

Forest Hills Concept Design Community Feedback September 2013

The following notes were used to refine the August 2013 DRAFT concept design into the final concept design from October 2013, which will be used in the development of the construction documents.

Compiled Notes from Public Meeting 9/12/2013

1. Need lighting along path because it is a tripping hazard in the evenings.
2. Hope that the new surface will be less noisy as kids ride scooters, etc. around
3. Request for the same safety surface under swings as under the rest of the area
4. BRING BACK ADULT EXERCISE EQUIPMENT --very strong support
5. Put fitness equipment at south end and relocate/add some tables/seating along path at current site of the gazebo
6. Add a bike rack at north
7. Add "carousel" and group see-saw play equipment to park
8. Not as excited about "Acorn" seats
9. Can some sort of play house stay?
10. One vote to make sure there is covered seating
11. Could/Should the edge along the alley be more active?

Summarized Notes from Web Survey

Total number of respondents: 16

1. Regarding the theme and overall design:
 - a. Love the overall design and theme
 - b. The forest theme is good
 - c. Please ensure that site lines are adequate for parents with multiple children to be able to keep watch
 - d. Appreciate the separate play structure for various ages
 - e. Good inclusive and accessible elements
 - f. Ensure plenty of seating throughout site for parents and kids taking breaks
2. Regarding specific play elements or other features:
 - a. "Track" in play area seems ripe for collisions
 - b. Appreciate the "track" in the play area
 - c. Please add seating near the sand box, it's a nice feature in current playground
 - d. Like the inclusion and containment of the sand box

- e. Sand box seems small
 - f. Would like to see more wood or composite materials for play equipment instead of plastic or metal
 - g. A water feature would be a nice addition
 - h. Do not include the amphitheatre; would prefer picnic tables/chairs in that area that all could use
 - i. Like the half basketball court and practice wall for tennis
 - j. Please reconsider bollards at Chesapeake so that kids on bikes are not impeded
 - k. The chalk art wall is great
 - l. The chalk art wall is unnecessary and won't work
 - m. Would like to see adult exercise equipment included along Brandywine entrance
 - n. Add merry go round and double see saw
 - o. Acorn seats are not necessary, located in a nearby playground
3. Regarding trees and plantings:
- a. Please ensure that park retains tree coverage over playground and equipment
 - b. Appreciative that plan retains trees and adds additional trees
 - c. Please ensure that plan is in line with Sustainable DC Tree Canopy goals and that existing and new trees are properly maintained
 - d. Ensure plant screening to help control noise for neighbors on Chesapeake Street