

## MEETING SUMMARY

**Location:** Val Vista Community Park – southern playground  
**Date:** November 5, 2022  
**Project:** 2022 Playground Renovations  
**Subject:** Public Outreach Meeting  
**Attendees:** City (Matt Gruber, Sarah Hosterman)  
Consultant (Shana Friesen, Claudia Gutierrez)

Below is a summary of the comments received from residents for the proposed playground renovations at the southern playground at Val Vista Community Park. An on-site meeting was held on Saturday, November 5, 2022, from 1:00pm to 2:00pm. There were approximately a dozen members of the public that stopped by to provide their input. Conceptual plans showing the playground options, colors, and components were presented during the event. Participants voted on their preferred color and design option.

Additionally, the city received input from three residents via email or phone.

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

### **Playground design**

1. Option 1 was preferred over Option 2 by more than 2:1.
2. The playground should include music and tactile play.
3. Install a playground more like the new playground on the east side of Ken Mercer Sports Park.
4. Love interconnected playgrounds – try to connect the play equipment a little better.
5. Add as many climbing features and bars as possible.
6. Change the seats and little shade structures in the Option 1 playground for 2-to-5-year-olds to something else that provides more play value.
7. Always include swing sets in the design!
8. The stationary metal teeter totters are non-functional.

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9. The children that attended the meeting placed stars next to their favorite play equipment. Refer to the attached boards showing the stars.

### **Playground Color Scheme**

10. The brightly colored purple and blue color scheme was preferred over the green and gray color scheme by nearly 2:1.
11. The purple and blue color scheme would be even better if there was more of a balance between orange/red and green/blue.
12. The natural green and gray color scheme is boring.

### **Playground adjacent improvements**

13. Add benches – parents need a place to sit.
14. Incorporate the hillside into the design because playing on the hillside and in the trees is the kid's favorite part of playing at this playground.
15. Don't close off access to the hillside from the playground by putting in fencing.
16. Like the idea of adding exercise equipment adjacent to the playground along the paths.

Regards,



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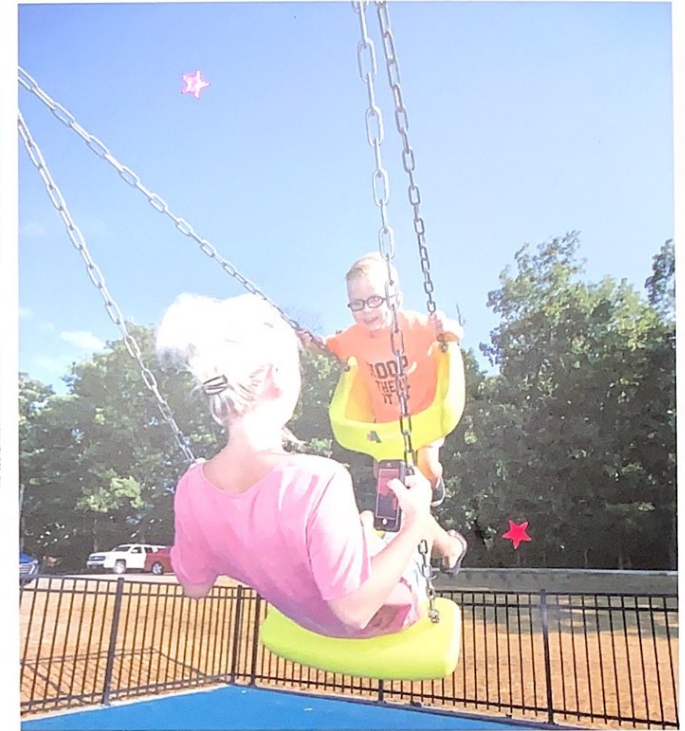
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Attached: playground board with stars showing the preferred equipment of the children

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Design Option #2 - 2-5 Components





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Design Option #1 - 5-12 Components





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Design Option #1 - 2-5 Playground Components

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Design Option #2 - 5-12 Components





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Design Option 1  
2-5 Play Area