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**Cypress Street Playground
Design Review Committee Meeting #6
Meeting Minutes
Room 103-Brookline Town Hall
Thursday, September 12, 2019, 6:00 p.m.**

Committee Members Present: Nancy O'Connor (DRC Chair), Daniel Lyons, Wendy Sheridan, Clara Batchleor, Deborah Rivers and Matthew Cooney

Committee Members Absent: Helen Charlupski

Staff Present: Jessica Zarni, Administrative Assistant, Erin Gallentine, Parks and Open Space Director, Scott W. Landgren, Senior Landscape Architect

Public Present: see attached sign in sheet

Welcome/Call Meeting to Order

N. O'Connor welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for coming out.

D. Rivers stated that before voting on the minutes she would like for some clarification. D. Rivers would like to have clarification on the discussion around the netting and what the decision is. She wonders if the vote stands as if from the Park and Recreation Commission that no longer is permitting men's softball, or is it still up for discussion. N. O'Connor stated that what she took away from the conversation is that D. Lyons thinks it should be revisited, if anyone wants to change that can come before the Commission on Tuesday and ask for reconsideration. However, as of right now the decision is that men's softball will no longer be permitted at Cypress Field. W. Sheridan stated that she had read

the minutes and added a few works and punctuation to clarify that softball conversation. She stated that in the minutes the Committee had asked if consultants could possibly get trajectories on wooden bats with low flight balls. She stated that depending on the outcome on that report that maybe it could come back to the commission to reinstate men's softball with revisited permitting. D. Rivers would like to have the neighborhood notified if this issue was to be revisited, she thinks tis an important. E. Gallentine stated that further analysis for different bats/ balls/trajectories and she stated that that is not going to be able to be done. She stated that we will have to deal with the information that is available for standard regulation softball fields. There will not be additional trajectories and analytic coming back to the Park and Recreation Commission. E. Gallentine stated that if it is an agenda item she will be sure notice goes to the neighborhood.

N. O'Connor moved for approval of the August 14, 2018 Minutes. Seconded by W. Sheridan. Matt Cooney abstained.

Agenda

Scott Landgren introduced himself and went through the agenda.

Welcome and Introductions
Recap of Meetings, Project Scope & Schedule

Part 1: Design Refinements

Greenough Plaza, Dana Street Corridor, Picnic Grove and Splash Pad(followed by open discussion)

Part 2: Play Area

ADA Pathway, Play Equipment (followed by open discussion)

Part 3: Furniture and Planting Plans

(Followed by open discussion)

Recap of Design Review Meeting #5

1. Park Fence and Sports Netting
2. Playground Options
3. ADA Pathway
4. Overall Design Plan
5. Planting and Site Furniture Options

The Design Review Process and Project Timeline were detailed.

Design Refinements

Greenough Plaza

B. Kunkel from Weston & Sampson stated that since the last meeting regarding Greenough Plaza, changes have been fairly minimal and straight forward. He stated that they have tweaked as much as they can and they feel comfortable with the planting limits. The planting limits were discussed. He stated that they have pulled some of the rough granite blocks along the entrances and have used stacked granite blocks and incorporated them into the refined seating. In the plaza they will have very clean, modern, wood slat benches in between these blocks. This will provide for a variety of seating heights, elevations and thickness. It will help break up the long linear lines and what might feel like a larger impervious surface area. They have formalized the trees and their locations, while also at the same time creating bosques where seating could be placed underneath. They have added larger shaded trees. The existing trees were pointed out. Nodes were discussed. He stated that students can gather in the nocks within shaded areas next to seat walls. N. O'Connor asked if trees will have tree gates. B. Kunkel replied yes, and stated that they are mirroring the tree grates the school project. He stated that they are also using tree grates on the Dana Street Corridor. D. Rivers was concerned that there is not pedestrian lighting in the whole Greenough Plaza area. She doesn't think there is enough lighting for it to be safe. B. Kunkel stated that right now the design is only calling for the existing lights used for the street itself. Weston and Sampson has looked at putting in lighting there, but feels the lighting from existing lights that will spill into the vicinity but it won't hit every point. D. Rivers thinks it will be more pleasant if it was lit. G. Bolinger thinks it's a great point. D. Rivers stated that the area gets activity at night, not just during school hours. The American flag will remain in the same location. A. Bellalta suggested more up-lighting. W. Sheridan and B. Kunkel discussed where the backstop begins and ends and how you would access the dugouts. B. Kunkel stated that they are looking at more of a shade canopy than actual dugout. W. Sheridan is wondering if the dugout options have been run by the athletic department. She would like to know their preference would be. S. Landgren stated that he met with Pete Rittenburg, BHS Athletic Director, Kyle Williams, BHS Assistant Athletic Director, Pete and Helen Charlupski (who couldn't be here tonight) and he stated that they discussed the fencing and covered dugouts, and they were ambivalent about whether they were closed in back and not. Their concern is the height of the fencing along the baseline, protecting those sitting in the dugouts and the spectators. W. Sheridan would defer to them, but feels that it could be potential distraction for the team with an open back right outside the high school. S. Landgren stated that he would meet with them to discuss the specifics as the details move further along. A. Bellalta and E. Gallentine discussed the upgrade of the trash receptacle to all Big Belly's.

