Wenonah Park Master Plan Update
Presentation February 21st, 2018
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Tonight:

- The Park in 2009

- Improvements completed in 2010
  Construction Cost $168,700.00
  Plus incidental expenses

- The Park Today

- Some Suggestions for new Elements

- What you Like about the Park?

- Your opinions and Ideas
Area Context: Parks & Schools
Before 2010

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Comments from Planning Process 2009

- New Entrance Popular
- Turtle Important
- Sand Pit Popular
- “Car” motif Popular
- Soft Surface critical
- “Love the doggie bowl”
- Like traditional play structure that includes raised areas on which to crawl, "play house," etc.

Wish List not carried out
- Sound and visual barrier to I-290
- Sound Walls may be constructed with the reconstruction of I-290
Wenonah Tot Lot - Concept A

Proposed Imagery
- STOP
- Canopy Structure
- Integrated Sign Example
- Recycled Tot Spot
- Traditional 5 Year Sit Area
- Sand Pit
- Ornamental Fence
- Exposed Concrete Awards

Proposed Concept Plan

The Park District of Oak Park
In partnership with the community we provide quality parks and recreation experiences for the residents of Oak Park.

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Agreed Master Plan

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The Turtle is popular in any kind of weather
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After the thaw and very heavy rain, water collects in the corner of the playground and the mound is eroded due to its popularity.
Potential Concepts
Add another Mound
Kids love Mounds: Randolph

Mounds are so popular with small children that they are often badly eroded. They could be covered with a more permanent material.

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Kids love Mounds: Euclid Square Park
“For young children, it's mostly about unstructured play.”

Today Scott Sampson of Dinosaur Train and Curator at Denver Museum of Nature

“Research shows that free play is critical for brain growth, body growth, and emotional growth. The outdoors provides this multi-sensory smorgasbord of opportunities to engage, not just on a computer screen, but through sight, sound, touch, and smell.”

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Inspiration

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“But you have to let your kids get messy.”
Examples

Conservatory Garden Oak Park

Tree Seat Mills Park Oak Park

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Boulders with Petroglyphs at Mills

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Logs to climb on
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If We Get More Ambitious

Seating and Art Pieces Perhaps over Time

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DISCUSSION