



Seattle Parks & Recreation

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SOUNDVIEW PLAYFIELD RENOVATION PROJECT

Seattle Parks and Recreation's Planning & Development Division

Soundview Playfield

Saturday, June 3, 2017 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

MEETING NOTES

Present

Seattle Parks and Recreation (SPR) Staff:

- Karimah Edwards, Seattle Parks and Recreation Planner
- Jay Rood, Seattle Parks and Recreation Project Manager

Community Members – Approximately 80 community members stopped by for the June 3rd event.

Summary

Jay and Karimah greeted participants and explained the project schedule, budget and planning process. This meeting was conducted as an open house/pop-up presentation which included boards with a graphic of the existing playfield. Participants reviewed the image of the existing playfield and made recommendations on the design of the field and additional amenities they would like to see in the new park. Holding the open house onsite made it accessible for a diverse group of participants. Many participants voiced questions and concerns related to the project but also shared their ideas. Several community members from the surrounding neighborhood as well as coaches, and athletes were in attendance.

Schedule: The project is currently in the planning phase. Design will be completed by 2018 with construction planned for 2019.

Recommendations and Comments

- Install a place to fill water bottles
- Renovate restrooms
- Design field with multiple lines (soccer, ultimate Frisbee, lacrosse)
- Include lines for small-sided soccer
- Exclude the use of artificial turf
- Incorporate convertible baseball fields – 45, 60 and 90 ft
- Include 3-4 baseball fields on lower field
- Keep football field with appropriate lines ex. Loyal Heights
- Turf and lights are welcome
- Consider storage and concession buildings
- Install field surfaces that can allow maximum use and lessen impact of rain
- Include multi-use with 90 ft baseball diamond and portable mound
- Connect 17th and 92nd Greenways
- Limit lighting to 9PM
- Collaborate with Whitman Middle School on parking and access
- Plan for access for team bus parking
- Numbers should be drawn every 5 yards
- Include lining like Walt Hundley for different sized fields
- Include 2nd batting cage
- Make access better from trail from NW 89th (between 16th and 17th)
- Include bike racks
- Use cork for infill
- Keep old growth trees

Concerns

- Late night games with new lights and more noise are a concern of neighbors
- Limited parking and reduced safety due to reduction in visibility for pedestrians is a concern
- Negative activity has been observed on tennis court
- Artificial turf may not be safe for birds and animals
- More garbage receptacles will be needed if park is used more

- Losing old growth trees is a concern
- Picnics should be relocated to discourage negative activity
- Lighting should have minimal impact to surrounding neighbors
- Drainage in dugouts is an existing issue
- Upzoning will impact park use, parking and traffic safety, consider how people will be accessing park
- Loud speakers or bull horns are a concern

Thank you for participating!

