



**Westmoreland Park Nature Based Play Area
Project Advisory Committee Meeting Notes
April 17, 2012
4:00-6:00 PM**

Committee Attendees:

Mauricio Villarreal, James Bowles, Rod Wojtanik, Bradley Heintz, Marc Boucher-Colbert, Art Graves, Chloe Derderian-Gilbert, Karen McClish, Jenny Dempsey Stein, Sydney Hallquist-Paisant, Brianna Hallquist, Kathleen Brennan-Hunter

Meeting Outcomes:

- Preview design options prior to Open House
- Identify concerns – fatal flaws
- Determine what feedback we want from the community
- Help identify “themes” for the different areas

Notes

- I. Committee reviewed previous meeting notes with no changes
- II. Project Manager provided the committee with a brief update on the Master Plan and the location of the basketball court. The basketball court is well used for basketball and also for multiple other activities – little kids riding bikes, running around etc. The next closest court is Sellwood Park.

Portland Parks & Recreation is actively working to find money to move the court to the location identified in the Master Plan.

III. Design Presentation

- All of the designs include similar elements:
 - Topography
 - Circulation
 - Plantings
 - Sand and water

Option A

- Animal areas
- Boardwalk
- Includes basketball court
- Aerial walkway at end of tower
- Spaces mimic animal like activities – running, hiding, climbing, over under, through, building, swinging, spinning

Option B

Man, machine and mother nature
Grid represents interaction with nature
Enter into plaza/gathering space
Water is channelized, can be blocked and directed
Simple machines
Archaeological elements
Native uses
Boulder slide
Climbing, sliding, hiding, running

Option C

Geologic play
Boulders, climbing, source of water
Climbing wall
Log jam, water, crossing bridges
Loose parts for building

Discussion –

Committee spent time talking about how to convey the essence of the designs, give people ways to imagine themselves in these settings

- Highlight ADA accessibility
- Put parameters in place
- Label restoration zone
- Site furnishings, places for adults to sit
- Create toddler appropriate space
- Lifelong learning environment
- Use illustrative photos
- More options for forts and caves
- Use perspectives from same angle
- Design team did great job with direction given them
- Repackage presentation
- Beginning of narrowing process
- What is the learning they will take away (from the Open House)?
- Thank you for creativity
- Highlight Crystal Springs
- Imagination and research
- Toolkit is brilliant
- Cafeteria style options
- Make choices clear
- Like visuals