Dana Street Corridor

B. Kunkel stated that the Dana Street Corridor refinements are very similar to last time. The elevation changes were shared with the committee. The actual corridor hasn't changed much. The biggest adjustment would be formalizing the shade trees along the corridor. It is more consistent with a streetscape feel through that connection. The major change would be picnic grove and splash pad. There have been concerns with the size of the splash pad (the size has been increased) and they relocated the picnic area (the area was pointed out). The picnic area has become formalized. Everything would be ADA accessible. The picnic tables would be able to be mounted to a hard surface. They have broken the connection to direct access to the playground. There is plenty of seating and the area is ADA accessible and there is a connection to the playground and splash pad. The splash pad has a connection to the Dana Street Corridor and the basketball area. They are maximizing the ability for the trees to survive, grow and be successful post construction.

The splash pad is intended to be a natural feel/exploratory area. He stated that when the water is not on, it can be a play/adventure area. All the features in the play area are flush mounted within the granite boulders.

They are planning on lighting the central Dana Street corridor. They are trying to not have too many lights that would create clutter. The sports lighting locations were pointed out.

The basketball court hasn't changed at all from last time. M. Cooney and D. Rivers discussed the lighting on the basketball court. The lights will be on timers. D. Rivers stated that the light in the version that is shown tonight is different than a version she received yesterday. The lights were in the center of the court and the spacing of the pedestrian lights were uneven, and if the basketball court lights were not on there is a stretch where it would have been dark. D. Rivers stated that corner where the accessible path comes into the L shaped seating is awkward and wonders if Weston and Sampson would consider eroding the corner of that seating in order to make the connection a little more graceful. She thinks the previous locations of the picnic tables worked a little bit better. She thinks if you think of the size groups and not being able to move the table, having it in one group rather than split by circulation might work better.

W. Sheridan asked Weston and Sampson about the size of the splash pad. B. Kunkel stated that there was a concern about a tree (the trees were pointed out). W. Sheridan feels like a little separation from that basketball court to perimeter is important. E. Gallentine stated that she was concerned about two things from the last design. First, the edge of the pavement for the splash pad was very close to the tree trunk and she thought you would get overspray that would create muddy edges. She stated that they didn't increase the spray zones/ heads, but she was worried about making sure the water play area

captures all the water and not end up with muddy edges. She thinks Weston and Sampson needs to increase the area for the run off. N. O'Connor and B. Kunkel discussed where the spray features start. N. O'Connor is concerned with the spray park users running right into the basketball court.

B. Kunkel asked the Committee if there is a desire to disconnect and not prevent this connection. B. Kunkel discussed ideas of what could be placed in this area to break it up. E Gallentine is concerned about basketballs going into the splash pad area. She has been thinking about that space, she doesn't think plants will work but thinks a well-placed boulder/natural materials makes sense. A. Bellalta stated that there are three big oak trees there, they are very shallow rooted and she is really concerned to see the most impact on those trees. She is wondering if you could almost flip the water to the entrance area closer to the fence and move the picnic closer to the basketball area. B. Kunkel discussed the main utilities/layout of the splash. He stated that there will be root damage and they feel comfortable the trees will survive with the limited damage done. They will have an arborist on site directing the contractor for pruning.

