

DATE July 15, 2021 - 6pm  
 PROJECT McGann Park  
 TO Lauren Bryant, BPRD; file  
 FROM Patricia Noto, G2 Collaborative  
 CC Lisa Giersbach, Gigi Saltonstall, Wenlin Yang  
 TOPIC Community Meeting 1 (Zoom)  
 IN ATTENDANCE Lauren Bryant , BPRD (LB);  
 Lisa Giersbach (LG); Gigi Saltonstall (GS); Patricia Noto (PN); Wenlin Yang (WY),  
 G2 Collaborative

## Meeting Minutes

Item	New Items	Responsibility
1.0	<p><b>General notes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- LB presented goals of the Parks Dept, schedule, + budget for renovating McGann Park.</li> <li>- G2 presented a site analysis + general goals for improving the park.</li> <li>- Goal of the meeting was to solicit comments from park users.</li> <li>- 5 total people in attendance.</li> </ul>	
2.0	<p><b>Community Member 1</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Most people go to the park coming home from work/after school.</li> <li>- Also busy on weekends throughout the day.</li> <li>- Sometimes can get a little bit crowded for the equipment that's there.</li> <li>- Currently lawn is only used for dogs.</li> <li>- Mentioned DCR playground - Kelly playground (likes nature play).</li> <li>- Play is the priority here, but it would be great to have park amenities like a place to sit and eat your lunch.</li> <li>- Brought up safety issue getting to the park: crosswalk is unsafe; could there be a blinking crosswalk sign and other ways to slow traffic?</li> <li>- LB mentioned the program "Safe Routes to Parks" w Transportation; she will reach out to them about West St.</li> <li>- Would still want people to be able to bring their dogs, but they just need to pick up after them. Would be willing to help stock the dog bag receptacle.</li> <li>- Likes that playground is gated.</li> <li>- Would like to see more variety of types of play.</li> </ul>	BPRD to inquire about traffic safety



3.0	<p><b>Community Member 2</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Swings are not enough for current needs.</li> <li>- Have tried to have birthdays there, but they have to bring everything with them (tables, chairs, etc).</li> <li>- Open space feels wasted currently.</li> <li>- Tried to start a workout group here, but there was too much dog poop in the lawn area. Would try again if dog waste was managed better.</li> <li>- Would be great to have more varied equipment.</li> <li>- Would like a bigger water feature.</li> </ul>	
4.0	<p><b>Community Member 3</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Is on the Factory Hill Neighborhood Group.</li> <li>- Shared experiences from recently renovating a neighborhood park (still in process).</li> <li>- Their group looked into exercise equipment and it was very expensive, decided against it.</li> <li>- Recommended contacting Representative Rob Consalvo for issues with traffic safety (he lives in the neighborhood).</li> </ul>	
5.0	<p><b>Community Member 4</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mentioned liking Billings Playground on Lagrange St.</li> </ul>	
5.0	<p><b>Other general comments</b></p> <p>People in the Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- More traffic at the end of the day with people coming home from camp or after school (3-5pm in summer).</li> <li>- Weekends are busy through the day.</li> <li>- It can seem crowded after work.</li> </ul> <p>Play equipment mentioned numerous times:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Swings</li> <li>- Better water feature</li> <li>- Toddler play space</li> </ul> <p>Misc</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No more wood chips. They aren't good for sensory issues.</li> <li>- Too many dogs are not picked up after.</li> <li>- BPRD can provide dog bag dispenser but would need a volunteer to refill bags (a community member volunteered).</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>End of Memorandum</b></p> <p>These constitute our understanding of the Meeting. Please respond immediately with corrections or additions.</p>	