Event: RecConnect End of Summer BBQ
Location: Gilman Playground
Date: August 9, 2013
Interviewees: 12 people total
Interviewers: Marvin Yee and Kevin Quach

MINUTES (by category)

CHILDREN’S PLAY AREA

PLAY AREA LAYOUT

- Separation of play spaces by age group (tots vs. older kids)
- Design for all age groups
- Design for both age groups of children
- Design for 5-13 year olds, because equipment is more physically challenging
- Add shade to playground. Sometimes sun gets too hot.
- Add sidewalk games
- Butterflies and trees to run through
- Create an environment that encourages curiosity and discovery of nature

PLAY EQUIPMENT

- Modern play structures that are playful, durable
- Modernize structure
- Need updated play equipment
- Likes 17th/Folsom project for its modern feel/structures
- Modern play equipment challenges
- Like Crocker Amazon and Potrero del Sol Playgrounds
- Challenging equipment
- More challenging structures for older kids
- Physical challenges and curiosity in the use of play equipment
- More swings for big kids
- Include 4 belt swings and 3 bucket swings
- Bucket swings
- Swings
- Lots of swings and bucket swings
- Slides
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- Hillside slide (no tube slides)
- Cardboard box slide
- Tree house element. Kids like to lay down on upper platform.
- Tree house
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- Tree house
- Climbers are good
- Climbers
- Monkey bars
- Monkey bars
- Net climber
- Seesaw/teeter totter
- Seesaws
- Wood seesaw and components
  - Include references to nature (wood, rock and water)
- Logs and rock features
  - Whirl
  - Pole spinner
  - Add water feature
  - Water spray element
  - Spring toys
  - Rock wall
  - Like the dragon-theme play structure.
  - Static generates from plastic play equipment

FALL SURFACE/SAND

- Better rubberized surface
  - Poured rubber surface
  - Install rubber surface
  - Rubber surface
  - Rubber surface is good
  - Include a shaded, sand box. Kids like to play in it.
- No sand; but sand box okay.
  - Remove the sand
  - Separate sand box
• Sand box

PROGRAMMING

COLLABORATION
• Programming connection with church and Bret Harte School
• Collaboration with others
• Get kids and parents involved and busy
• Collaboration with other groups
• Kids use park during events, otherwise park is not being used. Would like to see more programmed events.

GARDENING/EDUCATION

• Educational activities (community gardening, counting activity, mind exercises)
• Healthy eating and education
• Garden and education
• Install gardening program on slopes. Kids like to plant seeds. Staff will run programs throughout the year.
• Gardening activity that’s supervised
• Alice Griffith Complex already has a garden program. Do not duplicate.

AMENITIES

FURNISHINGS

• Likes arbor structure design could be incorporated into play structure
• Likes shade structure/arbor
• Lighting
• Add functioning lights
• Add more benches in proximity of playground
• Add benches and picnic tables
• Better benches and tables
• Do not add BBQ units
• Add a fish pond; covered for protection
• Maintain a connection to the past. Keep the concrete turtle.
TECHNOLOGY

- Utilize technology, such as wifi, for park, and educational amenities incorporated into playground
- Incorporate technology
- Wifi and programming
- Wifi connection or charge station for while watching kids

MISCELLANEOUS

- Dog walking area that is separate from kid’s spaces. Concern with kids walking on dog poop and aggressive dogs.
- Clear out vegetation on slope due to security concerns
- Need more stalls in the women’s restroom

OTHER (beyond project scope)

- Entire field needs renovation
- Level ball field and fill in gopher holes
- Basketball court lighting
- Resurface basketball court
- Existing deficiencies in entire park should be fixed before playground project is done
- Multi-use facilities (reference to entire park layout)
- Community feels misled on scope of improvement