



Meeting Notes

View Ridge Playfield Play Area Renovation – Meeting #2

August 21, 2023

4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

View Ridge Playfield, 4408 NE 70th St, Seattle WA

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Budget \$730,000 for planning, design, and construction

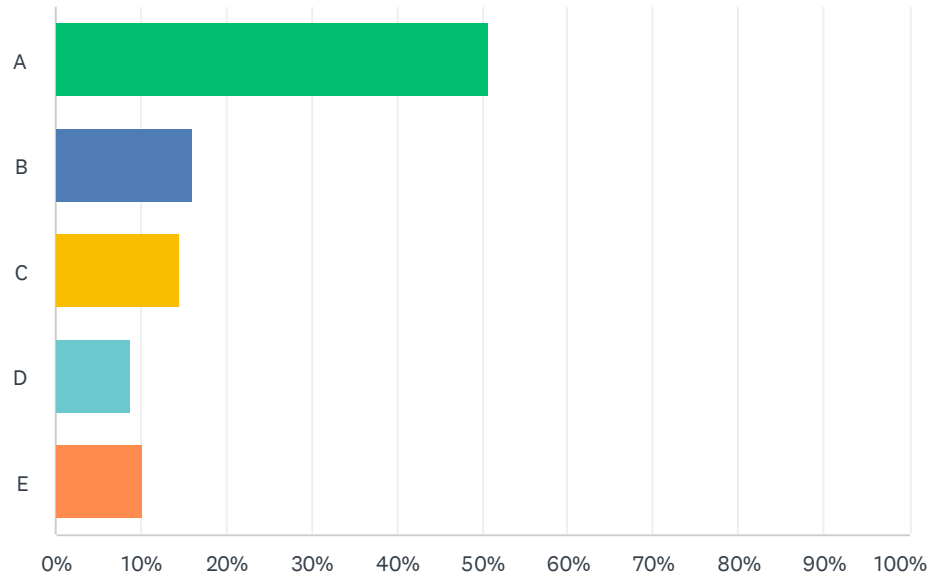
Project Description This improvement project is funded by the Seattle Park District. This project will renovate the current play area that was installed in 2001 by replacing current equipment and creating a play area that meets current accessible play area standards. This project will also create an accessible route from the sidewalk to the play area and comfort station as identified in the Citywide Barrier Removal Schedule

Schedule Planning: Winter 2023 – Spring 2023
Design: Spring 2023 – Winter 2024/25
Construction: Winter 2025

Meeting Survey Responses including both in-person and online input are on the following pages

Q1 Play Structure Equipment Option: Which option do you like most for the for the ages 2-5 and 5-12 play area?

Answered: 69 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
A	50.72%	35
B	15.94%	11
C	14.49%	10
D	8.70%	6
E	10.14%	7
TOTAL		69

Q2 Why do you prefer the equipment option you chose in question 1?

Answered: 69 Skipped: 0

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	multiple slides + inclusivity	11/8/2023 10:29 AM
2	rope swing	11/8/2023 10:28 AM
3	rope swing	11/8/2023 10:28 AM
4	It will serve both age groups	11/8/2023 10:27 AM
5	It's cool	11/8/2023 10:18 AM
6	Love the turf	11/8/2023 10:17 AM
7	I like the turf	11/8/2023 10:17 AM
8	lots to climb on	11/8/2023 10:16 AM
9	Like swing and bridge	11/8/2023 10:15 AM
10	Love the sandbox (I mean my kids do), lots of shade/rain cover. my daughter loves the spinning bowl	11/8/2023 10:15 AM
11	The variety of play options for both age groups. design seems to incorporate traditional, natural, and modern elements. Allows separation between age groups	11/8/2023 10:13 AM
12	More natural looking and inspiring exploration, encourage social activities	11/8/2023 10:11 AM
13	Rock wall, climbing	11/8/2023 10:09 AM
14	I like the bridge and the spiderweb	11/8/2023 10:09 AM
15	Cause I like the bridge and the spinny thing	11/8/2023 10:05 AM
16	Seems more fun	9/11/2023 7:43 PM
17	Love the monkey bars and elaborated play structure which would serve the community for decades.	9/10/2023 8:16 PM
18	Kids like it	9/10/2023 6:39 PM
19	Like the configuration	9/10/2023 6:01 PM
20	The bridge	9/10/2023 4:00 PM
21	For 2-5 year olds, I like more flat space/tubes to crawl/toddle, and less climbing (hard for under 5 kids) in option C.	9/10/2023 1:40 PM
22	The playground equipment allows for a variety of play. My child has always loved the area under the existing structure (a little home to him) and the upper bump-out with a roof (his ship to steer). Option A seems like it would provide similar play options for children.	9/6/2023 10:07 PM
23	The playground has great climbing options for bigger kids but enough accessibility for smaller children.	9/6/2023 10:32 AM
24	High number of slides Multiple elevated places to be Tree house inspired	9/5/2023 10:06 PM
25	Covered picnic area is essential.	9/5/2023 9:20 PM
26	I like the treehouse look and that it includes a "monkey bars" type section. Very much dislike the spinning bowls though. I've never seen kids play in those much and mostly just seen terrified kids with how fast they can get going - especially little kids who then can't get themselves to stop or get out.	9/5/2023 8:38 PM
27	My kids were most excited about it because of the wood bridge.	9/4/2023 11:45 AM

