



MEETING SUMMARY

Location: Zoom Online Meetings
Date: January 23, 2021
Project: 2021 Playground Renovations
Subject: Public Outreach Meeting
Attendees: City (Michele Crose, Giacomo Damonte, Matt Gruber, Sarah Hosterman)

Below is a summary of the comments received from residents for the proposed playground renovations at Ken Mercer, Tawny, and Vintage Hills Parks. Virtual outreach meetings were held on Saturday January 23, 2021. The Ken Mercer playground renovation virtual meeting was from 9:30-10:30 a.m.; the Vintage Hills meeting was from 11 a.m.-12 p.m.; and the Tawny meeting was from 1-2 p.m.. There were 10 members of the public present at the Ken Mercer meeting and 4 residents each at the Vintage Hills and Tawny meetings. It did not appear that any children attended the meetings. Conceptual plans showing the playground options and components were presented during the event. Participants voted on their preferred color option, the preferred play structure for 5-12-year-old children at Tawny, and the preferred swing and sand box options at Vintage Hills.

Additionally, because many residents were unable to attend the virtual meeting, the City received input from twenty residents via email or phone. The email results did include input from some children.

Below is a summary of comments heard and favorite aspects of the playground concepts.

Ken Mercer East

1. Provide an option that is more traditional in nature and consistent with the existing play equipment (multiple comments).
2. The play equipment should have height, space to move, shade, and be easily accessible to parents (multiple comments).
3. The new design, although unique, does not seem to have open site lines or be as tall.
4. Like the existing equipment and ability to play tag and climb. It has options for all ages. It has a lot of fun things to climb like the rock wall, fireman's pole, slides, and rainbow ladder (multiple comments).
5. Like the design of the proposed equipment.

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6. The blue and red color scheme was slightly preferred over the brown and green scheme (4:3).

Ken Mercer Central

7. Like the design.
8. Add big kid swings.
9. Consider installing musical xylophones similar to Tennis and Community Park – they are super popular among the kids.
10. Big kid swings are preferred over spring toys if there is only room for one or the other.
11. The blue and red color scheme was slightly preferred over the brown and green scheme (4:3).

Tawny

12. Add a ball wall to the park for handball and tennis.
13. Provide linked equipment and interconnected climbing paths to give the feel of a ninja course.
14. Like Option B (the climbing rope structure) because it encourages development of gross motor control, planning, proprioception and balance.
15. Like Option A (traditional structure) because of safety concerns with the ropes and kids getting tangled up in the structure.
16. Kids preferred Option B because of the climbing options and how it was different than other park playgrounds.
17. The Blue and green color scheme was slightly preferred over the green and yellow color scheme (3:2).

Vintage Hills

18. Provide at grade play components for children with mobility challenges.
19. Provide walking paths to the playgrounds and picnic areas.
20. Provide a shade structure in the park.
21. The play equipment is in good enough shape. The City would be better off spending their funds on trails and dog park improvements.
22. Keep the existing swings as is. They are sturdy and in good shape.
23. Like all the sand play options. Can we have multiple options? Order of preference is the super scoop, turtle, then fossils.
24. Kids like to race each other on the swings so retain the side-by-side belt swings.

25. Kids liked all sand options but preferred the fossil dig. Suggested putting multiple fossils in at different depths to make it more fun.
26. The voting was even (4:4) for the blue green and red color scheme vs. the green and blue scheme. Kids preferred the blue green and red scheme and adults preferred the green and blue.

All Parks

27. Do not remove individual swings. Keep or add swings because they are a huge draw to the park playgrounds.
28. Can the City renovate Tawny and Vintage Hills at different times so that one of the playgrounds is open for use while the other is under construction?

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matt Gruber". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Matt" being more prominent.

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