
Weiland Heights Park and Lookout Park Developments

Tuesday, May 21, 2019

Concept: How Might We present the proposed park concept plans for Council approval.

Background:

In September 2018, Bienenstock Natural Playgrounds was contracted to hold public consultation sessions in order to design and construct Weiland Heights Park and Lookout Park. This area services 298 households with a diverse user group from children to elderly.

Public consultations were held for both sites at the same time on the following dates:

- Idea Jamming Session held on site November 17th;
- Open House February 21 -presentation of Concept #1;
- Open House March 26th - presentation of Concept #2.

Concept plans were influenced by feedback received at the public consultation sessions as well as input received from community members via email and web submissions.

Throughout the process feedback was received requesting many different features that accommodate a variety of user groups.

The common requests that resonated repeatedly were:

- Multigenerational & Accessible spaces with pathway/walking loops
- Shade flexible lawn space for a variety of play opportunities
- Gathering/community spaces with appropriate seating
- Various play features (climbers, swings, slide, sand, etc)
- A natural aesthetic and plant material

The park spaces needed to serve a diverse user group ranging from children to elderly. In designing the spaces, the main challenge faced was the budget and scale (grading, surfacing/pathways and drainage) leaving limited funds for plant material, furnishings and play features.

In an effort to accommodate a play feature in each park, staff met with Mountainview homes and they agreed to have Lookout Park site prepared for development by grubbing and removing the sod. The dollars saved for site preparation and with an anonymous \$75,000.00 donation, we are able to complete both parks within budget.

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Adam Bienenstock will present the final plans and overview the features included at the Tuesday May 21st meeting for Council approval.

The Challenge:

The development of the parks has been a challenge trying to satisfy the different feature requests for a diverse user group age range within the limited budget.

Our Recommended Solution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive Weiland Heights Park and Lookout Park Developments report;

AND THAT Council endorse the final Park concept plans, as presented by Bienenstock Natural Playgrounds at the May 21, 2019, Council meeting

Rationale:

Approval of Concept plans will allow development to follow with a completion August/September

Measure of Success:

Use of the neighborhood parks.

Milestones:

Completion of both parks.