W. Sheridan suggested eliminating the bottom leg near the basketball court and keep the river like design.

N. O'Connor suggested getting rid of the leg and advancing the splash pad up a little toward the middle, keeping the upper picnic table and putting another zone of picnic tables. She stated that if you took the leg of the splash pad, advanced it higher impacting that picnic table and put picnic tables on the bottom part. She is thinking about putting picnic tables between the water feature and the basketball area. She thinks the leg of the splash pad feels too close the basketball court.

Johnathan Small addressed the committee. His first reaction is that we are overdesigning it, he feels himself longing for grass as it is now. He would ask the Committee to for simplify it if possible. He doesn't understand what the picnic tables are and what sizes they are. B. Kunkel discussed the benches, their sizes, and design and the seats along the path. There will be 5 picnic tables, and seats along the pathway. J. Smalls feels it is too much and thinks only need 3 picnic tables are needed.

A. Bellalta agrees, she thinks it is a lot of stuff in a small space.

D. Rivers agrees as well and she has been saying it at every meeting. She stated that if you go to seating at the entrances at Dana, she doesn't get who would want to sit in those areas. She thinks it would be more successful with fewer elements.

M. Paluszek and B. Kunkel discussed the elevations and the possibility of attracting skateboarding activity. B. Kunkel stated that the bench top would have a skateboard deterrent on it.

D. Rivers stated that she wants to go back to that L-Shaped corner and the path, she thinks it needs to be worked on and believes that seating element wouldn't suffer by being broken up. She would make the path have a more gradual turn rather than a sharp 90 degrees. She doesn't think you want to come up in the slope, it needs to move the other way to the flat area. B. Kunkel stated that there is 4 ft. grade change at the slope and about 3 1/2 feet they can reduce down but it will still be a fair grade change. She would like to ease the corner by nibbling away some of the seating. E. Gallentine stated that will be addressed; she stated that it is awkward. B. Kunkel stated that in taking advantage of grade change of the actual bench and becoming part of bench, they are hiding the hand rails behind the bleacher elevation. He needs to either increase the height of the wall to keep the hand rail attached to the wall, but he reduces it down you will see the handrails. B. Kunkel stated that they will soften it up and continue to look at that. S. Landgren stated that the ramp has continued to be slightly skewed a different angle from the north diagonal seating, causing an awkward triangle. G. Bolinger stated that it is beginning to get extremely tight in that corner. D. Rivers agrees and thinks eroding the seating a little will help that. G. Bolinger stated that he is hearing that the Committee would like the Pathway to continue up in this fashion, and perhaps began a graceful meander. They are chasing grade, they are getting to a tight pitch point and there are a lot of things to accomplish. Weston and Sampson will continue to look at this.

A. Bellalta wondered if you could separate it, have the walk with the railing in one and the benches as something else. M. Paulscek stated that it is the worst place as a spectator you would want to be to watch the game. N. O'Connor stated that it's a student gathering spot right outside the freshman campus, it is multi purposed and has outdoor classroom potential.

M. Palusek and B. Kunkel discussed the drainage of the updated Basketball courts.

N. O'Connor discussed the benches by the gate at Davis. She stated that there has been a desire expressed many times at many Park and Recreation Commission meetings for benches near the entrances to the parks. She stated that some people like to be away from the hustle and bustle of the park and many elderly people enjoy the seating options while they are walking along the paths. She stated that in terms of the picnic grove, she would like to minimize some of the granite and introduce more grass. She likes the design, but would like to minimize as much as you can.. G. Bolinger hears the comments they are getting for simplifying, but he suggested not cutting back to far. He thinks it's an

opportunity to create some more opportunities for interesting and relevant seating. He stated that he thinks that the way that Weston and Sampson is graphically representing this isn't helping them, they are articulating a lot of what is happening in the pavement and truly the pavement differences are incredibly subtle. G. Bolinger believes as you walk out there it will read as a single plane. He stated that they shifted things around in such a way in good faith, because they were responding to things they heard at prior meetings. D. Rivers would think that you would want the splash pad in sun and the picnic tables in the shade, and this design is currently vice versa. W. Sheridan and E. Gallentine agree that having the splash pad right at entrance can be very difficult for parents, they both agree that removing the lower leg up all for some separation with the basketball court.

