

Frontierland Park Community Advisory Group Meeting #2 Minutes

Location: Coffman Annex Building, 519 W. 8th Ave

Date: Wednesday, February 28, 6-8pm

The second meeting of the Frontierland Park Community Advisory Group (CAG) was held at the Coffman Annex Building in downtown Anchorage on February 28st. The goal of the meeting was to summarize elements discussed in CAG meeting #1 and present park design, review play equipment and continue prioritizing improvements at the park. Parks and Recreation works with a CAG to ensure that future improvements align with the desires of the community.

IN ATTENDANCE

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| 1. Kurt Marsch (SACC) | 6. Ed Leonetti (Coffman Engineers) |
| 2. Katherine Kwon (SACC) | |
| 3. Larry Monsma (SACC) | 7. Josh Durand (Parks and Recreation) |
| 4. Michael Fredericks (SACC) | |
| 5. Moira Gallagher (SACC) | |

MEETING OVERVIEW

The meeting began with a summary of the project to date, CAG meeting #1 and outline of the agenda. This review included information on the role of the CAG, a project timeline, available funding, and project goals. As CAG members introduced themselves, they listed what they currently like and dislike at Frontierland Park. Issues and concerns were discussed, and desired improvements were listed. Ed Leonetti of Coffman Engineers presented the conceptual park plan, and CAG members provided additional clarification and input about the design.

CONCEPTUAL SITE DESIGN REVIEW AND DISCUSSION

The following section summarizes discussion points from the meeting. Generally, the CAG committee is supportive of a new playground and upgrading existing amenities. The main points of discussion are categorized by amenity and/or topic. These include: Access points, theme, landscaping, fencing, play areas, lighting, seating & plaza.

Access Points

- Discussion about four pedestrian access points
 - Like South East access
- Lots of underground electrical on south side of substation

- The group would like to keep the parallel parking on the south side of W. 10th Ave, as they have observed parents watching their children play from their parked cars

Theme

- Play Structures
 - Den'aina focused is a great idea.
 - Like the spruce tree/beluga example shown.
- Avoid "Teepee" design.
- Focus on local Den'ina cultural when integrating culture.

Playground/Play Eqpt.

- Concern about proximity of location of neighborhood to the west and the new playground
 - Prefer to keep the "louder" play equipment further away from the neighbors on the west.
- Lighting
 - Directional lighting to the north is preferred if needed
 - Light if necessary for safety
 - One at the sledding hill
 - One at the play area
 - Be cautious about over spray of light into neighborhood
- Benches – arm rest preferred as well as back benches
 - Idea is to prevent sleeping on benches and advocate for sitting
- Prefer two adult swings for kids
- Like hill slide idea
- Prefer turf for safety surface rather than other impact attenuating surfaces.
- Like Supernova
- Seating "area" at top of hill for people to look out on the play area
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Landscaping

- Maintain/keep existing trees in South West corner of site along property line
- Grove of trees is a good buffer to adjacent street

- Levels of foliage add to character
- Like idea about grass intergraded into planting bed with trees

Seating & Plaza

- Seat walls on North side of park adjacent to the play areas was a big hit. Lawn sloping from top of wall to sidewalk at 10th Ave. with trees to filter the edge of the park.
- Plaza with tables chairs as the central area was preferred.

Other

- Add Mutt Mitt stations to encourage good habits
- Upgrade benches and picnic tables
- Parks and Recreation maintenance clearing paths
- Parks and Recreation horticulture training birch trees

RESOURCES

[Berliner](#)

[Kompan](#)

[Goric](#)

[Landscape Structures Inc](#)

NEXT STEPS

- Parks and Recreation Commission, April 12th, 6-8pm at Spenard Recreation Center
- South Addition Community Council, April 19th, 7pm at Anchorage Lutheran Church