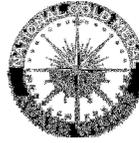




**PORTLAND PARKS & RECREATION**

Healthy Parks, Healthy Portland



**Location:**

Sellwood Community Center  
1436 SE Spokane

**Westmoreland Park Nature Based Play Area  
Project Advisory Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, May 29, 2012  
4:00-6:00 PM**

**Meeting Outcomes:**

- Preview the preferred option prior to Open House
- Identify concerns – fatal flaws
- Determine what feedback we want from the community
- Discuss options in tree area

**Committee Attendees:** Mauricio Villarreal, James Bowles, Rod Wojtanik, Bradley Heintz, Art Graves, Kathleen Brennan-Hunter, Karen McClish, Jenny Dempsey Stein

**Staff:** Michelle Mathis, Sandra Burtzos, Mike Faha, Elizabeth Kennedy-Wong

**Agenda**

**I. Introductions**

**II. Project Manager Update**

- a. PP&R management indicated that they supported developing the play area to its full design. PP&R will provide the money to move the basketball court.

**III. Public Feedback**

- a. Respondents indicated that Option C was clearly more aligned with our goals. Comment Summary was reviewed. There were generally no surprises, many comments reflected similar conversations during the 2003 park Master Planning process.

**IV. Design Presentation**

Based on public feedback, the next design iteration started from Option C. The design is anchored by three strong topographical areas organized by mounds indicating three distinct areas.

1. Lower elevation features include
  - Sand and water
  - Pump on top of mound, allows 360° water play
  - Concrete with stone and planting
  - Elevated channel to allow universal access to water play
  - Grassy mounds

2. Forest mounds with flat tops  
Hardscapes and slides  
Log climbers  
Fort  
Bridge  
Accessible Path

3. Rock mounds  
Sequoia grove left natural as a creative play area  
Two hills one larger  
Tunnel between

There were three specific areas of discussion:

1. Fencing – how much fencing do we want? Total enclosure? Partial fencing between ballfields and casting pond?
2. The committee recommended all around fencing to allow more freedom for youth to roam around inside the space, allow parents a more relaxed experience, keep dogs out, etc.
  - The committee also recommended that the fencing be fun and interactive, something that felt a part of the experience and not just a perimeter boundary.
3. Swinging options – a number of options were discussed including hammocks, rope swings etc.
  - Due to limited budget and significant space requirements, the committee recommended removing swinging from this design. They felt that the amount of swinging they would be able to provide was so limited that it was ineffectual for multiple children and could potentially cause conflict. A better use of resources was to make other features even better.
4. Lawn area – some discussion about wetness and maintenance – generally the committee liked it.

Other comments:

Provide more information in diagram about what is located in the grey area  
Replicate the local geography/ Crystal Springs in the space and interpretation  
Be conscious of sight lines/visibility

V. Next Steps – Open House – In Park!!!