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28	Longevity of material vs wood, variety of gross motor experiences, whirly toy	9/4/2023 10:49 AM
29	Having observed our grandchildren at play, B seems most attractive and safe.	9/4/2023 10:48 AM
30	More climbing options	9/4/2023 10:15 AM
31	nicer equipment	9/3/2023 4:01 PM
32	Looks more fun	9/3/2023 3:24 PM
33	Seems most age appropriate	9/2/2023 3:15 AM
34	Lots of stuff for the 5-12 aged kids to play on	9/1/2023 5:17 PM
35	Covered picnic area	9/1/2023 8:17 AM
36	most events, climbing, slides, best overall look - like the natural look of the tree trunk and do not prefer the more "modern" look. looks like it has it all (except the whirl which is fine).	8/31/2023 9:03 PM
37	More variety	8/31/2023 5:00 PM
38	Looks bigger with more dynamic activities. Natural looking, not all plastic.	8/30/2023 8:34 AM
39	It is the only one that maintains a covered picnic table area (it rains in Seattle). Key for birthday parties, parents to stay out of the rain, place to eat/snack.	8/27/2023 6:15 PM
40	It keeps the main outline of the play-structure the same.	8/27/2023 4:51 PM
41	More accessible climbing structures for all ages.	8/27/2023 1:41 PM
42	Best variety	8/27/2023 1:25 PM
43	Inclusive carousel and lot of climbing options Low max fall height.	8/27/2023 10:40 AM
44	It seems to have the most activities, I like the wood structures, and it's the same company as the current playground which is very successful. Amount of climbing activities is great.	8/25/2023 5:01 PM
45	We've always appreciated the existing structure and Option A's structure has the same vibe of being appealing, timeless and substantial.	8/25/2023 5:01 PM
46	Most activities.	8/25/2023 11:36 AM
47	There is a wide variety and the covered seating area is a MUST!	8/25/2023 11:31 AM
48	I like how many options there are. There seem to be more events with this option than others.	8/25/2023 11:26 AM
49	Classic aesthetic, diversity of accessible equipment, sand digger	8/24/2023 5:18 PM
50	Best for my daughter's interest and ability!	8/24/2023 5:07 PM
51	I like how many options there are. There seem to be more events with this option than others.	8/24/2023 4:58 PM
52	the most athletic Looks the least ugly doesnt have politically correct things such as music & nature panels that wont really be used	8/24/2023 11:43 AM
53	Most events	8/24/2023 6:28 AM
54	It is a great mix of slides, climbing, and under structure play areas. It feels the closest to the current structure which we love.	8/23/2023 8:58 PM
55	Most elements	8/23/2023 3:46 PM
56	I like covered tunnels for all weather. Also the diversity of activities possible for bother age groups. I also prefer the fake grass as it is more accessory for all kids. I like the covered areas for sand and general shade as well.	8/23/2023 1:18 PM
57	I prefer the natural look and feel of wooden play equipment.	8/23/2023 9:56 AM
58	Most variety of slides, like the spaces underneath to play, like the wood aesthetic	8/22/2023 9:51 PM
59	Looks more robust and accessible	8/22/2023 9:49 PM
60	Just looks more fun. The hammock etc.	8/22/2023 6:59 PM

