

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.
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- **Climbers** are good
- **Climbers**
- **Monkey bars**
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- 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