From: Megan Ryan
To: Huang, Wen
Cc: Ann Lafferty
Subject: Re: Re: Comments Regarding SSI Park
Date: Tuesday, September 4, 2018 6:34:57 PM

Hi Wen,

Welcome back and thanks for the report! The storm water "fall" video was taken on July 25th. It is by far the worst I have seen and if you go to that wall now you can see on the ground below between it and the sidewalk where the water had carved out a ditch.

Excited to hear more and see what you guys come up with. Please let me know if you need anything from us as a community.

Cheers,
Meg

613 Boston Ave.

On Tue, Sep 4, 2018 at 2:58 PM Huang, Wen <wen.huang@montgomeryparks.org> wrote:

> Hello Ann and Meg,
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> I am just back from a vacation in Canada where I really enjoy the cooler and dryer air. Please first forward my thanks to Heidi for her clear summary of the meeting in the park.
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> Do you know what the date was when the video of the waterfall was taken at the corner of the Boston Ave? It is impressive how the water gush down from the park to the street. I will forward it to the consultant once we make the selection.
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> The existing playground may seem loose, but there are required fall zones for each piece of equipment. Therefore I don't think we will have space to add new equipment. There will be natural play component outside of the playground.
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> Please feel free to let me know if you have any questions.
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From: Ann Lafferty <lafferty_ann@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 01, 2018 9:12 PM
To: Huang, Wen <Wen.Huang@montgomeryparks.org>
Cc: meglynn.ryan@gmail.com
Subject: Fw: Re: Comments Regarding SSI Park

Hello Wen -

Perhaps you remember Meg, the neighbor who joined us on the park walk-through. She lives on Boston AVenue, right across from the park. She's the mother of 2 young girls, and described how her daughters love riding their bikes up and down the rolling dip, calling it the "half-pipe".

Anyway, Meg sent out the following message to the same group, basically, who was present at the walk-through, and asked the message for forwarded to you.

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: Megan Ryan <meglynn.ryan@gmail.com>

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Cc: Edith Holleman <hollemanea@yahoo.com>; Stephanie Murphy <zzmurphy@hotmail.com>; David Minton <threefates3@gmail.com>; Ann Lafferty <lafferty_ann@yahoo.com>; kg <krisgill@rocketmail.com>; Roger Coleman <musicguy55@hotmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, August 29, 2018, 9:34:08 PM EDT

Subject: Re: Comments Regarding SSI Park

Heidi,

Thanks so much for all the updates and clarified information regarding the current standing thoughts on the park.

I'm so glad our community has a voice in the design since it is something that we should all feel reflects our collective needs. So far, I'm happy with the current direction and share similar concerns on the re-grading for storm water. There is an issue as we begin to have more of those heavier downpours. I wasn't here when we had the heavy rain on July 25th but here is a video my husband sent. (see attached) That was by far the worst I have ever seen it. If anyone is in direct communication with Wen currently, feel free to pass it along to her team.

I hope there is not any drastic changes to the current lay of the land. The temporary swale in the middle has made me a bit nervous as kids dart through the fields and not notice the dip. Also, these fields (in the 5 years we have lived across from them) are only occupied as "soccer" fields for brief seasons and then only a fraction of the time each week. The majority of the parks use is the playground-basketball courts and tennis, leaving the fields open for pick-up games, free running and non-designated activities. I hope it stays that way. A sweet little field in an ever expanding urban space.

If they ever add more structure on to the Childs playground, there is this wonderful brand of equipment made out of wood. My daughters pre-school just invested in three pieces for their playground (TPCDC). They are a soft-splinter free wood and I love the ability for imaginative play it would create, esp. since the daily morning crowd is of the pre-school age. The brand is Kompan and can be found here: https://www.kompan.us/play/organic-robinia/playhouses-1

Cheers,

Meg

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On Wed, Aug 29, 2018 at 4:30 PM Heidi Coleman <heidi.l.coleman@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Megan,

Welcome back.

All,

I've been meaning to send out a note. A week ago or so, Ann and I had a chance to meet with Wen at the park. We asked a lot of questions and she shared a lot of information with us. I have the impression she's trying hard to really hear and balance all the interests, explore additional options and find a solution that meets as many of the needs as possible. I think Ann felt that way, too.

Regarding process:

- They hope to bring on a consultant sometime in Sept, who will help them with design details and permits
- They are also doing a study (in Sept) regarding options for "indoor soccer" (to look at other parks, as well, which may serve as better options than the tennis court at SSI Park)
- They expect to present a proposal for Board approval by Jan or Feb
- We will have another opportunity to comment (online)
- That survey will ask respondents how far from the park they live and how often they use the park
- The design won't be finalized for another year or so

Regarding the direction of the design:

- They no longer plan to include exercise stations
- Highest priorities are drainage and ADA compliance
- Another priority is the fence and gate near the playground (to prevent small children from running into the street)
- They plan to create three retention ponds for drainage
- The budget is $1 million
- Biggest expense is likely repairing the retention wall at the east end
- They plan to remove the steps and alter the paths (leading toward the tennis court), so they're less steep and they'll add a railing (for ADA)
- They plan to add a "natural play" area near the playground
- A shelter and the path near the white wall are not a priority; opinion was mixed about those elements
- They will try to maintain as many trees as possible and they plan to add new ones near the basketball court
- They hope to add a water fountain (3 levels - for adults, kids and pets), and they plan to add

pickle ball lines on the tennis courts and a bike rack (near the parking lot, I think)

- The biggest question, I think, is how much grading they will do (none, some or a lot); Wen hopes the contractor can help; the work order for the contractor asks them to balance solving drainage, making the park useful for sports, and maintaining rolling natural terrain

She welcomes additional questions.

Ann,

Please add if I forgot anything and correct me if you think I got anything wrong.

Heidi