Tonight:

An update on the Master Plan from 2008
The “Plan” has to be flexible for changes over time

What has been added or changed since 2008
(Approx. $500k Improvements since 2008 detail later in presentation)

A look at some suggestions that have been made since 2008

Discussion

Note: This meeting is about the park not about the Pool. There are no funds available for the pool. When they are available there will be a public process to discuss.
First who are we?
Altamanu

- 12 Master Plans and many built projects for the PDOP, the Village and D97
And the Elsie Jacobsen Discovery Garden

- Josephine, John, and James at Altamanu are all Oak Parkers
Area Context: Parks & Schools

Rehm Park

Longfellow Park & Longfellow School

Fox Park

Euclid Park

Conservatory

Maple Park

Carroll Park & Lincoln School

Irving Elementary School

Wenonah Play Lot

Barrie Center & Park

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Approx. $500k on Improvements since 2008

- Divvy Station
- VOP
- Sand Volley Ball
- Train rehabbed & Play Ground improvements
- Removed Ash trees repurposed for AGEEC.
- New Trees planted more after this review of master plan

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Some sod added
Turf now aerated and over seeded

New Path

Ga Ga Pit added to Tennis Court also striped for 4 square/hop scotch
Other Recommendations from Master Plan

• Remove north most tennis court, add entry path and create a green space and entry on East Side

• Improve the playground surface (PDOP is considering replacing equipment, this gives us a great opportunity)

• Additional Paths

• Additional Planting
Park Entries: Is the Park Welcoming?
Park Entryways don’t relate to Approaches

No real entry from North

Multiple Barriers to Park Entry

Playground Fence is a barrier

Paths wind through Playground

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Park Approach and Entries: North West Side

Sidewalk leads to entry drive to fire station

No direct paths into Park

Desire Lines through grass
Park Approach and Entries: West Side

Approach leads to a Fence, Confusing and not Very Welcoming
Park Approach and Entries: West Side

Actual Entryway is a Desire Line around Fence to the North
Entries: West Side

Park Entryway to the South leads to Playground and Multiple Paths, Very Confusing
Paths lead around Playground & to Multiple Paths
Entries: South West Side

Entry is further North
Alley Entryway SW

Bollards replaced with Stone curb stones but needs entryway and more defined alley edge
West Side

Besides the Volleyball this side is focused on Kids

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If the PDOP is considering refitting the play equipment could we reconsider the entries?
Welcome Residents into the Park
Design of entries into Scoville

We will not have a lot of seating but hopefully you get the idea
West Side

Create entryways and paths that welcome people and line up with approaches

Create a new welcoming meadow

Make sense of the path system

Keep the Train and expand the playground to the south

Please note: This is Preliminary / Conceptual
Could have New Play Equipment for various age groups
We would keep as much shade as possible
West Side

Add shelter where all events can be viewed
Exact location can be determined later
West Side

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Instead of a “Transportable Restroom”
Add public restroom to the Fire Station
Fire Station occupied 24/7 and therefore excellent supervision
West Side

This side of the Park now acts as a park in itself

Suggestions for the Playground and the South West Corner
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• Make sense of the entryway

• Discovery Area

• New location for Ga Ga

• Other?

Whatever happens, increase the planting buffer to residences
And a Discovery Area with a “Nature” Theme?
National Recreation and Park Association calls for the following for young people:
• Spontaneous outdoor play
• Connecting young people to the outdoors and nature
• “And to the community”
And /or a Rustic Play/Discovery Zone
Adding to the new Garden at the Conservatory
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That is a huge success
Add relocate the Ga Ga from the East Side
West Side

New Restrooms

Entries and Paths to make more sense

New entry meadow

Shelter

New entryways

Rehabbed Playground

Discovery Zone

Meadow and Ga Ga pit

Additional Planter Buffer for Residences
Do We formalize S. Scoville Entry?

Fence and Entry Posts?
Distinct Areas of the Park form a Chain of Spaces
East Side Entry

Fences and Tennis Courts restrict Entry

Master Plan recommends removing the Northern Tennis Court
East Side Entry?
East Side Entry? Where is the Entry?
The Master Plan called for the Removal of this Tennis Court
Nearby Parks with Tennis Courts

The community has a much higher service level for tennis than recommended, so no new courts are needed within the District. Courts can be removed or repositioned if it creates a benefit to the overall park. The focus should be on un-lit courts as they have more limited hours of use. Additionally, the equity map can provide geographic guidance to where in the community a reduction of courts can occur that would create fewer impacts on users. Potential repositioning to other uses such as basketball, pickle ball or a multi-use court should be evaluated as well.
Nearby Parks with Tennis Courts

- Longfellow Park
- Rehm Park
- Maple Park
- Euclid Park
Courts East Side used for Ga Ga & kids learning to cycle

Master Plan calls for the removal of the Northern Tennis Court and Creating a proper Entryway
Recommendations since 2008 include

Active Adults: Fastest growing segment of communities nationwide
Add walking loops with distance markers.” And what about something more?

“Thoughtful Neighborhood and Park design encourages active aging.”
Let’s Challenge
All Ages
to Be More Active

Younger Children

Older Children

Adults
“This is the first generation that might not outlive the previous generation.”

Dr. Linda Carney, MD
This is a multigenerational problem.

We need a multigenerational solution.
Observed Outcomes

- Enjoyed by all ages
- Encourages healthy, fun competition, singly or in groups
- Promotes a well rounded workout through functional fitness
- Promote friendship & social engagement
- Promotes behavioral change through repeat usage
- Holds interest over time
- Makes Exercise FUN!
TAKE AMERICAN NINJA CONCEPT OUTSIDE
Can Time Circuits and Sprints
Challenge your friends to get fit

Compete against yourself, your community, other cities or schools

Share photos of yourself at the course

View training tips

Branding and retail opportunities
Community Benefits

• Create a multi-generational activity destination
• Enhance health and wellness of people of all ages and fitness levels
• Make fitness fun
• Reach diverse demographics across age and gender
2 Schemes for East Side

Scheme A

Remember these are preliminary and conceptual
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- Shelter
- Challenge Course
- New entry path
- Expanded Buffer to residences
Shelter would have views into meadow and the Challenge Course
East Side Scheme A: Challenge Course blocks view to Fields
New Entry Meadow
New entry path
Challenge Course
Expanded Buffer to residences
East Side Scheme B View into Fields would not be Blocked
View into Fields would not be blocked
East Side Scheme A & B
Rehm Park Master Plan
Revisions & Updating: Agenda

Ideas may strike you later you can email Diane at Diane.Stanke@pdop.org

and go to
http://www.pdop.org/about/park-planning-projects
for this presentation it will be uploaded in the next few days