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61	I love that some of the slides are closed. I also showed my kids (5 and 2) the pictures and asked which park they would most want to go to: they chose A.	8/22/2023 6:57 PM
62	I like the covered tented area, that there are swings and no monkey bars	8/22/2023 6:52 PM
63	Covered , similar to what's there now, looks sturdy	8/22/2023 6:39 PM
64	D is the best	8/22/2023 6:37 PM
65	Number and type of swings, multiple slides no sand	8/22/2023 6:24 PM
66	I think this option presents the most diverse set of activities for all ages	8/22/2023 5:58 PM
67	Natural	8/22/2023 5:36 PM
68	Covered long slides. Fort like structures.	8/22/2023 5:33 PM
69	Tallest and best adventure play for kids. I like the swings on E	8/22/2023 4:15 PM

Q3 Are there any items from other options that you would like to incorporate into your desired option? If yes, please tell us here.

Answered: 45 Skipped: 24

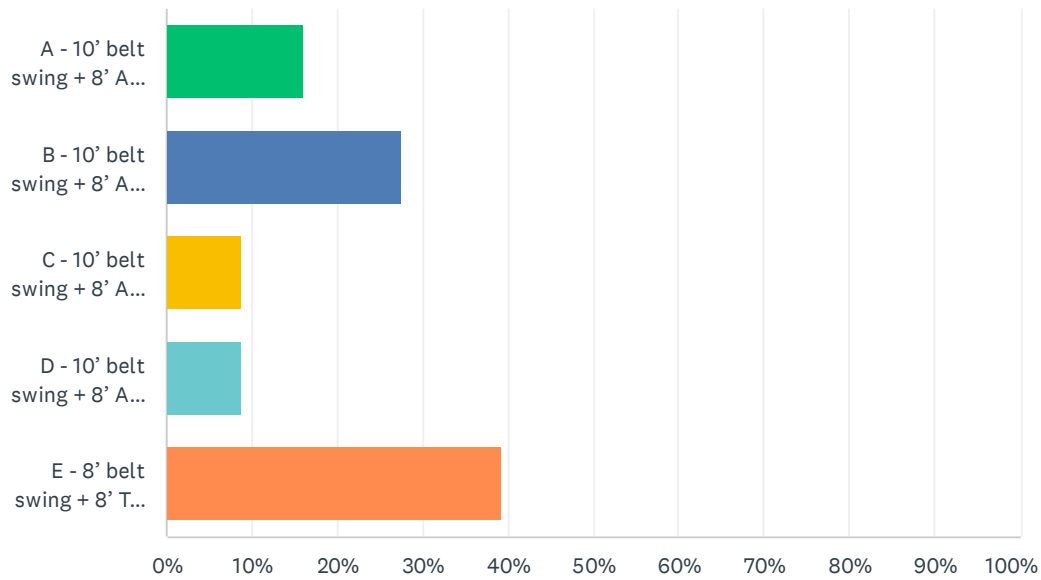
#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	more shade	11/8/2023 10:29 AM
2	tunnel slide, more shade	11/8/2023 10:28 AM
3	more shade	11/8/2023 10:28 AM
4	swings from option c	11/8/2023 10:27 AM
5	no	11/8/2023 10:18 AM
6	no	11/8/2023 10:17 AM
7	no	11/8/2023 10:17 AM
8	not really	11/8/2023 10:16 AM
9	Covered canopy for sand area if funding allows	11/8/2023 10:13 AM
10	C - The imprint of animal tracks, leaves on the equipment, A - different height of the slides look super fun!!	11/8/2023 10:11 AM
11	covered sand, bridge	11/8/2023 10:09 AM
12	log slide from option D. tree from option A	11/8/2023 10:09 AM
13	log slide from option D, tree from option A	11/8/2023 10:05 AM
14	Please leave sandbox in covered area	9/10/2023 6:39 PM
15	No	9/10/2023 6:01 PM
16	Yes, there is no music equipment in Option D, please add some music equipment. Thanks.	9/10/2023 4:00 PM
17	For swings, it's nice to alternate big kid & baby swings for parents of both, rather than grouping all the baby swings together. I like the mix of full & pergola partial shade in option B.	9/10/2023 1:40 PM
18	Can we keep the existing whirl? I like how that allows for different groups of children to cooperate together to power the whirl.	9/6/2023 10:07 PM
19	If there is the possibility of a zip line like the one at Maple Leaf, it's always a favorite attraction.	9/6/2023 10:32 AM
20	The monkey bars/rings from Option D.	9/5/2023 9:20 PM
21	A large shelter/ picnic area is an absolute must. We are at this park weekly and it's constantly being used year round.	9/5/2023 8:38 PM
22	Monkey bars as in option D.	9/4/2023 10:48 AM
23	Tall cargo nets and bridges	9/4/2023 10:15 AM
24	our kids like the current style of merry-go-round at VR and don't prefer the new ones (such as the one at maple leaf). Some sort of whirl or teeter totter that allows different ages to play together would be nice. Our 2 and 5 year old play on those things together, but don't necessarily play on the structures very well together.	8/31/2023 9:03 PM
25	The tree trunk side	8/30/2023 8:34 AM
26	Definitely want to have bars to swing from I like the 5-12 climber and swings from Option E a bit better	8/27/2023 6:15 PM

