Final Recommendations
Community Advisory Committee (CAC)
Meeting #16
Southwest Service Area Master Plan
October 7, 2019
5:35 Welcome & Introductions, Ground Rules
5:40 Grounding Exercise
5:45 Review
5:50 Discussion of Remaining Parks:
   5:50 Mueller
   6:00 Kenwood
   6:30 Parade
   7:00 Fields/Diamonds/Ice balance at Armatage, Kenny, Pershing, and Linden Hills
   7:30 Lyndale Farmstead
   7:40 Smith Triangle
   7:50 (if time allows: Whittier-artificial turf, Washburn Fair Oaks & Clinton Field-dog park)
8:05 Guiding Principles
8:20 Next Steps
8:30 Adjourn
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Welcome, Introductions
1. Speak from your experience
2. Begin with intros, grounding
3. Stay on task
4. Provide framework for discussion
5. Assume good intentions
6. Keep disagreements about issue, not personal
7. Differing opinions are natural
8. Stay on topic and on time
9. Listen to one another/do not interrupt
10. Cell phones on silent/put away
11. Recap past meetings
12. Step up and step back – if you normally speak, step back and listen. If you don’t normally speak, step up.
3 Review
Community Advisory Committee Discussion Format

- Staff presentation of each park/topic
  - Public input
  - CAC discussion of park/topic
- CAC vote or direction to staff
Community Advisory Committee (CAC)

- 18 community members appointed Feb 2018 by Park Commissioners, Mpls City Council Members, and 21 neighborhood organization groups
- 16 public CAC meetings to date (includes workshops, van tour)
- 4 specialized CAC work groups and 3 subcommittees
  - Equity & Accessibility
  - Potential New Parks
  - Partnerships
  - Field/Diamond/Ice balance
  - Lynnhurst
  - The Parade
  - Naturalization and Recreation Balance
- Data Jam, Design Week, Community Workshops, one-on-one meetings, interviews, neighborhood meetings
- Commissioner-approved charge to CAC members includes:
  - Become knowledgeable about the project and its scope
  - Contribute to broad community engagement
  - Focus on service area-wide vision, goals, and principles
  - Make recommendations to Commissioners
173+ ENGAGEMENT EVENTS TO DATE

70 Meetings

37 Project Organized Events

SOUTHWEST SERVICE AREA MASTER PLAN

- Community Organization Meetings
- Neighborhood Organization Board Meetings
- School/PTA/PTO Meetings
- Residents Association Meetings
- Other Monthly and Annual Meetings

- Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Meetings
- Project Advisory Committee (PAC) Meetings
- Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meetings
- Work Groups
- Design Sessions
- Neighborhood Workshops
- Focus Groups
- Other Focused Engagement

For Additional Information Related to the Southwest Service Area Master Plan Project, Please Visit the Project Page:

www.minneapolisparks.org/sw

Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board

- Open Houses
- Parks Pop Up Events
- Neighborhood Festivals
- Ice Cream Socials
- Field Days

- Tournaments
- Open Streets
- Farmer’s Markets
- Music and Movies in the Parks
- AND MUCH MORE

Playhouse

Dog Park

Grill

Pool

A small cafe
BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND RESOURCES USED TO DEVELOP CONCEPT DESIGNS
1. visit the main page at
www.minneapolisparks.org

2. Select Park Care & Improvements

3. Under Park Projects select Master Plans

4. Select Southwest
Has Consensus Towards Recommendation

28th Street Tot Lot
Alcott Triangle
Bryant Square
Chowen Triangle
Clinton Field
Elmwood Triangle
Fremont Triangle
Fuller Park
Gladstone Triangle
Kenwood Parkway
Kings Highway
Levin Triangle
Linden Hills Boulevard
Loon Lake Trolley Path
Lyndale School Pool
Lynnhurst
Painter
Park Siding
Penn Model Village
Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Saint Louis Triangle
Smith Triangle
Stevens Square
The Dell
The Mall
Reserve Block 40
Rustic Lodge
Thomas Lowry

Vineland Triangle
Washburn Ave Tot Lot
Washburn Fair Oaks
Waveland Triangle
West End Triangle
Whittier
Windom South
Proposed Parks & Search Areas

First Round of Sorting Completed

Warrants Further Discussion

Armatage
Kenny
Kenwood Park
Linden Hills
Lyndale Farmstead
Mueller
Pershing
Smith Triangle
The Parade

If time allows:
Whittier
Washburn Fair Oaks & Clinton Fields

Not for Discussion at Today's Meeting
Minnehaha Parkway or Creek
Discussion of Remaining Parks
1. Mueller (10min)
2. Kenwood (30min)
3. Parade (30min)
4. Armatage
5. Kenny
6. Pershing
7. Linden Hills
8. Lyndale Farmstead (10 min)
9. Smith Triangle (10 min)

