AGENDA

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Presentation on West Playground Conceptual Designs

IV. Matters from the Public

V. Presentation on Astor Place Playground Conceptual Designs

VI. Matters from the Public

VII. Other Business

VIII. Adjournment

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The presentation by AltaManu and possible documents will be shared at the Committee meeting.

Glencoe Park District
February 13, 2017
Special Projects and Facilities Committee Meeting
West Park and Astor Park Playground Renovations
February 13th 2017
Delighted to be Here!!!
West Park Playground: Existing Site Aerial
West Park Playground : Projects

1. School Blacktop  2 Playground  3. Discovery Area
West Park Playground Existing Trees
West Park Playground : School Black Top
West Park Playground: Painted Black Top Examples
West Park Playground: School Blacktop Proposals

Full Junior Court & Multiple Games

3 Hoops and Simplified Layout
West Park Playground Drainage

Erosion due to drainage and children’s desire line
West Park Playground Issues: Slope, Drainage and Erosion
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West Park Playground: School and PD Priorities

- Sustainability
- Accessibility
- Upper body/Overhead events
- Buddies Bench
- Use poured-in-place.
- Minimal interactive play panels for 5-12
- Potential Discovery Area to the north of the tennis courts 2-5

Not Acceptable:
- No swings
- No Metal Slides
- Tube Slides/Crawl Tunnels
- Bubble Panels
- Roller and Metal slides
- Wooden Components
- Diggers
- Spring toys
West Park Playground: School and PD Priorities

School and Park District Staff Stated:
• Topography to be highlighted
• Slides and climbing features in topography
• Slides at grade if possible

• School serves 8-10 year olds, requested separate 2-5 year old area
• Nature/Discovery area could serve mainly 2-5 year olds
• Park District could provide woodchips, logs cut into different sizes for climbing, seats, tables, etc.
• Would include boulders

Constructions start date June 12th. Completion before August 10th
West Park Playground: Examples School Liked

Climbing Features and Unusual Paths
West Park Playground: Examples Long Slides

All liked the concept but needs lots of slope
West Park Playground: Examples Slopes Sites

Unfortunately we do not have this much slope
West Park Playground : Examples Slopes Sites

Total existing slope is 5.5 feet over entire playground
West Park Playground: Proposed Plan
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- Fall Zone
- Curb & Mulch around Tree
- ADA path to slides
West Park Playground: View Looking West
West Park Playground: View Looking West

OmniSpin

Ages 2-12
West Park Playground: View Looking South East
West Park Playground : View Looking North
West Park Playground : Looking North East

Colors not updated this slide
Comparison Existing and Proposed

Existing Playground Area – 3,310 S.F.

Proposed Playground Area – 5,600 S.F.
Erosion could be prevented by adding a fence around this space and timbers from Astor across slope and planting but it is outside of the scope.
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Tree Protection, Central Feature, Stage, Gathering Place
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Potential Deck - Tree Protection Not included in the Budget
Consider adding a wetland for stormwater and to provide a landscape exhibit for the kids. And habitat for birds and insects.
WE HAVE BEEN TRYING TO ISOLATE OURSELVES
FROM NATURE FOR MILLENNIA.........

AND WE HAVE ALMOST TOTALLY SUCCEEDED
West Park Discovery Area : Site Proposed Discovery Area
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West Park Discovery Area : Drainage Issues
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Water in carpark flows north
And ponds in NE corner

Site drains towards future Discovery Area

Old Playground was removed, site is slightly below surrounding grade, water ponds
National Movement 2006

*No Child Left Inside* is a promise to introduce children to the wonders of nature – for their own health and well-being, for the future of environmental conservation, and for the preservation of the beauty, character and community.”
“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.”
“But you have to let your kids get messy.”
WHY CAN’T OUR KIDS HAVE SOMETHING LIKE THIS?
Curving Paths, Mounds, Lots of Trees, Keep Fallen Trees, add Boulders
West Park Discovery Area: What is it?

The Discovery Area will be a bright, welcoming area, sized for young children, where they can explore and interact with the world around them. It is comprised of natural materials: mounds, nooks, wooden steppers, seats/tables, boulders and logs to climb, and tree trunks that will slowly decompose introducing children to the transformational force of entropy.
West Park Discovery Area: What is it?
West Park Discovery Area: Elements

Conservatory Garden Oak Park

Tree Seat Mills Park Oak Park
And Think Like a Child: Create a Landscape Narrative
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Berms and Distinctive Planting
West Park Discovery Area: Form

Using all excavated material on-site

Plan view
West Park Discovery Area: Elements
West Park Discovery Area: Elements

Boulders

Tree Trunks

Cut into tunnels, seats and a drum
West Park Discovery Area: Elements
Long Term

Boulders with Petroglyphs
If We Get More Ambitious

Seating and Art Pieces Perhaps over Time
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Astor Park Playground Renovation
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Astor Park Playground Renovation Option 2

We will ensure the equipment doesn’t make too much noise
Astor Park Playground Renovation Option 4