

Minutes



MEETING TITLE
Jefferson Playground Site Analysis Community Presentation

CHAIRPERSON
[Chairperson]

DATE
4/26/2026

TIME
6 pm to 7:30pm

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ITEM	DESCRIPTION
1 Basketball Court Comments	<p>1.1 Concern about lack of fencing around basketball court: protected on north side by rock ledge and on east side by existing batting cage. With relocation of batting cage and expansion of play area, basketball may encroach on baseball field to east and playground to south. Consider adding fences to separate populations.</p> <p>1.2 Consider adding single rim hoop for use by younger children, especially since Hennigan school does not have a basketball court.</p> <p>1.3 Seating for players is important. Can seating be added to the western side as well (response: potential conflict with use of slope for sledding).</p>
2 Baseball Field	<p>2.1 Field needs a warning track, concern about tripping hazards for players.</p> <p>2.2 Will LED fixtures be used for lighting?</p> <p>2.3 Proposed foul line pole right field: suggest extending to fence so that space is better used.</p> <p>2.4 Can soccer field still be located? (Response: yes, U10 field).</p> <p>2.5 Will baseball field be artificial turf or natural grass? (BPRD response: natural grass).</p>
3 Batting Cage	<p>3.1 Concern about how new cage will fit with pool wall.</p> <p>3.2 Concern new tree and shrub plantings should avoid creating hidden areas.</p>

3.3 Preference expressed for batting cage against wall, since it currently segregates activities.

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| 4 | Loop walk and park entries | 4.1 Enthusiasm about loop walk, and connecting different areas of park.
4.2 Concern about entry from Heath Street: careful positioning of trees to avoid hidden areas. Clear away existing concrete blocks.
4.3 More details requested for entries from Minden and Heath.
4.4 Park plan still looks like a collection of elements, not sure where the hub/ heart of the park is.
4.5 Will loop walk be wide enough to accommodate power walkers? (Arcadis response: 6' wide, concrete). Loop length will be approximately 0.25 miles. |
| 5 | Site amenities | 5.1 Amenities like trash receptacles and water fountains appreciated. Consider locating one at each entry to make it intentional.
5.2 Seating serving dual purposes appreciated.
5.3 Suggestions for locating picnic table at intersection of play areas and baseball. |
| 6 | Play area | 6.1 Questions regarding choice of swings need to be posed to young families.
6.2 Appreciation for play equipment catering to different age groups. |
| 7 | Miscellaneous | 7.1 Appreciate the addition of trees and more shade.
7.2 Will alley adjacent to pool be closed? Does it need to be open for fire access?.
7.3 Will there be further community meetings? (BPRD response: yes, on-site in spring/ summer)
7.4 Construction schedule? (BPRD response: Summer 2027, will consider usage of field, and schedule to avoid impacting usage) |

Enc. [Enclosures]: none