

WORKSHOP HIGHLIGHTS FOR SWALLOWTAIL PARK
6:00 pm Monday, November 9, 2020
Via Zoom

- 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 presented 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 3 existing playgrounds within 1 mile of Swallowtail Park.

- b. Site Conditions
 - i. The proposed playground location will avoid the critical root zones of existing trees.
 - ii. The available funding is for the playground replacement. Additional park improvements need to follow as separate projects as funding becomes available through the capital budget process. Path grading and repaving will be investigated as part of the playground replacement process.
- Project Timetable
 - a. Construction in 2021.
- Project Budget
 - a. Approximately \$34,000 for the playground equipment.
- Swallowtail Park Equipment and Play Surfacing Selection
 - a. Age Group: group reached consensus for intended age **5-12 play structure**.
 - b. Surfacing: The group preferred **rubber mulch surfacing** as opposed to wood mulch surfacing.
 - c. Playline: The neighborhood group is considering the playground manufacturers **Burke** and will make a final decision by 11/23/2020 or Parks staff will move ahead with Burke as final vendor choice. Specific equipment pieces the neighbors were interested in include **spinners, a short slide for smaller children, and extra swings**.
 - d. Colors: group requested to see two playground options with **blue posts with light blue railings, and tan posts with light blue railings**.
- Next Steps
 - a. Email Sarah Close at sclose@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 Sarah Close at sclose@cityofmadison.com or at (608) 263-6850.

The next meeting will be on January 14, 2020 at 6:00 pm via Zoom.