Andersen Park

PARK DISTRICT OF OAK PARK

In partnership with the community, we enrich lives by providing meaningful experiences through programs, parks, and facilities.
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Agenda – 10.27.15

- Review the history of Andersen Park
- Review the next phases of development
- Discuss design ideas & alternatives and hear your input
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Location Map:
Andersen Park Today
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- Acquired in 1916, the park is named after children’s author Hans Christian Andersen.
- The recreation center is originally designed by architect John S. Van Bergen.
- Renovations were made in 1985 and 2006.
Phase II Design Ideas include:

1. New Park Entrance
2. Lacrosse/Soccer Rebound Wall
3. Archery Classes
4. Outdoor Education
5. Pre-school Nature Learning Area
6. Fitness Stations
7. Covered Picnic Area

Evaluation Comments from the current Comprehensive Master Plan:

1. The walk on the west side of the building suffers from ice issues created by snow melt from the roof re-freezing at night. Permeable paving should be considered as a solution.
2. A secondary entrance point in the northeast corner could deter the use of “dog run” and make the park more accessible.
3. Constructing a paved connection, from the seating area to the playground, would improve the area where the lawn is worn from heavy use.
4. Stoop has settled on the east side.
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New Park Entrance:
A secondary entrance point could deter the use of “dog run” and make the park more accessible
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- New welcoming park entry which creates a sense of arrival and will remove the “dog run” effect

- Brick pavers
- Masonry accent walls with stone cap to compliment the building
- Park name on the wall
- New ornamental fencing

- U-8 Soccer Field (35YD x 25YD)
- Landscape plantings

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Lacrosse/Soccer Rebound Wall

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Rebound Wall
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Archery Classes

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Archery Field
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Outdoor Education Area

- Tool Hooks
- Raised Planter
- Chalk Art
- Classroom Seat Wall
- Colorful Letters
- Classroom Boulder Seats
- Native Plants
- Photo “Op” Board
- Connection to existing play apparatus
- Rain Garden/Educational

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Existing Patio

Alley
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Outdoor Education Design Elements
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Southeast corner – existing conditions
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Southeast corner – Option A

- Picnic Area with shade sails
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Southeast corner – Option B

- Fitness Stations
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Existing Patio Space

- Very large Elm tree with large root zone
- How is it currently used?
- What do you envision?
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Design Ideas Recap

- Picnic Area or Fitness Stations
- Outdoor Education Area
- New Park Entry
- Lacrosse /Soccer Rebound Wall/Archery Area

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Questions & Answers