

WORKSHOP HIGHLIGHTS FOR PORTLAND PARK
6:00 pm Thursday, December 5,
2024 via Zoom

- Introductions – Mike Sturm
- 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 180 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 will be shown as default for manufacturer selection
 - ii. Other color options are available for posts and handrails are available
 - 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 5 existing playgrounds with proximity to Portland Park .

- b. Site Conditions
 - i. The existing playground location will not be re-used
 - ii. The playground will be located closer to Portland Parkway per the Master Plan approved by the Board of Park Commissioners in February of 2020.
 - iii. 2-3 new backed benches will be added adjacent to and/or within the new playground footprint.
 - iv. A paved path connection will be added to connect the playground to the existing path.
 - v. Existing equipment and pea gravel surface will be fully removed with project – Parks staff makes every effort to reuse and recycle as many components as possible.
 - vi. The existing picnic shelter near the existing playground will remain.
- Project Timetable
 - a. Construction in 2025 – Parks will keep the existing playground in service while the new playground is constructed.
- Project Budget
 - a. Approximately \$40,000 for the playground equipment.
- **Kennedy Park Equipment and Play Surfacing Selection**
 - a. **Age Group:** attendees reached consensus for intended age range choosing a **5-12 structure**. Attendees noted they would like some elements for 2-5 incorporated.
 - b. **Surfacing:** Two attendees commented with support to use **recycled rubber surfacing**.
 - c. **Playlines:** After discussion & review – attendees selected the playground manufacturer **Burke**. Attendees noted the following desires for the next designs:
 - Include canopy/shade into the structure
 - Include ground play elements for younger children
 - Include monkey bars, slides, and faux rock climbing features
 - Incorporate search and find symbols like are used at McGinnis Park
 - Consider incorporating some nature-based play (would be in exchange for structure pieces)
 - d. **Colors:** Attendees noted unanimous support for bright, vibrant colors to accentuate the nearby wildflowers. Color choices included **Purple, Pine Green, Limon, and Sky**.
 - e. **Fundraising:** Attendees did not feel there is capacity for fundraising.
- Next Steps
 - a. Please share this information with all those who would like to receive it – attendance at the next meeting does not require attendance at the workshop!
 - b. Email Adam Kaniewski at akaniewski@cityofmadison.com to share input.
 - c. Adam will take information from this meeting and incorporate into conceptual designs (including two equipment designs) to be presented at a follow-up playground meeting.
 - d. Follow-up meeting will additionally 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 Adam Kaniewski at akaniewski@cityofmadison.com or at (608) 261-4281.

The next meeting will be on January 28, 2025 at 6:00 pm via Zoom