



PORTLAND PARKS & RECREATION

Healthy Parks, Healthy Portland

mtg: PAC #2 Meeting

mtg date: 10 February 2015
5:30 -7:30 PM

project: Gateway Park & Urban Plaza

location: East Portland Community Center
740 SE 106th Avenue

attendees: **Project Advisory Committee (PAC) Members:**

Nidal Kahl

Linda Robinson

Thuy Tran

Jennifer Wilde

Abudi Said

Jessa Sweany

Cody Goldberg

Andrew Long

Bob Earnest

Karen Justice

Xochil Springer

Clifford Robinson (Absent)

Portland Parks & Recreation:

George Lozovoy, Project Manager

Hun Taing, Public Involvement Coordinator

PLACE studio & Project Consulting Team:

Eric Bode, Managing Principal, LA

Mauricio Villarreal, Design Principal, LA

Dylan Morgan, Landscape Designer

Horatio Law, Artist

Miguel Camacho-Serna, Landscape Designer

Colleen Wolfe, Project Manager

Michelle Mathis, Learning Landscapes

Community Members:

Dylan Morgan, Center for Public Involvement Design (CPID)

Yuki Takemura, PSU Architecture Student, Center for Public Interest Design

Christopher Masciocchi, Hazelwood Neighborhood Association, Friends of Trees

purpose: Inclusive/nature play presentations; review 2 design options

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1. Review agenda – Hun
 2. PP&R accessibility and inclusive play – George
 3. Inclusive play – Cody
 4. Nature play – Michelle
 5. Preliminary design concepts – Mauricio, Horatio
 6. Group discussion and public comment

Inclusive play: Cody Goldberg, Executive Director with Harper's Playground presented on Harper's playground. Some of the principles of inclusive play for Harper's Playground that Cody highlighted are social equity through play, simple and intergenerational, development of motor skills. Some key elements of Harper's playground are nature, sand, water, elevated play and sound play. Harper's Playground has committed to raising \$250,000 for Gateway Park's inclusive play.

Nature play: Michelle Mathis with learning landscape presented on nature play. Benefits of nature play include cognitive, social, mental and physical. Nature play can be inclusive with specific landforms, grading, play affordances and surfacing. Some factors that impact the look of nature play include how private or public the space is, whether it's urban or rural, supervised or unsupervised, urban hardscape or natural/soft, lawn surfacing or planting, maintained or wild, prescribed or imaginative.

Inclusive & Nature Play Discussion: Some of the elements that the PAC likes from Westmoreland Park and Harper's playground include: dirt, sticks, sand play, hills, xylophone, merry-go-round, physical challenges and encourage learning. Play should be a balance between structured and unstructured and allow for the experience of searching for things. Hammocks and nap swings are also great.

Concept 1 – 'Raindrops' Discussion: Some feedback on the raindrop design includes: would be ideal to have a second restroom, hearth area needs to be more spacious and welcoming, everyone likes the paseo, many like the circular mound in the play area

Concept 2 – 'Cells & Strands' Discussion: Some feedback on cells & strands include
Like the neighborhood entry way at SE corner better than Concept 1, like the irregular lawn form with tree groves, incorporate plaza and paseo from concept 1 to concept 2, restroom in both schemes feels too far from playground.

Next Meeting:

Public Open House #1 at Sacramento Elementary School on Tuesday, February 17; 5:30-7:30 PM.