

MEETING MINUTES

Time: 10:00-11:30

Topic: Civic Center Playfield Planning

Meeting Date: 9/1/2016

Location: Frances Anderson Center

Project: Edmonds Civic Field Master Plan

Project #: P3282

Attendees:

- Carrie Hite, City of Edmonds
- Renee McRae, City of Edmonds
- Rich Lindsay, City of Edmonds
- Frances Chapin, City of Edmonds
- Chris Jones, Walker Macy
- Ann Marie Schneider, Walker Macy
- Rob Chave
- Dave Teitzel
- Valerie Stewart
- Barbara Chase
- Doug Sheldon
- Steve Shelton
- Lesly Kaplan
- Joe Melalwain
- Alex Witenberg
- Kyla Blair
- Pat Woodell
- Bob Rinehart
- John McGibbon
- Diana White
- Emily Scott
- Dick Van Hollebeke
- Jennifer Lambert

Open House #2 Presentation Review given by Walker Macy

1. Open House #1 Final Results & Additional Outreach
2. Updates on Boys & Girls Club, Restrictions and Grand Stand
3. Design Options
4. In-Person Open House Results
5. Online Open House Preliminary Results

Discussion

- Track takes up too much space
- Would like walking/jogging paths to be marked or measured
- Consider parkour stations
- Existing track use is Boys & Girls Club (2-3 events/yr where they invite kids from other areas) and Holy Rosary Field Day
- Petanque would like tournament space
- There are no other programmatic requests that require/request dirt
- Residents do not like the dirt field as it causes dust problems
- Youth representation is important
- Consider use of spaces in 20+ years, i.e. if petanque becomes less popular in the long-term what will the space be used for? Not sure petanque use warrants over 1/5th of the park area. Want to make sure the spaces are truly flexible.
- The PAC felt like 6 petanque courts seem like a reasonable compromise
- Park is in a signature location and should be designed for everyone
- The park's flatness is unique and conducive to activity
- Young families and youth are least represented in feedback due to schedule constraints
- Goal should be to bring all ages together
- What schools have track and field? Woodway is one.
- Would like petanque court borders to be designed such that the space can host other uses
- Recent national survey shows that ages 35 and younger feel discriminated against
- Creative play and convertible spaces are exciting trends to consider
- Beach volleyball should be at the beach
- Skatepark is highly used by youth and young families and should be incorporated into the hybrid scheme.

- Versatility and diversity of features are sought after
- The cost of bringing in material for berms is a concern – the design team will be providing high level / order-of-magnitude estimates for both options
- Pervious pavement should be considered
- Groundwater table is very high
- Any parking should be ADA access or van storage for B&G Club
- B&G Club interested in ~18,000 SF facility with full-size gym – which is what is shown in option 2
- Moving tennis courts could be expensive. Carrie mentioned they need to be renovated regardless.
- Should be a load/unload zone in front of B&G Club
- Ballard Commons has a good example of a skatpark and water feature
- Smart phones and other devices can now be used to measure runs in lieu of measured paths
- Angled parking should be explored on 6th Ave. Walker Macy added that this generally makes a pedestrian edge that is not pedestrian friendly.
- Can there be parking in the alleys since they are public? Can they be widened or made one-way?
- Residents feel they are too narrow (17') as is
- Alternative transportation – bike, bus – should be encouraged
- Design and construction considerations should be made for event vehicles/trucks, especially given the cost to redevelop the park. It is a goal that the Taste of Edmonds parking will be moved off-site.
- Emergency access to site will be a requirement
- Terraces could be wrapped around south edge; though this could be costly given the grade
- Public art opportunities will be looked at once the design has advanced and hybridized. Funding for art is limited so one approach is to integrate functional art into the design and construction of the park.
- Safety is a concern on the alley edges (north/south) and buffering should be included (fence, berm, planting, etc).
- The predominant pedestrian traffic coming through the park is east to west.
- It was determined we would remove a formal track from the preferred scheme