The existing splash pad location was detailed.

ADA Pathway

E. Gallentine stated that when the Committee was originally talking about a perimeter path to move through the park, they have watched the path system gone through multiple reiterations. E. Gallentine stated that they were approached by the High School team to see if the Town would provide an accessible entrance from Cypress and Tappan. She stated that she agreed to look at it. She has heard from people from the community informing her that is the way they enter the park. In return, there were two reasons why they looked into this path. She stated that Weston and Sampson did the analysis and they looked to create the connection in both directions. Weston and Sampson came back to this meeting to refine the design and better define where the handrails would be (due to the slope). The Committee now needs to discuss whether or not as a group they want the path. S. Landgren sat down with the school department and felt it was integral to providing a preferred accessible shorter route from cypress down to the MBTA instead of going down the sidewalk. N. O'Connor wonders if this path is not approved by the Committee, would the School Department have to figure something else out. S. Landgren stated that there isn't another solution for them. A. Bellalta suggested eliminating the sidewalk completely and makes the ADA path the main sidewalk. D. Rivers wants to save the oak in the concrete. A. Bellalta stated that it would help with the clutter in the corner. The path is the sidewalk on the Tappan side. The Committee discussed the idea of this possibility. W. Sheridan thinks the ADA path is the right decision for the playground. A gate related to the accessible route was discussed.

The Committee discussed the idea of two nice posts to mark the entrance might be between the handrails starting and ending points where shown.

M. Cooney doesn't love the opening at the corner, he feels that it loses the protective feel. He stated that it is a very busy street and he doesn't love the

outcome. He understands you have to pick a direction, but he is not a fan. N. O'Connor likes no gates, but wonders if there is a way to have some sort of barrier, like a switch back. S. Landgren stated that you are not at same grade you have to go up, it is less than 5 percent.

N. O'Connor stated that all the high school students that go up to Greenough are going to cut across the park, and out through Dana instead of using the path.

C. Batchelor stated that B. Kunkel is showing a continuously curving path, and that curving path is going to call for short sections of straight handrails to have a level landing.

A. Bellalta wonders if the leg near the path from the corner of Tappan and Cypress that goes to the playground goes away. She stated that the kids run down and you could eliminate the leg in the playground.

A resident addressed the Committee. She would say overall she loves having more places to sit and to be able to talk and chat. She sees a difference with Emerson and the number of more adults using the park because of the increased seating options. She stated that currently Cypress is not welcoming at all, and she would love to see a lot more seating. She understand the concerns but she thinks the seating going to be used by different age groups. She loves the idea of the path and being able to move though the park.

N. O'Connor thinks we need to keep the ADA path. W. Sheridan agrees with N. O'Connor.

Jonathan Smalls and B. Kunkel discussed the two trees at the stop of sledding hill that is being removed. J. Smalls stated it is a real shame and he questions that trade off. The notes will be reviewed to check the viability of the Norway Maples.

Play Equipment

Weston and Sampson have been working with the playground manufacturers, challenging them to provide more accessibility to the various components of the major structures. He stated that there has been a lot of minor adjustments there and there has been a lot of development in the structures themselves. He stated that they have added additional swings, there are 6 swings total.

Revised 2.5 Age Custom Play Structure pictures were shown to the committee.

Revised 5-12 Age Custom Play Structure were shown to the committee.

Weston and Sampson have been working with the manufacturers to increase visibility into the play structure and provide more play components. B. Kunkel stated that they are working with them on shade canopies, while making them less of a roof and more porous to allow light in. They will be perforated panels and the design would match the tree grate design (leaf pattern) up to the canopy of the play structure.

An elevation for the 5-12 play structure was shown. The access to the play structures were pointed out. B. Kunkel stated that there is a lot of movement across up though and out.

Examples of playground comments were shared with the committee. B. Kunkel pointed out on the slide where all the playground components would be placed.

