Maple Park, Community Meeting
April 23rd 2013
The Park District is applying for a grant for Maple Park

- This does not mean a complete reopening of the Master Plan

- The grant application is for funding elements of the Master Plan

  Including: Completing the paths around the park
  Upgrading the ball fields
  Adding play elements between the ball fields
  Building a Picnic Shelter
  Relocating and upgrading the playground
Tonight

1. We need to decide on a location for a Picnic Shelter

2. Discuss the relocation and upgrade of the Play Ground

3. Consider any other suggestions

But First

A reminder of the Master Planning Process in 2007 - 6 years ago
# The Maple Park Site Master Plan – 4 Community Meetings

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<td>On-Site Team Tour</td>
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<td>Wednesday, June 13, 1pm, 3pm, 7pm</td>
<td>*Focus Group Meetings at 218 Madison</td>
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<td><strong>Monday, June 18, 7:30pm</strong></td>
<td><strong>Community Mtg #1 to collect input at Carroll Center</strong></td>
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<td>Monday, August 27, 7:30pm</td>
<td>Altamanu presented informally to Park Board/PDCC</td>
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<td><strong>Community Mtg #4 Public Comment</strong></td>
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<td>Thursday, October 4, 7:30pm</td>
<td>*Altamanu presented final recommendation to Board</td>
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<td>*Park Board voted on Plan</td>
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From Community Meeting #3

• Dog Park
  Close vote on the Dog Park 22 in favor of a dog park and 18 against

• Tennis courts
  Most participants were in favor of moving the tennis courts and turning the old tennis court site into a meadow

• Play lot
  Most participants were in favor of leaving the play lot in its present location until a future date, when it could be replaced by a new playground away from Harlem

• Participants were in favor of a continuous path around the park.
The park in 2007 - A series of barriers in the center of the park
We and kids had to leave the park to get to the Comfort Station
We agreed to move Tennis Courts to the South to act as a barrier to Gas Station.
Old basketball court and tennis courts between playground and comfort station
The Park in 2007 - no pathway along park
Worked to Preserve Trees
The Plan is to Complete the Paths
A series of connected loop paths
Rehab the Ball Fields
Add climbing Boulders in trees between ball fields. Successful at Taylor and Beye, but not as tall.
Or just use real boulders

Coonley Stone Circle Relatively Inexpensive
Constructed boulders are designed for climbing
What would you like?
Site for a shelter and the upgraded playground
Issues: Playground coming to end of life cycle
ADA issues with current layout
Close to Harlem - Noise and safety
Dark at Night – Security issue
Blocks the center of park
Proposed Shelter and Playground Site

Away from noise and danger of Harlem
Close to Comfort Station
Still set amidst trees
A low fence will protect kids from any traffic on Maple
Close to Maple and watchful eyes of residents
Visible to Police
Shelter close to playing fields and new playground
Center of Park really opened up
Existing Playground set amidst trees but a barrier in the park and close to Harlem
Keep the trees and mounds but open view into next meadow.
Phase 1

Park in 2007
Potential Site of Playground
Open up meadows
Shelter can serve Ball field and Playground.
Let’s look at site
Potential Site from the Master Plan for the Upgraded Playground

Existing view looking east from Comfort Station
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Relocation of the path will give us more space
Existing view looking west from Comfort Station

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Ages 2-5

Ages 5-12
The Shelter at Taylor
36’x 24’ or 864SF (approx.)

We could have something similar but a little smaller
Another style like the Shelter at Field
What type of Shelter would you like?
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Let’s see how they would fit on site
Concept with Octagon still needs design work
Have to make sure we leave space for paths and connections
Rectangular Shelter

MAPLE AVENUE
Maple Park Exiting
Playground 4,800 S. F.

Taylor Park Playground:
± 5,900 S.F.

Field Park Playground:
± 6,100 S.F.

Maple Park Proposed
Playground: ± 6,100 S.F.

What could it look like?
Taylor Playground has wood chips

We hope to have rubber surfacing like at Field and D97 schools
Examples of Playgrounds Field Park
Examples of Playgrounds Taylor
Climbing Structures, Kids use different levels, ladder, hammock, Mezzanine Socialize

Randolph Street Play Lot
Scoville under construction
Playground Projects Completed 2012: Longfellow

Explorer Dome Cor8863

Canopus GXY925

Cirque ELE500021

Longfellow Elementary School
Oak Park District 97
Examples of Playgrounds - Longfellow
Beye Elementary School opens new playground

Friday, September 7th, 2012 12:10 PM
Playground Projects Completed 2012: BEYE

Beye Elementary School
Oak Park District 97
Climbing Structures, Kids use different levels, ladder, hammock, Mezzanine Socialize
Playground Projects Completed 2012: Holmes

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