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27	Tubes to crawl through	8/27/2023 1:41 PM
28	Whirl activities, please! Also not a fan of wood chips at swings.	8/25/2023 11:36 AM
29	No	8/25/2023 11:31 AM
30	Yes, would love more whirl options since option A doesn't appear to have any. This could potentially replace the music option.	8/25/2023 11:26 AM
31	Yes, would love more whirl options since option A doesn't appear to have any. This could potentially replace the music option.	8/24/2023 4:58 PM
32	My son really likes rings instead of monkey bars	8/23/2023 8:58 PM
33	An elevator, that the child holds onto and stands on as it lowers. A moving slide, that has at least 20 tubular rungs that spin as the child slides down.	8/23/2023 3:46 PM
34	The rocker in B Swing options in D and E Pendulum in E *More wheel chair accessible activities too not seen in any options	8/23/2023 1:18 PM
35	like the play panels from E	8/22/2023 9:51 PM
36	Ensure all play equipment is accessible to children with special needs	8/22/2023 9:49 PM
37	The canopy and picnic area are a MUST. That is what we use all the time in our community to host events and just gather and chill. The shaded sand pit and sheltered picnic tables have got to stay. My daughter loves the straight bars, but I realize not many other kids do. (She's a gymnast and the arched bars aren't usable for her).	8/22/2023 6:59 PM
38	I think there are monkey bars in the picture, but we love monkey bars! Also, would love to keep the wading pool there.	8/22/2023 6:57 PM
39	More swings	8/22/2023 6:52 PM
40	Lots of shade for sunny or rainy days thanks!	8/22/2023 6:39 PM
41	No	8/22/2023 6:37 PM
42	Prefer Mary go round over rocket	8/22/2023 6:24 PM
43	I would like to incorporate the picnic tables from option b under the shaded area, as I think it will greatly utilized by the community for a wide range of parties and get togethers.	8/22/2023 5:58 PM
44	Wondering about the wading pool..can a sprinkler park happen?	8/22/2023 5:36 PM
45	Nature signs	8/22/2023 5:33 PM

Q4 Swing Area Option: Which option do you like most for the swing area?

Answered: 69 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
A - 10' belt swing + 8' ADA and belt swing + 8' tot swing; Music; Spinning Bowl	15.94%	11
B - 10' belt swing + 8' ADA and belt swing + 8' tot swing + 8' Two Person swing; Whirl	27.54%	19
C - 10' belt swing + 8' ADA and tot swing + 7' tot swing + 8' Two Person swing	8.70%	6
D - 10' belt swing + 8' ADA and tot swing + 7' tot swing + 8' Basket swing	8.70%	6
E - 8' belt swing + 8' Two Person swing + 8' tot swing + 8' Basket swing; Coco Swing	39.13%	27
TOTAL		69

Q5 Why do you prefer the swing option you chose in question 4?