If time allows:
10. Whittier – artificial turf
11. Washburn Fair Oaks & Clinton Field – dog park

Closing
- Guiding Principles (15 min)
- Full Recommendation Vote and Next Steps (10 min)
PROPOSED DESIGN FEATURES
1. NATIVE PLANTINGS
2. RAINGARDEN AREAS
3. EXPANDED PERMEABLE PLAZA WITH FLEXIBLE SEATING
4. BUILDING EXPANSION (with green roof and garage door sides)
5. RELOCATED HALF-COURT BASKETBALL
6. RELOCATED Pergola & Interpretive Plaque
7. COMMUNITY GARDEN/URBAN AGRICULTURE
8. OPEN PLAY SPACE
9. PICNIC AREA
10. "WOODED RAMBLES" (accessible soft surface walking paths)
11. POLLINATOR GARDENS
12. NATURE PLAY

EXISTING FEATURES
A. WADING POOL
B. PARK BUILDING (restrooms and storage)
C. PLAY AREA
This layout accomplishes a few things:
- preserves most all of the amenities from the 5/30 design
- realigns the basketball needs with the age demographics of the neighborhood, provides full court
- significantly preserves existing trees
- addresses the need for shade around the wading pool
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- flat open space is expanded
- continues to memorialize Alan Spear
- contains stormwater run-off
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3) No additional amenities are impacted
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MUELLER PARK

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C. PLAY AREA

We request that the dimensions of the court be included in the final Master Plan to eliminate future misunderstandings regarding the term “full court.”

Proposed by the Friends of Mueller Park Steering Committee – September 27, 2019
Contact: Joan Moser jmoyer@spokaiimpact.com

We can keep our centerpiece 60’ Elm

We can keep these four trees which have been in the park for almost 30 years: Maple, Oak, Walnut and Linden

Suggestions from K. Jones and Friends of Mueller Park as of 10/3/19
KENWOOD PARK
SOUTHWEST SERVICE AREA MASTER PLAN

EXISTING CONDITIONS

KENWOOD PARK
SOUTHWEST SERVICE AREA MASTER PLAN

REFINED CONCEPT AS OF
OCTOBER 03, 2019

PROPOSED DESIGN FEATURES

1. MULTI-USE TRAIL (connecting Kenwood Parkway to Lone Oak Park)
2. SOFT SURFACE WALKING PATHS
3. ENHANCED PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS
4. WALKING LOOP
5. WALKING PATH WITH NATURE EDUCATION/INTERPRETATION NODES
6. PICNIC SHELTER
7. WET MEADOW WITH BOARDWALK
8. THREE-HOLE DISC GOLF COURSE
9. STAIRWAY
10. PICKLEBALL (5)
11. FULL COURT BASKETBALL
12. NATIVE PLANTINGS/NATURALIZED AREAS

EXISTING FEATURES

A. RECREATION CENTER
B. PLAY AREA
C. MULTI-USE DIAMONDS (4)
D. MULTI-USE FIELDS (3-6)
E. TENNIS COURTS (6)
F. NATIVE PLANTINGS/NATURALIZED AREA
G. RESTROOM ENCLOSURE
The subcommittee determined a field house is preferred over a dome structure and recommended a cost/benefit analysis at the time of detailed design.

Voted to support Parade Park Concept B from the initial round of park concepts with the following alterations:

- Create a “parking zone” in the area of #10, the details of which (structure, surface, number of levels, drop offs, use of roof surface) will be determined during detailed design.
- Site circulation should pass through the “parking zone” as a park road connection between building and fields. This area will be designed differently than a standard road.
- Maintenance yard vehicles can move through the “zone” to access Dunwoody Blvd. Ice arena users can access via Kenwood Parkway. Connection remains between Dunwoody Boulevard and Kenwood Parkway.
- Subcommittee also supports including these elements from the revised Parade Park concept:
  - Bike skills trail in western area of park
  - Drop off area near baseball diamond
  - Gathering space near baseball diamond
  - Additional ice sheet and 6 curling lanes
  - Addition of a weight room and dedicated ice hockey locker rooms
Obstacle Features: rocks, log piles, roots

Bike Skills Trail

Trail Features: tree gates, switchbacks/turns, hills

- Sustainable natural surface trails: use native soils, durable natural materials, strive for low-impact, include stormwater and erosion mitigation, signage, are scenic and fun

- Trails closed when wet, inspected regularly
# Review of Field / Diamond / Ice Needs

