



Meeting Minutes

Bryant PG Play Area Renovation – Meeting #1

October 18, 2023

5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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Meeting Agenda:

5:30 Open house time, sign in.
5:40 Review site information, Layout Options, Play Area Style & Play Elements
5:50 Questions & Discussion
7:00 Adjourn

Public Comments and Photos

Received Community input:

- ☐ It is a lovely park and we love it. Whatever improvements SPR can do will make it even more lovely.
- ☐ Esthetic is important character to keep. The gray modern equipment feels harsh.
- ☐ Will- prefer swing area separate. So it's not as crowded. Just passed through the park and saw 8 people using swings. Different age groups.
- ☐ Wet puddles at north of west entry pathway and wet spot at mid section at east boundary.
- ☐ Smooth out the SE lawn so it's imore playable for frisbee. It is bumpy at places.
- ☐ Suggest adding adult pull up bar near PA
- ☐ Incorporating climbing structure
- ☐ Suggest adding practice backboard at tennis court
- ☐ Suggest adding BBQ grill at picnic area
- ☐ Provide possible awning/shade over picnic tables
- ☐ Concern of potential conflict of new swing location A&B with ball or frisbee play
- ☐ Provide safe paved area for young kids learning to bike/skate
- ☐ Provide adult exercise opportunities
- ☐ Preserve/add trees around play area to allow adventurous/imaginary play
- ☐ Kids enjoy slopes northeast of PA and west of main path as sledding hills

Comments/Responses on display boards



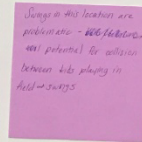
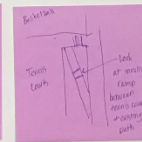
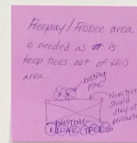
Swing Location Option A

PROS:

- All play elements located in one main area.
- New sloped lawn area created from previous swing location for free play.
- New swing area has easy access from main path.
- Least amount of site impact.

CONS:

- Loss of a sitting/swinging area with good territorial view into the entire park.
- New swing area size will be smaller than the current one.
- Additional cost associated with new swing area includes grading work, drainage work, and irrigation modifications.



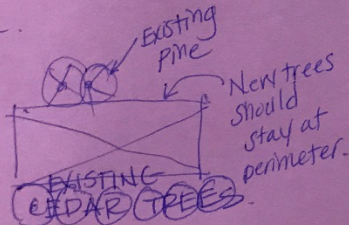
- ▶ Entry Point
- Ex. Norway Maple to be removed
- Replacement trees @ 3:1 ratio



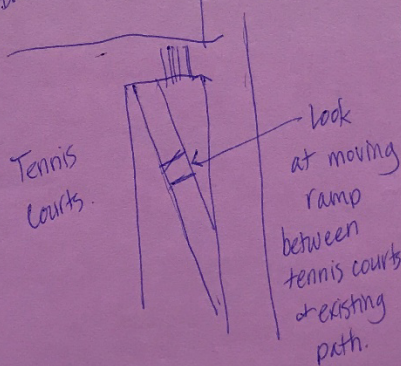
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Freeplay/Frisbee area is needed as it is keep trees out of this area.



Basketball



Swings in this location are problematic - 100% potential for collision between kids playing in field & swings.



Swing Location Option B

PROS:

- All play elements located in one main area.
- New sloped lawn area created from previous swing location for free play.
- New swing area allows additional play route and promotes continuous play.
- New picnic/swing location activate the SE corner of the park.

CONS:

- Loss of a sitting/swinging area with good territorial view into the entire park.
- New swing area size will be smaller than the current one.
- Additional cost associated with new swing area includes grading work, drainage work, and irrigation modifications.



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Prefer swing area with general play with room



Grouping together & overlap has potential to not be safe. (CON)

CON - swings next to play area a hazard.

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add BBQ stands

At Picnic tables

Fence AROUND play area with gate

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Swing Location Option C

PROS:

- Preserve the existing sitting/swinging area with good territorial view into the entire Park.
- No site impact due to drainage and irrigation work required by a new swing area.
- New accessible route to existing swing location allows new play route and loop trail and promotes sequential play.
- New accessible route improves visibility and activation of the east portion of the play area.

CONS:


- Swing and main play equipment are in two locations.
- Additional site grading is required by added accessible route.



Love the arrangement of
the one!!
Things being up high and
down to let the kids in.
They can look over the side
view the people sitting by
the other shore. It is such
fun.

Concern about location of
Pine tables at south side.
It is often hot here and
attract yellow jackets.
Pine tables may also ~~attract~~
make problematic interaction
between people at tables across

Look to moving new trees
to one of following



Consider use of park
for walkers, wheelchair

Swings kept separate

What about use
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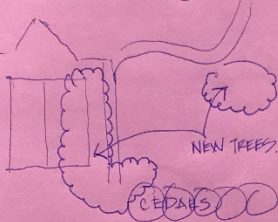
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PAYS FOR MORE FINE
MILLS FOR SMALL LOTS
SUPPORTS OF BUILDING
WATER LOT CONCRETE

add
small
chinking rocks

Love the arrangement of this one!!!
Swings being up high makes them so fun for the kids as they can look out. Its also nice for people driving by to see that there is a park here.

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It is often hot here and can attract yellow jackets.
Picnic tables may also enough make problematic interactions between freeplay/frisbee area.

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for walkers, wheelchairs.

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OPTION C:

SEEMS TO ~~BE~~ RETAIN
MORE OF THE EXISTING
FLAT AREA ("GRASSY AREA")
FOR FIELD SPORTS.

THE REST OF THE PARK
SEEMS TO BE MOSTLY SLOPED

OPTION C

I LIKE THE ADDITIONAL
PATH FOR MORE PAVED
AREAS FOR SNOW MO-
TOBILING OR BIKING
WHEN NOT CROWDED.

add
small
climbing Rocks

Play Equipment Styles



Traditional look



Natural look



Modern look



Pipe/Net System



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graffiti + vandalism

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Modern
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Tradition:

- Monkey Boes
- Slides
- Zip lines

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