

# 2018 CHUGACH FOOTHILLS PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS

Community Advisory Group

Meeting #1 Design Development – Meeting Notes

December 29, 2017



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## Meeting #1 Notes:

### Attendees:

Maeve Nevins-Lavtar (Facilitator); Heather & Conner Swanson; Jerrienne Lowther; Carol McAllen; Sarah Swanland; Paul Swanland; Karen Rauschert; Bren Moiver; Molly Webb; Don McAllen; J. Michele Pamer

- Following the agenda, we did introductions and discussed the project background and process for developing a new playground.
  1. Project Lead: Maeve Nevins-Lavtar, MOA Sr. Park Planner
  2. Project Engineer and Landscape Architecture Firm: The Boutet Company
- Funding Available for project
- Improvement Prioritization Map Exercise (see attached map graphic with Opportunities and Constraints), everyone went around and shared their opinions and we discussed “repeated trends” or themes from the board.
- Analysis Data Review: we briefly discussed the analysis maps & data including highlights:
  1. Analysis Data [LINK](#)
  2. Population of Youth
  3. Population of People with disabilities in area and types
  4. Wetlands in area just north of playground (high water table, drainage, etc.)
  5. Reuse of existing footprint of playground is ideal for financial, but also for keeping the field open, proximity to sledding hill, etc.
  6. Other area observations (wind, connection to Chugach, etc.)
- Survey Results: quick review of survey results to date (it will remain open until mid-Jan.):
  1. Survey Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ChugachPLAY>
  2. Survey RESULTS [LINK](#) (as of 12/28/17)
  3. Themes: inclusivity, safety, site-lines, types of play, keep the open field
  4. STREaM Academy may participate (contacts provided by Heather Conner)
- NEXT STEPS:
  1. More Outreach: Maeve to meet with STREaM Academy and possibly other interested groups (Girl Scouts, Scenic Elementary School, Alaska Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired, etc.)
  2. Development of multiple Concept Plans by design team:
    - a. At least one option will propose keeping the playground where it currently is and renovating site
    - b. Concepts with various types of equipment (based on feedback from the survey and outreach meetings)
  3. Website with all notes and meeting info to be posted here:
    - a. <http://www.muni.org/Departments/parks/Pages/ChugachFoothillsImprovements.aspx>
  4. Next Meeting to be located at Wayland Baptist University, schedule to be determined via another “Doodle Poll” email. (Likely scheduled for early Feb.)

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## Community Advisory Group Roles:

- Assist in identifying what is special about the park, prioritize improvements for the Park in the volunteer-powered park makeover projects;
- Keep your Community Council informed of CAG work – make consistent reports to your Community Council on action taken by the Group;
- Recruit neighborhood volunteers for the volunteer-powered project;
- Volunteer on the volunteer day; and join in the celebration of the completed park project.
- Each CAG member needs to represent a variety of interests, demonstrate good organizational skills, encourage and accept new ideas, and identify and engage potential participants, partners and speakers.

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