**Updated October 2, 2019**

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- 10U Softball | - 6U Soccer  
- Older kid’s practice | - Free Skate  
- Pond Hockey | - Travelling Soccer  
- Occasional Lacrosse, Rugby, Ultimate | - Free Skate  
- Pond Hockey |
| **Armatage** | - 8U & up Baseball  
- 8U & up Softball | - 8U & up Flag Football  
- 8U & up Soccer  
(Pershing & Lynnhurst “roll-over”) | - Free Skate  
- Hockey | - High School Baseball  
- Travelling Baseball  
- High School Softball | - High School full-sized field  
- Occasional Lacrosse, Rugby, Ultimate |
| Pershing | - 10U-18U Baseball (sometimes practice at Linden Hills)  
- 10U-18U Softball (sometimes practice at Linden Hills) | - Rev Sports Soccer  
(age 2-10)  
- 10U-18U Soccer (sometimes practice at Linden Hills)  
- 6U-8U Soccer [Linden Hills kids sometimes practice here] | - no ice - | - Travelling Baseball  
- High School Softball  
- Travelling Softball | - High School Football  
- Travelling Soccer  
- High School Soccer |
| **Linden Hills** | - Rev Sports Baseball (age 2-10)  
- 6U & 8U Baseball  
- Rev Sports Softball (age 2-10)  
- 6U & 8U Softball  
- 10U-18U Baseball (Pershing kids sometimes practice here)  
- 10U-18U Softball (Pershing kids sometimes practice here) | - Rev Sports Soccer  
(age 2-10)  
- 6U & 8U Soccer (sometimes practice at Pershing)  
- Ultimate Frisbee  
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- Hockey | - Travelling Baseball  
- Rev Sports Soccer  
- Occasional Lacrosse, Rugby, Ultimate | - Free Skate  
- Hockey |
### Fields Mix/Balance Work Group Highlights

#### Diamonds Current Level of Service
SW Service Area currently has **37** total diamonds
- **4** diamonds with a grass infield, used for older youth & adult baseball
- **2** diamonds are fenced
- **30** are “multi-use diamonds” traditional ag lime infield used for softball, kickball, T-ball, younger child baseball, older player practices. These often share an outfield with multi-use fields.

#### Multi-use Fields Current Level of Service
SW Service Area currently has **15** neighborhood parks with multi-use fields
- Approx. **20-35 sport fields** depending on striping layout
- **1** field is dedicated
- **1** field is artificial turf
- Nearly all are “multi-use fields” shared with multi-use diamonds.

#### Resources
- Many fields and diamonds overlap
- Where fields and diamonds overlap there can be uneven wear on play surface
- Some are reservable/permittable
- Some are fenced
- MPRB has limited park space to serve many users
- Some sites are heavily used by schools
- **7** parks are adjacent to schools
- **6** parks are Rec Plus sites
- MPRB has agreements with MplsPublic Schools for shared use sites
- MPRB athletic teams have first use priority, then public schools, then other teams

#### In The Quad
- Now **3** baseball, **14** mid-size diamonds
- Propose **1** premier baseball, **1** premier softball, **6** mid-size diamonds
- Now approx. **11** fields
- Propose approx. **9** fields (two of which are premier turf)
Fields/Diamonds Subcommittee Work

Subcommittee #1:
- Review of area needs.
- Design exercise. Three groups given templates for diamonds and fields. Each group develops their own concepts to balance all the area needs.

Subcommittee #2:
- Open house style review of 8 concept layouts resulting from earlier brainstorming.
- All attendees voted on their top 3, left feedback.
- Public discussion of each concept, pros and cons.
- CAC discussion, asks for closer review of concepts #1, 5, 7, and 8.
- Review of letter and documents from P. Smith, letter from Fulton Neighborhood.
- CAC focuses on concept #7. Recommends switch Linden Hills baseball to softball, reiterates previous request to focus one park on diamonds and another on fields. Asks staff to share updated concept #7 with MPRB Rec staff and MPS contact for feedback.
After much discussion, CAC members recommended concept #7 with the following modifications:
- The north side of Armatage is returned to two multi-use diamonds with field removed.
- The south side of the park will contain a premier baseball field with removable fence that SW High School will use as home field, as well as a smaller multi-use diamond.
- Armatage becomes a “diamond sports priority” park. This includes both amenities and programming.
- The diamonds are removed from Kenny, which becomes artificial turf striped for soccer and other field sports. Kenny becomes a “field sports priority” park. This includes both amenities and programming.
- Pershing and Linden Hills remain as presented in concept #7, which includes a premier softball field with removable fence at Linden Hills.
Here's a summary:

If we give up the idea that Kenney is just field sports and Armatage is just diamond sports, we can maximize the usage of the parks and add five ball diamonds, two baseball fields AND one small sized soccer field AND one medium sized soccer field.

