

WORKSHOP HIGHLIGHTS FOR HILLINGTON GREEN PARK
6:00 pm Monday, October 14, 2019
Sequoia Library

- Introductions
- Playground Design Process
 - a. Playground Workshop – Discuss project location, timeframe, budget, general equipment selection, surfacing
 - b. Playground Meeting – Two playground concepts for playground will be presented based on input from previous meeting, select one concept, identify any changes needed
- City of Madison Playgrounds
 - a. Over 170 playgrounds
 - b. Highest number of playground per capita in the United States
 - c. Guidelines for playground development
 - i. Develop a sustainable system
 - ii. No more than one playground area per park
 - iii. Standardized playground design process
- Playground Equipment Standards
 - a. City of Madison
 - i. Promotion of wide variety of skill sets
 - ii. Manage long term maintenance costs
 - iii. Provide quality equipment
 - b. National Standards
 - i. US Consumer Product Safety Commission
 - ii. American National Standards Institute
 - iii. American Society for Testing and Materials
 - c. Colors
 - i. Natural colors
 - ii. Other options include blue and purple for upright posts, bright green for handrail
 - d. Equipment
 - i. Play Structure
 - ii. Double bay swings structure with two belt and two tot swings
 - e. Surfacing
 - i. Must meet ASTM F1292 – Critical Fall Heights
 - ii. Must meet ASTM F1951 – ADA Accessibility
 - iii. Only wood fiber mulch and shredded rubber mulch meet those requirements
- Project Location & Site Constraints
 - a. Adjacent Playgrounds
 - i. There are 10 existing playgrounds within 1 mile of Hillington Green Park.

- b. Site Conditions
 - i. A 4 ft. high barrier fence is necessary along Hillington Way and Hillington Green Street. A fence example can be seen at the Stevens Street Park playground.
 - ii. The proposed playground location will avoid the critical root zones of existing trees.
 - iii. The available funding is for the playground replacement. Additional park improvements such as replacing the basketball court paving need to follow as separate projects as funding becomes available through the capital budget process.
- Project Timetable
 - a. Construction in 2020.
- Project Budget
 - a. Approximately \$30,000 for the playground equipment.
- Hillington Green Park Equipment and Play Surfacing Selection
 - a. Age Group: group reached consensus for intended age **5-12 play structure.**
 - b. Surfacing: The group preferred **wood mulch surfacing** as opposed to rubber mulch surfacing. **Would also like to keep an area for log/boulder for natural play.**
 - c. Playline: The neighborhood group selected the playground manufacturers **Little Tykes** and requested the playground structure have **multilevel platforms for use by both younger and older kids. Given the space constraints, options should include one option with a "T" toddler swing and one with a full size, double bay swing.**
 - d. Colors: group requested to see playground options with **brown posts, brown decks and green railings.**
- Next Steps
 - a. Email Mike Sturm at msturm@cityofmadison.com to receive email notification of future playground meetings.
 - b. Take information from this meeting and incorporate into conceptual designs to be presented at a follow-up playground meeting.
 - c. Follow-up meeting will be noticed via e-mail, City of Madison Parks website, and sent to alder.

If interested in receiving notice of the next playground meeting, please contact Mike Sturm at msturm@cityofmadison.com or at (608) 267-4921.

The next meeting will be on December 11, 2019 at 6:00 pm at Sequoya Library.