

Miami Park Public Meeting Summary

6-21-12

Notes from the Miami Park Neighbors on what they would like to see or suggest for the park's future renovations.

Overall Park suggestions

- Picnic Tables/Benches around playground
- Basketball court keep for bike riding and games but no hoops. Games to be painted on cement- like hop scotch, four square, etc. Could use a new Surface but no basketball playing.
- Plantings would be nice- but they also commented that they would not last more than likely.
- Fence along the property side needs to be cleaned out- coated chain link. They don't want it to collect garbage.
- Wood rail fence around perimeter- must keep to keep cars out. Would like to see it repaired.
- Grill if mounted – so not carted off- north side maybe? Could ad more if becomes popular.
- Water Fountain – Can look at it – it is hard to ad and then the turning on and off of water is a process. - With water and sand this also can be a problem.
- More trash cans- must be mounted
- Can the sidewalk be reviewed- not just for weeds but cracks and surface?

Lighting

- Timed Lighting –lights to shine in to park
- Lights to show neighbors what is going on at night (Pat is going to talk to OPPD about brightening ones that are there)
- Lights that are there have been shot out- we will call in a work order. Neighbors believe it is on the Westside.

Types of equipment

- Rock Climbing
- Swings – would like to try some that do not get wrapped around the top.
- Must be Indestructible
- Age range of equipment- would like for younger kids- pat stated we would try to have both age levels 2-5 or 5-12- they agreed would like to see something for both age levels
- Example given is that they would like it like Adams School
- Nothing enclosed on top of slide or anywhere-creates a place to hide
- Would like to see multiple surfacing as some did not like the sand idea- due to cats. Pat said she can look into some pea gravel.
- Walnut Hill School mentioned as another example playground – Slide& Rock (Hamilton St.)

- Want to have swings- not just saucer swings but regular ones to- also ad a baby/toddler swing.

Other questions asked.

- Why does the city wait until the park can't be used before taking action? Pat explained the park inventory and inspection process. Every 5- 6 years. This park has not been done for a very long time. Total for the project is \$75,000.00
- Fontenell Park is completely rusted out.
- Pat did explain that if they feel something is unsafe at any park to call us at 444-5900
- Can we do a splash pad? Pat explained the project really could not afford that and the park is too small with no parking.
- What is the routine to clean off/disinfect playgrounds? Pat explained that we do not "clean off" the play equipment- unless notified of a problem. Only routines are trash and mowing.
- Can we get the current tree trimmed – especially the walnut tree? We will call in a work order for the lights and trees
- Mow – trash pick up
- When is Yale park going to be done- Pat was not sure.
- How does this continue and when will it be done? Pat said when drawing and plans are finalized it goes to bid and she thinks actual work could be next spring.
- The group would like to see the finished ideas- "Defeats the purpose to spend thousands if we don't get what we want" Pat said she would set up another meeting for a review of the plans in August. Pat handed out her cards for future contact. (Someone suggested meeting at the Park.)