



Meeting Notes

Baker Park Addition 3rd Public Meeting: Review Preferred Design and Play Equipment Options

October 28, 2017

3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Crown Hill Dental, 1421 NW 85th St, Seattle WA

Attendees: 12 participants

Project Team David Bader, Landscape Architect
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Project Budget \$937,125 for planning, design and construction

Project Description This Seattle Park District project provides funding for the extension of Baker Park. The design will incorporate accessibility in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) as well as Seattle Parks and Recreation's intent to create access to open space in areas of high urban density.

Schedule Planning: Spring 2017 - Summer 2017
Design: Summer 2017 - Spring 2018
Construction: Spring 2018 - Fall 2018

Presentation

- Recap 2nd Meeting
- Preferred Schematic Design
- Play and Fitness Equipment Proposals

Questions and Discussion

- Play area is close to Dentist parking lot and needs to be enclosed for safety reasons.
- Are there fitness areas at other parks? If so are they successful?
 - Will people use the fitness equipment? Teens might just use the existing rec centers in the area instead of using the park to exercise.
- There was talk at one point of doing a basketball court? Is that still a possibility?
- Will there be other hardscape games like 4 square? Ping Pong?
- The fitness equipment should have less moving parts so that people will be more likely to use it over the winter
 - It should also have less elements where you have to lay down because they will always be wet and people won't use them
- Will the material that is used for the paths be suitable for people riding bikes? Wheelchairs? Skateboards? Strollers?

- What will we do with the boulders that are in the existing play area? Should we move them to a more visible location?
- Will the safety surfacing be playground grass or engineered wood fiber?
- Could the totem pole be moved to a different location? Concerns that it will be vandalized
- Are there opportunities for Neighborhood Matching Fund grants?
- There needs to be a steward for the butterfly garden if it is going to be successful long term
 - Need to think about what we call the butterfly garden, don't want people to think it will attract a lot of bees
- Are the butterfly screens on the play equipment made of glass? Plastic? Mesh? How will they look after multiple rainy seasons?
- Will the fruit trees on the new property be removed?
- Will the rhododendron be removed?
- The butterfly-themed equipment was the most popular amongst the attendees
 - Everyone agreed that a basket swing would be a desirable element to include
- Whittier Elementary school is getting a new playground soon. We should make sure that we aren't replicating the same type of play at Baker Park
- Can we add a dog bowl to the existing drinking fountain?
- Can the hours of the park be added to the Rainbow Sign?
 - Currently left blank on the sign
- Could we close of the Mary Ave Entrance?
 - We should be trying to increase foot traffic instead of minimize it
- Ping Pong table is preferred
- Available funding from Whittier Heights Community Council and Groundswell
- The Ballard Community Garden Club could possibly be stewards of the plantings

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Project Website <http://www.seattle.gov/parks/about-us/current-projects/baker-park-addition>

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