

Milwaukee-Leavitt Park 567

Notes from Public Meeting
January 26, 2012, 6:30pm
Holstein Park Auditorium

OPTION #1

- Option 1- Push the rocks into the grass more. For the kids, take the group of 3 rocks @ front and use it in back corner. Take center stones out and move for sitting under the 3 trees near alley.
- Option #1 feels somewhat more restful.
- The first scenario will be a mess in the winter- you'll have to put down LOTS of salt because you couldn't get snowblowers through.

OPTION #2

- Grass area a welcome reprieve. Option #2.
- Option 2 is preferred- Expansiveness and openness is more rare in a city than enclosure- plenty of that already.
- Option 2 provides more space for programming and diversity of uses, and for "play", laying in the grass, etc.
- Enjoy the hill on the middle of option 2. Gives a place to lay out or picnic.

GENERAL COMMENTS

- The rock arrangement on the circular hill model is much more inviting! Spread out some of the rocks on the sunken model and it would be much better.
- Option #1 will use less gas and manpower to maintain all the weed eating around all the rocks of option #2. This will be more cost effective for the park district in the long run.
- Anticipate creating a barrier when future BT access is needed; eg. Prairie grass, rocks, bikers will ride go straight down in trying to find the shortest route.
- Keep it Simple. No fences, natural materials, LED down lighting, limited art
- Is there any thought to more landscaping, i.e. native grasses, a perennial or wildflower beds?
- "natural", cool recycling/garbage bins.

- Native grasses or bushes would be a nice balance to the mowed grass.
- Consider a “steeper-than-ADA” bicycle cut through to the alley to reduce conflicts and allow for a narrower path connection (for the eventual access).
- Partner with city/alderman to extend sidewalk into parking lane and place rock barriers as along curb edge as alternative to Milwaukee-side fence. Please, no fence!
- The curvy path will be ignored by bikers- pre-empt them by adding a shortcut by-pass path.
- Glad you removed the fence!
- No fences. Not all parks are for babies and dogs.
- Mount or stones sun and season oriented.
- Stonehenge “discovered”. Ecology exposed. Fossils- yes!/ Indian mounds
- Uniqueness. Have the rocks and forms mean something more unique, more individual.
- Nothing tied to local history/industry. Railroad?
- Integrate more “story” or history in the design. Both seem uninspired in this regard- lacking a connection to the space and its history, or natural history.