Seating along the perimeter was pointed out.

W. Sheridan and E. Gallentine discussed the leaf pattern that will be on the playground canopy. W. Sheridan doesn't believe the Committee has seen the leaf pattern in these meetings. E. Gallentine will send the design out to the Committee members. E. Gallentine stated Weston and Sampson have pushed to get different roof options. They thought a flat roof might feel awkward, so Weston and Sampson they thought what that roof might look like with the canopy by the ballfield, to get that arch to carry forward. E. Gallentine stated that they are showing a custom roof that B. Kunkel and his team designed, because they didn't like anything offered by manufacturers. It won't be plastic. W. Sheridan loves the explanation of tying this into the ball park, she likes that the arch may repeat elsewhere for continuity. She stated that it looks like a lot of railing, but it could just be the renderings.

Furniture and Planting Plans

Furniture:

Picnic tables, Café tables/high tops, seating platforms/seat walls, granite blocks, Dugout shelter, trash, bike hitches, sculptural forms and pedestrian lighting locations were pointed out on a site map and detailed for the committee.

A furniture pallet example was shared with the committee.

W. Sheridan would defer to the Athletic Department in regards to choosing a style of a dugout. She asked S. Landgren if they had a preference. S. Landgren stated that they are comparing to what it is there now, especially the end closer

to the MBTA. The back stop is at the sidewalk edge, He doesn't think you would want your back to the sidewalk. Mesh screen and fence screen dugout examples was shown to the Committee. N. O'Connor suggested adding: Brookline" or "BHS" on the mesh of the dugout. Matt Cooney asked if there has been any public feedback from the students in regards to design and furniture. E. Gallentine has reached out to Anthony Myer and they are looking to set up something with him. She stated that they talked about doing it at the end of the school year but it was too difficult to arrange. E. Gallentine stated that her staff was in the park talking to people. N. O'Connor stated we did discuss the high school field dimension, the softball fields, shelters, as well as player benches and spectator seats (and have at every meeting). She stated that we have discussed where students will be congregating and where we assume they will be sitting/hanging. She stated that besides our own park users, we have given much thought to the high school students and where they will be enjoying the park specifically for the 9th grade facility around the basketball area, as well as the area at Tappan and Greenough and that we have been thoughtful about the type of furniture (high tops tables for hanging, multiple seating areas with stacked granite for people to sit on both sides). Finally, she wanted to point out that the path inside the park that is ADA accessible and also meets a need for the high school project. She pointed out that we have been a very good neighbor and are thinking of all the users groups. B. Kunkel stated that he is hearing a consensus for a more porous dugout with regular chain link fence and verify this with the athletic director. E. Gallentine suggested larger posts but have fewer of them. Perhaps larger posts and horizontal to span entire dugout with 4 posts empty most of time it needs to be sculptural.

Possible Sculptural seating examples were shown.

Pedestrian Lighting: Picture of examples of the following lighting was shown to the Committee

1. Landscape Form: Signal Area Light
2. Landscape Forms: Alcott Area Light
3. Landscape Forms: FGP Area Light
4. Forms and Surfaces: Cordia Light

D. Rivers stated that the first one what was shown is 25ft high seems like the wrong scale. She thinks it should be more intimate, she would not suggest up-lighting wanting it to be dark sky compliant and having the light reflect down on the pathway. She thinks the light poles should be around 14-16 ft. in height.

C. Batchelor agrees with the 14-16 ft. high. She thinks the curved bean shaped on left side is fine, but she worries about the one on the right. She thinks trash will get underneath it, it will turn grungy after a year, she worried about water and they are easy to damage and they are very expensive. She thinks 2 and 3 are fine, as long as they are dark sky compliant and not over 16 ft tall.

D. River would vote for the FGP.

D. Lyons agreed with C. Batchelor either option 2 or 3 would work.

W. Sheridan prefers the 2nd one as it has softer lines. She loves the magical carpet sculptural seating but just feels forced at Cypress. She would love to find another location for it.

N. O'Connor agrees that either option two or three work or agrees with W. Sheridan regarding the magic Carpet seating piece.