Answered: 69 Skipped: 0

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Have never seen it at other playgrounds. looks fun!	11/8/2023 10:29 AM
2	fun	11/8/2023 10:28 AM
3	I have never seen one	11/8/2023 10:28 AM
4	N/A	11/8/2023 10:27 AM
5	pretty cool	11/8/2023 10:18 AM
6	turf	11/8/2023 10:17 AM
7	the turf	11/8/2023 10:17 AM
8	looks most fun	11/8/2023 10:16 AM
9	coco swing and basket and 2 person	11/8/2023 10:15 AM
10	We love the spinning bowl	11/8/2023 10:15 AM
11	Multiple play area and area for group play	11/8/2023 10:13 AM
12	more option to swing	11/8/2023 10:11 AM
13	more options, 2 person	11/8/2023 10:09 AM
14	because it's really cool and it's very big with a lot of swings	11/8/2023 10:09 AM
15	because its really cool and it has many different swings	11/8/2023 10:05 AM
16	Longer big kid swings	9/11/2023 7:43 PM
17	Something different than what the View Ridge park offer currently.	9/10/2023 8:16 PM
18	Kids like it	9/10/2023 6:39 PM
19	Coco swing	9/10/2023 6:01 PM
20	coco swing, have not seen it elsewhere	9/10/2023 4:00 PM
21	Good mix, like the option to push multiple kids together (basket, coco)	9/10/2023 1:40 PM
22	Tough call. I went with Option C because it offers 10' belt swings and the two person swing. I also liked Option B & D.	9/6/2023 10:07 PM
23	We like the coco swing	9/6/2023 10:32 AM
24	Two person swing and whirl are nice additions social swinging	9/5/2023 10:06 PM
25	I like the 2-person swing and the whirl.	9/5/2023 9:20 PM
26	Basket swing would be something new and fun for this playground	9/5/2023 8:38 PM
27	Basket swing	9/4/2023 11:45 AM
28	Variety of swing options, really like the 2 person swing	9/4/2023 10:49 AM
29	No preference; you've forced a false answer.	9/4/2023 10:48 AM
30	Diverse swings and novelty	9/4/2023 10:15 AM
31	nicer equipment	9/3/2023 4:01 PM
32	Na	9/3/2023 3:24 PM

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33	I like letter a with a basket swing or letter d with tot and Ada rearranged since . I hate the Ada swing grouped with the tot swing because it threatens to infantilize older children according to abilities that have nothing to do with swinging. They deserve to swing with friends their age, not just the baby swing area. I like the basket, but only because a two person swing might leave out a kid or a single kid might not have a partner, if it was bigger so a parent or caregiver or equipment a differently abled kid had could fit it'd probably get better use and not seem so exclusionary my time is mostly spent with eight to twelve year olds so I may be missing better ideas outside that age group	9/2/2023 3:15 AM
34	Spinning bowl	9/1/2023 5:17 PM
35	Less maintenance	9/1/2023 8:17 AM
36	variety, has the whirl	8/31/2023 9:03 PM
37	More variety	8/31/2023 5:00 PM
38	Has basket, two person swing, and coco swing.	8/30/2023 8:34 AM
39	Has belt, ADA and tot (must haves); should have wood chips not grass which will fail, and the two person looks fun!	8/27/2023 6:15 PM
40	It gives kids options for how they want to swing.	8/27/2023 4:51 PM
41	Coco swing	8/27/2023 1:41 PM
42	Whirl and two person	8/27/2023 1:25 PM
43	Most variety in swing options.	8/27/2023 10:40 AM
44	I think the 10 foot swings are important for older kids. The spinning bowls look like a nice addition.	8/25/2023 5:01 PM
45	It goes with the other play structure equipment.	8/25/2023 5:01 PM
46	Whirl.	8/25/2023 11:36 AM
47	The music is a nice addition	8/25/2023 11:31 AM
48	Option E seems to have the most options.	8/25/2023 11:26 AM
49	Most variety	8/24/2023 5:18 PM
50	Most versatile	8/24/2023 5:07 PM
51	Option E seems to have the most options.	8/24/2023 4:58 PM
52	its swings not other stuff and leaves the possibility for my answer to 6	8/24/2023 11:43 AM
53	Nice accessories	8/24/2023 6:28 AM
54	I like the two person swing and the coco swing. The newly designed spinners presented in a just collect water and are very hard to push.	8/23/2023 8:58 PM
55	Variety	8/23/2023 3:46 PM
56	ADA and more diversity of types of swings for youn and older kids	8/23/2023 1:18 PM
57	I like the look and the spinning bowl & music inclusions.	8/23/2023 9:56 AM
58	like 10' height + two person swing, has an extra swing over option C/E	8/22/2023 9:51 PM
59	Same as above	8/22/2023 9:49 PM
60	Looks more conversational rather than one long line	8/22/2023 6:59 PM
61	Seems most similar to what we already have.	8/22/2023 6:57 PM
62	Option for 2 person	8/22/2023 6:52 PM
63	Lots of swings for all sizes	8/22/2023 6:39 PM
64	D is still the best	8/22/2023 6:37 PM

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65	The coco swing	8/22/2023 6:24 PM
66	I like option a. As it is also a swing set that appeals to the widest range of children while also incorporating other play things like the spinning bowl seats.	8/22/2023 5:58 PM
67	?	8/22/2023 5:36 PM
68	Double swing	8/22/2023 5:33 PM
69	So many swing options	8/22/2023 4:15 PM

Q6 Additional Comment: Feel free to write any additional comments below.

