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Roger Tilbury Memorial Park Meeting #3 Public Meeting Notes

Project: Roger Tilbury Memorial Park
Location: Cedar Hills Recreation Center
Date & Time: December 11, 2012, 6:00-7:00 PM

Staff Present: Dave Walters, Park Planner
Bruce Barbarasch, Superintendent of Natural Resources
Steve Regner, Office Tech

1. Project Background

The Master Plan was approved at the December 2012 Board of Directors Meeting, after holding two neighborhood meetings earlier in the fall.

2. Play Equipment Options

Dave Walters explained that play equipment should address five areas of child development: Physical, Social, Speech, Language, & Cognitive Development.

Dave reviewed four styles of play equipment displayed:

- Traditional
- Modern
- Hybrid
- Nature Play/Nature Inspired

3. Questions/Discussion/Comments

Q: [To other attendee] How old are the kids at Trillium Hollow?

A: Currently, ages 2-12. We are currently isolated until the bridge is built. Trillium Hollow maintains a small play structure on the property.

C: Little kids love slides.

C: The spinning rope structure looks like fun.

C: I favor climbing elements, natural elements or materials would be a great fit here.

C: I prefer a more open design with climbing elements, as well as linked elements so kids can run "circuits" as opposed to independent play elements.

C: Kids love the small house/structure at Share-It Square in Sellwood.

C: I favor the modern and open play design

Q: Any chance for a dog park?

A: This is not a good location because of topography and space required. Dogs will continue to be allowed on leash.

4. Nature Play

Bruce Barbarasch explained the efforts THPRD is taking to add nature play into parks and natural areas, where suitable. Bruce explained that nature play can be implemented in a variety of ways, including:

Unstructured Play: Marked off spaces in natural areas where kids can climb, build, dig, etc.
Example: Hyland Park

Structured Play: Traditional, structured play with natural elements like logs and sand
Example: Cooper Mountain

Hybrid: Combination of the two above
Example: Camille Park

Natural resources staff has conducted a biological survey, and has identified areas where nature play would be a good fit.

Bruce also noted that some of the natural resource enhancement conducted on site will include removal of many of the 'plantation' trees. The trees were planted too close together, and many of them are dead or dying. Thinning the plantation and planting a greater variety of plants will lead to a healthier forest.

Q: Kids love fort building, would the District provide material? How about a small permanent structure to build around, like a post for a lean-to?

A: Normally, nature play materials come from the site. The District could install something to promote certain types of play.

C: When my kids were younger, they used to build forts, and it was a wonderful experience.

C: Rocks and boulders with concave surfaces to collect water would be a great way for kids to interact with a natural water feature.

5. Next Steps

THPRD staff and design consultant, GreenWorks, will continue to refine the park design, including the play equipment design, based on meeting feedback and District need. THPRD anticipates submitting documents for Land Use approval this winter. Construction is anticipated to occur early summer 2014, depending on the length of the permitting process and weather.