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Holly Tot Lot
Play Equipment/Wrap-Up
Meeting Notes –November 16, 2009
Martin Luther King Recreation Center

Meeting Attendees:

Vincent Bradford, Gwen Schwebel, Marilyn Natz, Doug Olson, Jill Ross, Dan Cahill, and Shawne Monahan – All Community members.

Dave Ronzani and Kathleen Anglo – St. Paul Parks and Recreation

Task Force Members:

Jill Ross, Patrick Rhone, Gwen Schwebel, Charlie Essig, Scott Robinson, Sharon Pfeifer, Shawne Monahan, Xandre Folscher, Mason Riddle, Vincent Bradford, and Myriam Grady

- A. David Ronzani of Parks and Recreation passed out the meeting agenda and then briefly recapped the previous meeting.**
- B. David Ronzani discussed the HPC recommendation from the meeting held on November 5th, and addressed community concerns regarding the proposed fencing.**
 - a. HPC recommendation**
 - i. Most concerned about hardscapes – (fencing, seatwall, paving, etc.)
 - ii. Chain link fence cannot be installed in the front half of the lot.
 - iii. The stone face of the seat wall appearance should be limestone or gray and in an ashlar or other historically significant pattern
 - iv. HPC expressed concern over the material used to line the pathway, and reuse of granite curbs as stepping stones in the shade garden
 - v. The project was given the nod to move forward in the design process and will be on the December 17th agenda.
 - b. Fencing**
 - i. There will be no additional offset from the back alley when new fencing is installed. This will:
 - 1. Prevent vehicle parking during the warm months
 - 2. Maximize all city property as park
- C. David Ronzani presented available play equipment and site layout options.**
 - a. A wood-based play structure is no longer an option due to past experiences with wood fading, splinters, burning, and overall longevity**



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- i. Two alternate structures were presented. These were identical to the wood options as presented before, but made of reclaimed steel and recycled plastic (HDPE) with a muted color scheme.
- ii. The community preferred the openness of Option #2. Rather than the more compact option #1. (see play equipment Board)
- iii. Play Equipment Preferred by the community(see attached equipment board):
 - 1. Structure Option #2 –Big Toys Portico (modified)
 - 2. 2 spring elements (1 train, and 1 horse preferred)
 - 3. 1 balance beam
 - 4. Tot swings
 - 5. 2 diggers
 - 6. 1- small tannenbaum (rope climber w/ spinning motion-large version pictured)

D. Additional Notes/Requests/Concerns with the future Tot Lot design:

- a. It is the city's intent, given available funds, to install fencing around the perimeter of the tot lot.
- b. There is interest regarding the installation of a sign funded by the community similar to those currently at Boyd and McQuillan parks. The concept plan suggests where one may be placed.
- c. The conceptual plan may be edited to meet HPC guidelines and budget constraints. Notifications will be sent out regarding any major changes and the final plan will be emailed to the Holly Tot Lot Group and posted on the city's webpage.

D. Next Steps:

- a. David Ronzani will present play area plan to the HPC at their December 17th meeting.
- b. Construction documents completed with respect to HPC recommendations and construction to begin in spring 2010.

PLEASE REVIEW THESE NOTES AND CONTACT ME (651-266-6410) IF COMMENTS ARE INCORRECTLY NOTED OR MISSED COMPLETELY.

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