Answered: 32 Skipped: 37

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	climbing net	11/8/2023 10:28 AM
2	I find music toys tricky - they can add more volume to an already loud space and make it harder to have conversations.	11/8/2023 10:15 AM
3	If budget allows consider regrading basketball court level, repave large pathways throughout park	11/8/2023 10:13 AM
4	may need to adjust parents seating layout for each option	11/8/2023 10:11 AM
5	this is cool, I love the survey	11/8/2023 10:09 AM
6	this is a very well made survey	11/8/2023 10:05 AM
7	Please keep the sand box under the roof. The outdoor w/o the roof will be a failure due to the nature of us being in PNW. I would like to see more of the picnic shelter gets built at View Ridge park.	9/10/2023 8:16 PM
8	I would prefer if swing structure was left intact and not changed.	9/10/2023 6:39 PM
9	Please add a 2 person swing!	9/10/2023 4:00 PM
10	Coco swing looks cool. Do kids like that? I've never seen one as a Seattle park. I think the music equipment looks nice, but would break. I'd say skip the music equipment. spinning bowls or Spica Spinners (in option E, playground) would be a hit with my son (age 7) and his friends!	9/6/2023 10:07 PM
11	If there is any way to add a small adult exercise area, it would be greatly appreciated. There are a lot of groups that workout here and no workout equipment. Also, some lower basketball hoops for kids would be fantastic.	9/6/2023 10:32 AM
12	Great job on this!	9/5/2023 10:06 PM
13	Keeping a covered picnic shelter should be automatic. A playground without one renders it useless for birthday parties or other celebrations, except for the summer.	9/5/2023 9:20 PM
14	I'd be really happy with any of these options	9/4/2023 10:49 AM
15	I like a lot of Robert Johnson's ideas	9/2/2023 3:15 AM
16	The park is not only for families with small children	9/1/2023 8:17 AM
17	our kids like the tire swing at laurelhurst if that is an option at all.	8/31/2023 9:03 PM
18	The whirl and the coco swing both look quite fun	8/27/2023 6:15 PM
19	More swings needed. Especially tot swings	8/27/2023 1:41 PM
20	I would prefer that the playground ground covering be ADA accessible rather than tan bark.	8/27/2023 10:40 AM
21	The Coco swing looks really interesting and fun! If we could add that into option A I think that would be great!	8/25/2023 5:01 PM
22	I also like Option B because a two-person swing is super fun!	8/25/2023 5:01 PM
23	No wood chips please. The soft floor like Bellevue parks have is much better.	8/25/2023 11:36 AM
24	It would be nice if there weren't bark-chips in the playground or the swing area.	8/25/2023 11:26 AM
25	It would be nice if there weren't bark-chips in the playground or the swing area.	8/24/2023 4:58 PM
26	more big swings are needed!	8/24/2023 11:43 AM

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27	Eliminate play panels, more large motor, active play.	8/23/2023 3:46 PM
28	More wheel chair accessible playground toys like a spinning thing that has a smooth accessible transition for wheel chair and elderly grandparents who want to interact with kids	8/23/2023 1:18 PM
29	If possible, shade cloth over swing area & 2-5 play structures would be great. Babies can get sunburned on current swings because there is no shade cover. Also, there is a very cool 'elevator' aspect of the Totem Lake Playground in Kirkland which I have never seen in Seattle which would be great to see incorporated here. All the kids play with it constantly at that playground. If you search Totem Lake Playground on google, then go to images, the second image is a video of this elevator in action. It is great fun for the kids!!	8/23/2023 9:56 AM
30	would be great to keep a whirl or something spinning somewhere in the park	8/22/2023 9:51 PM
31	I really hope the wading pool remains. It's a highlight of our summer. I really wish that the construction could take place in another season. We get such a short window of good weather, it's very very sad to think we won't have access to one of our parks.	8/22/2023 6:57 PM
32	If possible to include the coco swing somehow, as I think there are tons of kids that will enjoy that as well.	8/22/2023 5:58 PM