



MEETING: LENTS PARK PLAY AREA – OPEN HOUSE

MEETING DATE: Tuesday December 1, 2015

LOCATION: Lents Adventist Church Activity Center - 8835 SE Woodstock Blvd, Portland

ATTENDEES: Gary Datka – PPR

Maija Spencer – PPR

Charlie Brucker – PLACE Robin Wilcox – PLACE

AGENDA:

Time	Topic	Who
6:00-6:10	1. Sign-in and Presentation Board Reception	ALL
6:10-6:15	2. Welcome, Overview, and Introductions 3. PI Process for the Open House a. Parks Replacement Bond Brief b. Public Participation Roles and Goals i. Non-voting – not picking one thing tonight ii. Looking for opinions on concept, input on play types and features, and concerns 4. Project Schedule a. Fall 2015 – Design and Public Input (last day for public input is 12/11) b. Winter/Spring 2015-2016 – Design and Documentation c. Summer 2016 – Final Documents and Permits d. Fall/Winter 2016-2017 – Construction	GD MS GD
6:15-6:45	5. Project Design Development and Play Equipment Alternatives Presentation	PLACE
6:45-6:55	6. Questions/Comments	PLACE/ GD
6:55-7:00	7. Debrief and Wrap up a. Next Steps i. Comment Cards and Website 1. Information should be available by 12/4 2. Further updates will be available periodically b. Thank you for your participation i. Lents Neighborhood Association ii. Lents Adventist Church	GD





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Purpose

Final presentation of conceptual design for public input on play equipment types and play opportunities.

Discussion/ Questions and Commentary/ Additional Information and Attachments

- Design Team meeting notes
- Presentation Materials
- Meeting comment card

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MEETING NOTES

DATE: 12.01.2015
6-7pm
PROJECT: Lents Park Bond Project
SUBJECT: Lent Park Play Area Community Discussion #2
Lents Adventist Church Activity Center
FROM: Robin Wilcox, Project Manager, PLACE
TO: Gary Datka, Project Manager, Portland Parks and Recreation

Welcome, Overview, and Introductions

- Gary Datka welcomed attendees and introduced Parks staff in attendance, Maija Spencer, as well as the design team from PLACE, Charlie Brucker and Robin Wilcox.
- Maija briefed those in attendance regarding the Parks Bond funding and outlined the goals of the meeting:
 - Simply presenting the options, not selecting individual items during the meeting
 - Seeking input on the conceptual design, input regarding types of play equipment, and providing an opportunity for attendees to ask questions of Parks staff and design team members regarding the design
- Gary outlined the project schedule moving forward
 - Last opportunity for public feedback as via the website through December 11th
 - <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/68209>
 - Design will continue through Spring 2016
 - Permitting and final document preparation Summer 2016
 - Construction from Fall 2016 through Winter 2017

Project Design Development and Play Equipment Alternatives Presentation (PLACE)

- Presentation will be available via the website (link above) for public review
 - Outline of work completed to-date
 - Description of types of play
 - Previous concept alternatives
 - Schematic Design Plan
 - Description of play elements and options

Questions/Comments

- Is there funding for maintenance as part of the Parks Bond? What happens if some of this new equipment breaks?
 - The Bond funding covers design and construction costs. The design team and Parks staff are selecting equipment that is durable and from reputable manufacturers with available replacement parts in the event pieces become damaged. Parks maintenance staff is involved in the design review process and will continue to provide input about selected equipment from a maintenance perspective, but the funding source does not cover maintenance.
- Is there a concern about the potential health hazards that have come up in association with turf sports fields being an issue with the turf mound in the play area?
 - No, the selected turf is commonly used in play areas and there are not the same potential health hazards with the products under consideration. Both types of turf being considered for the mound in Lents Park is currently in use elsewhere in Portland Parks and other parks across the country.
- What if we like both types of swings?
 - If there is a desire for both types of swings, the trade-off would be that other pieces of play equipment would be omitted.
- The individual swings are well-used by the community and potential provide more opportunities for independent play. (comment)
- What about the existing restroom? Will there be upgrades or a new restroom as part of this project?

- No, the existing restroom will remain. Connections to the restroom are being improved, but the existing building and restroom will remain.
- What about falling from the existing equipment? Isn't it dangerous?
 - The entire play area is covered with poured in place safety surface that is rated for use in playground and manufacturers of the different pieces of equipment provide fall safety rating requirements that relate to the potential fall height. The design team is taking this into consideration. At the same time, an element of perceived danger is healthy for development.
- General support was expressed for the playground design and especially for the inclusion of musical instruments as part of the design. (comment)

Debrief and Next Steps

- Gary reminded those in attendance to complete the comment cards and encouraged those in attendance to check the website (link above) regularly for project updates
- Thank you to the Lents Neighborhood Association for donating a portion of their meeting and to the Lents Adventist Church for the use of their Activity Center