



# Meeting Notes

## View Ridge Playfield Play Area Renovation – Meeting #1

April 19, 2023

5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

View Ridge Elementary School, 7047 50<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, Seattle WA

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**Project Team** Colin Campbell, Project Planner  
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**Budget** \$650,000 for planning, design, and construction

**Project Description** This improvement project is funded by the Seattle Park District. This project will renovate the current play area that was installed in 2001 by replacing current equipment and creating a play area that meets current accessible play area standards. This project will also create an accessible route from the sidewalk to the play area and comfort station as identified in the Citywide Barrier Removal Schedule

**Schedule** Planning: Winter 2023 – Spring 2023  
Design: Spring 2023 – Winter 2024/25  
Construction: Winter 2025

### Meeting Questions and Comments

- Q: What is the definition of accessibility for this project?  
A: Accessibility is defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) at the federal level as well as Washington State, King County, and City of Seattle building codes. This project will address identified barriers to accessibility to bring the play area, pathways, and related amenities to meet current requirements.
- Q: Site plan clarification on what is proposed to be changed and what will remain?  
A: On the site map available in the meeting materials on the project webpage there is a map with proposed layout changes for the project. The red pathways show the planned accessible route to be built as part of this project. Currently most of the red path is paved, however parts of this pathway do not meet current accessibility code. This proposed red path also extends some accessible pathways to create a defined accessible pathway to and around play area features. The gray pathways on this map are proposed for the future or if budget allows. These are unlikely to be included in this project.
- Q: Wading pool status?  
A: The wading pool schedule and updates are shared [here](https://www.seattle.gov/parks/recreation/outdoor-water-recreation/sprayparks-and-wading-pools) (<https://www.seattle.gov/parks/recreation/outdoor-water-recreation/sprayparks-and-wading-pools>). There are currently no planned projects for the View Ridge Playfield Wading Pool, but this project will consider accessibility improvements to the entrance if funding is available.
- Q: We like the current swing and height. Can this be kept?  
A: The current equipment is reaching the end of its usable life and has been identified as needing replacement by play area safety assessment. Swings at the current height are not currently available from play equipment companies and our maintenance crews have indicated that they are too tall to be maintained.
- The current tot bucket swing is too high for young children.
- Engineered Wood Fiber (wood chip surfacing) needs a refill.
- The playground is good as is. Leave it alone.
- Newer spinner toys are not as fun for kids as older models. They do not like the one at Maple Leaf PF
- The wood structure is good, but not for the longevity of the structure.



- We like the play area at West Woodland Park as a good example.
- It's nice to have a cover over the sandbox.
- Off-leash dogs are a problem at the park.

Responses to our survey questions are available on the project webpage!