

Minutes

**MEETING TITLE**

Jefferson Playground Site Analysis Community Presentation

CHAIRPERSON

[Chairperson]

DATE

1/15/202

TIME

6 pm to 7:30pm

ORGANIZER

Max Sell - BPRD
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LOCATION

Zoom (Virtual)

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ITEM**DESCRIPTION**

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| 1 | General | <p>1.1 Request for current budget. Max's reply: Budget is not yet finalized—awaiting geotechnical results. Updates will be provided at the next meeting.</p> <p>1.2 Sport permit request clarification. Max's reply: Permitting is outside the design team's expertise, but a community bulletin board is being considered to improve transparency.</p> <p>1.3 Park maintenance concern. Noted previous issues with neglect—e.g., basketball nets and general upkeep. Asked how long-term maintenance will be handled. Max's reply: Lighting and pathway entrance issues will be addressed; work with the school is forthcoming.</p> <p>1.4 Alley next to the Hennigan Community Center is used for illegal dumping.</p> <p>1.5 Thanked the team for incorporating sun-angle/solar rotation into planning.</p> <p>1.6 Asked if the team has spoken with the school (BCYF), educators, or parents. Max's reply: Aim to balance city programming with resident needs.</p> <p>1.7 Asked about dugout improvements and whether bleachers (preferred) will be included instead of a simple bench.</p> <p>1.8 Question raised: "What research has the North American Research Center conducted?"</p> |
| 2 | Broad Takeaways | <p>2.1 Need for facilitating vantage points that enable paying attention to multiple activities i.e. field and play</p> <p>2.2 Jefferson playground site is at the nexus of the school, community and Nira rock and that unique intersection can be elevated to enhance its identity.</p> |
| 3 | Concepts | <p>3.1 Community liked loop walk around entire park (concept 1).</p> <p>3.2 Liked tiered seating (concept 1).</p> |

3.3 Concern with safety at batting cage location in concept 2.

3.4 Concern with safety with asphalt walk in the outfield. Consider warning strip. Overall improvement of circulation is desired. Bringing the path closer to the fence could help reduce impacts on the field.

3.5 Entrance from Hennigan School is unaddressed.

3.6 Prioritize sightline to play area from baseball field spectator area.

3.7 Request for community bulletin board.

3.8 Consider diversified use of space, in particular, passive enjoyment of park when there is no ball game going on.

3.9 Appreciated inclusion of soccer programming

Enc. [Enclosures]