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Baker Recreation Center Play Area Concept / Play Equipment Options Meeting Notes – October 1, 2009 Baker Recreation Center

Meeting Attendees:

*Sharon Hendrix – Cherokee Heights Elementary; Derek Johnson – Jane Addams School;
Amanda Felion, Bev Wittgenstein, and Kathleen Anglo – St. Paul Parks and Recreation*

A. Kathleen Anglo presented two concepts for the play area layout.

- a. Concept 1- Interconnected Play
 - i. 3 tiered play spaces, joined by slides, bridges, steps, climbing nets or boulders
 - ii. Circulation: sidewalk around the entire perimeter of the play area for ADA accessibility. Widen sidewalk from the street to existing play area (approx. 25' in length) from 5' to 8' to have uniform sidewalk width
 - iii. Drainage: sidewalk and gutter on side of building will drain to rain garden on the north side of the 2-5 play area. Utilize trench drain from gutter to enhance drainage
 - iv. Seating: large gathering/ seating area in between the 5+ and 2-5 play areas
 - v. Surfacing: mixture of wood mulch and rubber surfacing
- b. Concept 2- Naturalized Slope
 - i. 2 distinct age separated play spaces
 - ii. Circulation: play area separated by grade change and boulder slope
 - iii. Drainage: sidewalk drain to play area where drain tile and dry well alleviate drainage issues
 - iv. Seating: two seating areas, each in proximity to a play container

B. Play Equipment Options

- a. Landscape Structures
 - i. No swings
 - ii. Track Ride
 - iii. Slide exits into middle container
 - iv. 2-5 equipment utilizes EVOS
 - v. Picnic tables in middle container
- b. Gametime
 - i. All containers are connected via equipment



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- ii. 2-5 equipment much the same as the 5+
- iii. A lot of bridges, ramps
- iv. Swings
- c. Berliner & Kompan
 - i. Net climbing structures
 - ii. Independent play pieces (surfboard, spring rider)
 - iii. Re-use of existing net climber
 - iv. No swings in 5+ area
 - v. Kompan house
 - vi. Tot swings

C. Discussion/Comments/Questions:

- a. Concepts
 - i. Concept 1 was preferred due to drainage concerns, supervision, and more space for equipment
- b. Play Equipment
 - i. 2-5
 - 1. Kompan house, tot swings, and spring rider and/or digger for 2-5 kids
 - 2. Like the vibrant colors in the tot area
 - ii. 5+
 - 1. Utilize different types of equipment so it's not so monotonous
 - 2. Liked the surfboard equipment
 - 3. Try to include swings in the 5+ area
 - 4. Must have rubberized safety surfacing for accessible swing
 - 5. Keep colors muted: tan, red, green
 - 6. Track ride
 - 7. Add independent pieces in the middle section
 - 8. Benches and one picnic table
- c. Site Issues
 - i. Include trench drain at gutter downspout to capture water
 - ii. Investigate removing concrete at glass atrium on lower level
 - iii. Look into different retaining wall materials due to graffiti
 - iv. Add steps between middle section and upper section for supervisor access

D. Next Steps:

- a. Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 27, 2009, 6:30 PM @ Baker Recreation Center

PLEASE REVIEW THESE NOTES AND CONTACT ME (651-266-6368) IF COMMENTS ARE INCORRECTLY NOTED OR MISSED COMPLETELY.

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