HIGHLAND PARK SUPER PLAYGROUND RENOVATION

Public Workshop #3
23 March 2021
WORKSHOP AGENDA

- Project background (5 mins)
- Summarize what we heard (5 mins)
- Review playground design (10 mins)
- Discuss customization options (breakout rooms, 30 mins)
- Recap and review next steps (10 mins)
**SCOPE + SCHEDULE**

**3 PHASE APPROACH**

**Phase 1: Look + Listen**
- Existing materials review
- Field research (site visits, survey, tree inventory)
- Project kick-off
- Community survey

**Phase 2: Design + Engage**
- Design development
- Public workshop #1
- Public workshop #2

**Phase 3: Document + Construct**
- Design refinement
- Public workshop #3
- Schematic Design Documentation
- Permitting
- Contractor bidding + selection
- Construction

**Schedule:**
- July - August
- September - January
- February - August/September

**Events:**
- Project kick-off
- Community survey
- Public workshop #1
- Public workshop #2
- Public workshop #3
- Playground opening!

*we are here!*
City of Pittsburgh Capital Budget
$100,000 Design Budget
$750,000 Construction Budget
1% for Public Art
- Improve access
- Refresh structure
- Replace and relocate swings
- Replace and redesign wooden play structure
- Remove and replace tree
- Regrade slopes
- Replace edging
- Replace and relocate swings
- Relocate porta-potty + bike rack
- Improve entry
- Replace drinking fountain

Scope + Schedule:
- Reservoir Drive Walk
- Replace and remove trees
- Replace and relocate swings
- Replace and redesign wooden play structure

Memorial Trail (not in scope)
DESIGN PRINCIPLES

1. Construct an inclusive, accessible, contemporary playground for all ages and abilities
2. Design an iconic, memorable playground
3. Utilize natural, sustainable materials and methods
4. Provide imaginative play equipment
5. Accentuate the unique site and its context
Spread out playground with multiple levels

~90% preferred a spread out playground
~95% preferred a playground with multiple levels
~50% preferred a relocated entrance
Desire for better connections and access to the Maple Grove Pavilion
Wooden castle structures reminiscent of existing Super Playground

~65% preferred an architectural/castle structure
Strong preference for wood play structures
Introduction of water theme
ROBINIA SYSTEM
SUPER PLAYGROUND CUSTOMIZATION

Robinia Castle - Traditional

Robinia Castle - Customized
Custom Large Castle
Custom Small Castle
Memorial trail
Maple Grove Shelter
Reservoir Drive

HIGHLAND PARK SUPER PLAYGROUND
CONCEPT DESIGN | PLAY SURFACE | BONDED RUBBER MULCH + ENGINEERED WOOD MULCH
Earth tone gradient

Color gradient made with different percentage blends of two earth tones

Tan  Brown

Colorful gradient

Green  Light Green  Light Blue  Teal  Blue
HIGHLAND PARK SUPER PLAYGROUND
CONCEPT DESIGN | TRAIL ENTRANCE
BREAK OUT ROOMS

- General comments & questions
- Playground customization options (color, surfacing, equipment customization)
DESIGN THE DETAILS!

Would you like all natural wood or color accents on the structures?

Natural wood

Natural wood with color accents
STYLIZE THE SURFACING!

Do you prefer an earth tone gradient or a colorful gradient?

Earth tone gradient

Gradient is created with different percentage blends of two earth tones

- Tan
- Brown

Colorful gradient

- Green
- Light Green
- Light Blue
- Teal
- Blue
CUSTOMIZE THE CASTLES!

Pick your top 5 accessories.

- Double slide
- Banister
- Single slide
- Curly climber
- Climbing net 1
- Climbing net 2
- Climbing net 3
- Ladder
- Rock wall
- Window wall
- Rope wall

*shown as examples
MIX + MATCH THE SWINGS!

Pick your top 3 swing seats.

- Standard swing seat
- Plastic shell nest seat
- Rope nest seat
- Baby + toddler seat
- You + me seat
- Toddler seat
- Duo seat
RECAP
Highland Park Super Playground
A community engagement process to inform the design and renovation of the new playground.

https://engage.pittsburghpa.gov/highland-park-super-playground
THANK YOU!

Any additional questions?  
Don’t hesitate to reach out.

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