. The decommissioning of this playground will create the opportunity to start new play area at Hubbard Homestead Park.

The presentation continued regarding site context and conditions and location of the new play area. After the formal presentation, break out groups were formed where the community explored play area themes, and elements they would like to see in the park. Many children in attendance drew sketches and discussed their vision and favorite types of play. Extra time allowed for a very meaningful discussion with the group about the park's history, the new park development process in 2009, and current maintenance issues. A wide range of ideas were generated encompassing elements such as climbing to spinning, or more elaborate was consideration for a Ninja Warrior ropes course. Seating opportunities were discussed, including swinging benches, providing shade, and addressing the trees in the play grove that are struggling. There was also interest in a paved loop for kids to learn how to ride bikes around the play area. The community expressed great interest for maintaining certain site features that are currently not working (such as lighting, water features, replacing dead plantings).

The goal of the project is to develop a play area within the existing Hubbard Homestead Park that will include play elements and access for children of all ages and abilities. Improvements will include fall surfacing, seating, storm water mitigation and limited landscape improvements. The design of the new parcel will incorporate accessibility features in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and provide access to open space within this high- density urban areas.

To stay up to date on the project please visit: <http://www.seattle.gov/parks/about-us/current-projects/hubbard-homestead-play-area>

To provide comment please contact Katie Bang, Seattle Parks Project Manager at katie.bang@seattle.gov

Schedule: The project is currently in the design phase. Construction Documents will begin this winter. Construction of this project is scheduled to begin in late 2019.

The next meeting is: Tuesday December 4th, 2018

6:00 pm to 7:30

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Comments

- Popular play elements included climbing (comments ranging from rocks to climb to an outdoor climbing area similar to the Mountaineers at Magnuson); swings (including mention of swing bench in red or green); slides (including dual slide); spinning (including merry-go-round); rope climbing; monkey bars (mentioned as a “kid favorite” along with the swings).
- There were also a couple of requests for a Ninja Warrior ropes course, as well as a mention of a tree-house inspired play element, a zip line, as well as gumdrop jumpers.
- The options with the least mentions included upper body and balancing.
- Multiple comments mentioned shade (whether shade cover or shade trees).
- Benches for grownups were also mentioned.
- A couple of comments reflected a desire for brought-in toys like Maple Leaf playground, or moveable toys.
- Desire for play areas for 2-5 yr old play, and 5-12 yr old play.
- Play surface: Poured in place surfacing, like at Cal Anderson Playground
- Small shelter.
- Native plants.
- A few comments on areas for bikes and scooters, such as a bike/scooter loop around the playground, or a scooter track.
- For Play Equipment Style, the most popular was Nature Inspired, followed closely by Modern Art & Colorful. The least popular was Imaginative.
- Security was mentioned a couple of times, including one comment about making the park perimeter part of regular police patrols.
- For safety, remove vegetation on west side
- More lighting on west side is desired.
- Sidewalk/access comments included wider, paved sidewalk on west side, not gravel; better access from sidewalk (not gravel) in northeast; mid-block crossing.
- From NW – SW bus stop
- Make sure there is something to stop kids from running in the street—define play area.
- Drainage issue in southeast
- Rock sculpture function is not working
- Light broken and needs to be replaced
- We have to bring stuff
- Provide a small stage to allow Music in the park – a way to engage seniors with youth or teens to teach music.

Thank you for participating!