The locations and heights of the sports lighting was shared with the committee. The existing sports lighting was discussed. S. Landgren discussed how the new lighting will provide consistency across the entire field from a playability perspective. You will be able to control the lights from the internet.

Tree Removal and Tree Transplants

A diagram of the good, fair, poor, dead trees was shared with the committee. There are 62 trees currently on the property, 28 trees that will remain in their currently location, 4 trees that can be relocated, 32 trees staying on the premise and that means 30 trees are coming out. There are 58 trees that are being planted, of which 50 are shade trees and 8 of them are smaller. D. Rivers would like this to be updated, they have met with T. Brady and she would like the updated information to go out to the public.

The Greenough street existing trees to remain were pointed out to the Committee.

The proposed tree planting species was shared with the committee; a chart was shown of the new shade trees, ornamental trees, ground cover and lawn.

Weston and Sampson would love feedback on Greenough.

C. Batchelor stated that she loves red buds but they are borderline, they have been referred to as "dead buds". She doesn't think this is the place, she stated they like big lawn better than concrete. She thinks it will be difficult to make them successful at Cypress. She stated that they are finicky and suggest an Okame Cherry. The Okame Cherry is similar in size and not so different in shape. C. Batchelor loves the ground cover. C. Batchelor stated that Honeylocust are fine, if you group them together and use root barriers. B. Kunkel stated that there

are maples mixed in. C. Batchelor suggests using Honeylocust in the row along the street; maybe make a triangle there and then something different. D. Rivers and E. Gallentine discussed the Honeylocust street trees on Cypress. E. Gallentine stated that the sidewalk is very narrow, and her hope was to put the new trees back of sidewalk. She stated that those trees are competing with power lines. S. Landgren discussed his concerns with planting Honeylocusts in this location. C. Batchelor suggested a hedge maple. E. Gallentine stated that the Honeylocust is warm and inviting. E. Gallentine stated that we will take all these suggestions and keep working on the pallet. D. Rivers , C. Batchlor and S. Landgren agree that if you take the triangle of the three in the corner, make them Honeylocusts and got rid of the two at the end, it will help get rid of the issues and provide some canopy.

Park center/ fielded existing planting were detailed.

Playground side planting examples were shown with the committee. All along the walk they are calling for London Plane trees.

The Cypress street edge planting were shown to the committee.

The Dana corridor plantings were shared with the committee.

C. Batchelor stated that she looks at the Coolidge Corner School and a lot of the shrubs in the play area are really gone. She wonders if the design should be for grass, or to add fences around them where the kids are running around. E. Gallentine thinks that we could try it and maybe there could be shrub but different dense grass behind some of these. E. Gallentine agrees, but thinks it is easy to remedy and if those 3 panels don't make it, she will loam and seed. S. Landgren suggested boulders to define the edges. W. Sheridan suggested stepping stones. C. Batchlelor would suggest indie seal grass.

Closing Discussion

E. Gallentine has been very careful about staying within budget, she wanted to reiterate what she has heard tonight so that is reflected in the presentation given to Park and Recreation Commission on Tuesday. She wanted to comment on that with tree planting plan to maybe have some specificity on species and to incorporate C. Bachelor's comments and make that change on the Greenough street side. She would like to see a master planting plan for the park, so as trees fail "what will go back in that location".

E. Gallentine stated that for the Street and pedestrian lighting they will look at Greenough (not sure if can be done by Tuesday), but that will involve a conversation with the engineering division and that will probably need a lighting study and budget. They would want to look at placement and this could possibly be an add alternate. E. Gallentine stated that Antonia mentioned up-

lighting, that is not light very bright but provides ambient lighting. She stated that the group is more interested that want something that mirrored that Dana Street path and that is what they should be looking at, but thinks it would be important to get some direction on that. N. O'Connor would prefer some up-lighting within the park side only and not street side. E. Gallentine and C. Batchelor discussed that D. Rivers had asked in the beginning of the meeting if we consider pedestrian scale lighting on Greenough as well, because the street lights don't accommodate that space and it would be more inviting and safer. E. Gallentine stated that it could be alternate but would want to know what type of lighting the Committee would want. C. Batchelor would like to argue against up-lighting in terms of the maintenance. She stated that you can get some nice pedestrian scale lighting as you go through plaza, such as bollards. She thinks pedestrian scale lighting would work, but she would stay away from up lighting. E. Gallentine asked about keeping the same pedestrian lights on the Dana path or is that too substantive for Greenough. C. Batchelor thinks you could do the same for Greenough. E. Gallentine stated that we look at both. The possibility of a lower bollard light that is truly more pedestrian was discussed. S. Landgren stated that Greenough do not have traditional street lights. N. O'Connor would do lights in the same family, or she likes the bollard lights.

