

WORKSHOP HIGHLIGHTS FOR RICHMOND HILL
PARK

6:00 pm Friday, November 18,
2022 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 185 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 3 existing playgrounds within 1 mile of Richmond Hill Park

- b. Site Conditions
 - i. The existing playground location can generally be reused, has easy access with asphalt walking path but will shift slightly to the NE away from existing buried MG&E lines.
 - ii. One new backed bench will be added adjacent to the new playground footprint
 - iii. Existing equipment and mixed pea gravel/rubber surfacing will be fully removed with project – Parks staff makes every effort to reuse and recycle all components
- Project Timetable
 - a. Construction in 2023 – Parks seeks to minimize “down time” from when existing equipment is removed to the new equipment going in.
- Project Budget
 - a. Approximately \$37,000 for the playground equipment.
- **Maple Prairie Park Equipment and Play Surfacing Selection**
 - a. Age Group: attendees reached consensus for intended age range choosing a **5-12 playstructure.**
 - b. Surfacing: The attendees discussed the pros/cons of both wood fiber and rubber mulch surfacing but landed through **majority vote on rubber surfacing.**
 - c. Playline: After discussion & review – attendees selected the playground manufacturer **Burke** and requested the next designs to show playground structures that have a **web climbing feature, scavenger hunt feature, a Stability Sanctuary hammock, and both a tall and short slide.**
 - d. Colors: attendees liked the idea of seeing equipment designs in brighter colors for the next meeting, requested to see two different color options with **utilizing purple, orange, and sky (light blue).** **Note that both designs will have tan slide beds as that is city standard for durability and heat gain minimization.**
 - e. **Fundraising was discussed – attendees with interest in fundraising were given Madison Parks Foundation contact information to discuss further.**
- Next Steps
 - a. Email Sarah Grimalkin at sgrimalkin@cityofmadison.com to share input on surfacing preference and to receive email notification of future playground meetings.
 - b. Take information from this meeting and incorporate into conceptual designs (including two equipment 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 Grimalkin at sgrimalkin@cityofmadison.com or at (608) 263-6850.

The next meeting will be on January 11, 2023 at 6:00 pm via Zoom