E. Gallentine stated we will eliminate lower leg of water play and see what that looks like. N. O. Connor just doesn't want to lose square footage of what they currently. E. Gallentine stated that we will look at streamlining and simplifying overall the furniture plan, she thinks there is a real need for seating. She likes picnicking and different benches lines along the pathway. She stated that in terms of the ADA pathway, we are keeping the pathway and there will be design improvements and stated that we need to understand if it is a curved path or straight way. She stated will change the look and feel and they need to see that for the meeting on Tuesday. Weston and Sampson will also look at the corner/ transition at the basketball court. E. Gallentine isn't sure if you can tie into the sidewalk at any point. B. Kunkel stated that you are chasing that grade the whole way down. E. Gallentine is concerned about graffiti/carving on some of the wooden tops, so with the café table on the High School side she would opt for metal over wood. E. Gallentine stated that with the idea of mesh on the dugout, they won't have that worked out on Tuesday, but making it artistic is a great idea.

W. Sheridan meant to ask about ask why it was eliminated and if it could be added back on the opposite side of the field/seating for athletes or spectators. S. Landgren stated that Pete and Kyle asked about that seating, it was in a previous design when there was a mid-block entry and there was seating at the midpoint. The Committee discussed adding something on the other side, but not having a path. S. Landgren stated that was the hope from Kyle and Pete. They also said that whatever team gets their first pick on side because the sun is in their eyes the whole game. E. Gallentine suggested taking the concept and

breaking it down to 2 smaller ones on the Davis side, but not connected to a path. E. Gallentine stated that the tree removal & transplanting plan needs to be updated.

D. Rivers asked E. Gallentine for clarification on what she is proposing for granite on the Davis Side. E. Gallentine stated that she is proposing to replicate that central group seating concept on the far sides but in 2 smaller clusters instead of one. The Committee discussed possible locations to place seating walls/benches for softball. They will look at reorienting seating on the western field side/turn 90 degrees. E. Gallentine stated that we add stacked seating on far side for park visitors/players and to reorient at seating on the Dana Street Corridor to better serve as spectator seating. C. Bachelor wants to make sure they look at intricate skate blocks. D. Rivers would like the barrels closest to the fields rather than the park entrance.

E. Gallentine and S. Landgren discussed the meeting that is happening with the High Scholl Team and the Transportation Board are having on September 23rd. Bike and scooter parking was discussed.

E. Gallentine started that the Committee will take a vote tonight on the conceptual plan, and then that plan will go before the Park and Recreation Commission with the Committee's suggested edits and or future analysis. Park and Recreation will vote on it and then what happens is it will go into deeper design and development. They will look at finessing the design and starting on the engineering and construction documents. She stated that they will be look at color as they move through the process. S. Landgren passed around the leaf design on the tree grate and the Committee all loved the design.

Dan Lyon moved to approve and recommend the conceptual plan for the renovation of Cypress playground with modifications as outlined by director E. Gallentine. Seconded by W. Sheridan. All in favor.

D. Rivers will be passing along written suggestions for the record.

D. Rivers thinks it is important to keep the neighborhood informed. She would appreciate notice if Cypress goes on the agenda.

The cost estimate was shared with the committee.

E. Gallentine stated that currently we are in budget and she will update the Commission in budget when she gets the engineers estimate. At this point the only alternate is the option for additional lighting.

S. Landgren and the Committee discussed the new lighting system cabinet.

D. Rivers wants to thank S. Landgren and the design team for being so communicative.

Date: 9/12/19 Park and Recreation Commission Cypress Street Playground Design Review

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