Linden Hills - add back the two small baseball diamonds. Eliminate the medium soccer field on the north. Move the small soccer field in the SE corner to the north between the two diamonds.

Kenney - add a baseball field for SW baseball. Might as well use a multi-million dollar investment to it’s full potential. SW baseball could use it after school leaving it to MU and MPRB after 6pm. Plus, you can still have one soccer field with goal posts up year round without effecting the baseball.

Pershing - make the NE diamond the premier diamond for softball.

Armatage North - add back the third diamond. Add a medium sized soccer field (replacing the one from Linden Hills). Move the batting cages to where they are now.

Armatage South - add two diamonds. Add a medium and small sized soccer field. Move the pitching mounds to the south side of the premier baseball diamond.
Suggestions from D. Poindexter as of 9/17/19

A:
- Linden hills is moving from 4 fields (not all that useful considering the proximity) to 1 removes the opportunity for existing programming to grow. Consider adding a “Small Diamond” at the “A” location. Field sports can still be used on the ag-lime for fall sports

B:
- For a park labeled as diamond centric, we are moving from 7 fields → 4 fields.
- The park may not schedule their field sports at this location initially, but in reality, the open space will (and frankly should) be used for field sports when not used by diamond sports not afforded the same at Kenny (comments about Kenny options in section C)
- No fences are permanent – even Large Diamond is temp fencing either for every game or just during HS season. Thus, allowing open areas to be used for field sports, again what parks should be allowed and encouraged to do.
- B1 can be a “Small Diamond” (up to 10u baseball)
- B2 can be a “Medium Diamond”
- Another option is to place Premiere Large Diamond on the north half (assuming it fits) and move back to the 4-Medium Diamond pinwheel in the south half – up to 13U (all age softball). All “fences” would theoretically be 215’. Or the four Medium Diamonds in the corners.

C:
- Why not stripe field for any diamond sports? It allows for more options on a turf surface that is playable for more time during the year. This is the same idea as Armatage that eventually, if not immediately, field sports being allowed to schedule in the open green spaces, diamond sports should have the opportunity on the turf surface.
- C1 location striped for a Large Diamond – perhaps backstop and dugouts as this corner is in the non-playable portion of field sports.
- C2 location striped for Medium Diamond – backstop and basic dugouts
- D would be permanent goals for soccer – whereas the other goals would be portable (baseball/softball can move if necessary and replace when done) in the spring and can be left in the desired location in the fall. Option for temp fencing for SWHS – spring is a VERY short sports season and the turf allows for less weather-related cancelations)
PROPOSED DESIGN FEATURES

1. UNIVERSAL PLAY AREA WITH ACCESSIBLE SURFACING
2. UPDATED WADING POOL
3. ENTRY PLAZA/OUTDOOR CLASSROOM
4. YEAR-ROUND RINK (multi-use court in the summer and ice in the winter)
5. EXPANDED SKATE PARK
6. PICNIC SHELTERS AND PICNIC AREA (4)
7. ORCHARD/URBAN AGRICULTURE
8. FULL COURT BASKETBALL
9. WINTER ICE RINKS
10. BATTING CAGES (4)
11. PITCHING MOUNDS (4)
12. MULTI-USE DIAMONDS (3)
13. PREMIER DIAMOND WITH REMOVABLE FENCE OPTION (1)
14. CROSS COUNTRY SKI LOOP
15. ENHANCED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

EXISTING FEATURES

A. RECREATION CENTER
B. PUBLIC ART GATEWAY
C. PARKING
D. TENNIS COURTS (2)
PROPOSED DESIGN FEATURES

1. NATIVE PLANTINGS
2. WALKING LOOP
3. ARTIFICIAL TURF FIELD (with striping for 2 multi-use fields)
4. PLAY AREAS
5. BUILDING EXPANSION WITH OPEN AIR SHELTER
6. PICNIC AREA
7. SPLASH PAD WITH SHADE STRUCTURES
8. MULTI-USE SPORT COURTS (with 2 basketball hoops and 2 four square courts)
9. GAGA PIT

EXISTING FEATURES

A. RECREATION CENTER
B. SLEDDING HILL
C. EXISTING TENNIS COURTS (2) WITH PICKLEBALL STRIPING (4)
PROPOSED DESIGN FEATURES

1. PLAY AREA
2. SPLASH PAD & SHADE STRUCTURES
3. COMMUNITY GATHERING EVENT PLAZA
4. POLLINATOR PLANTINGS
5. ALL-WHEEL PARK
6. PICNIC AREA
7. MULTI-USE FIELDS (2-4)
8. MULTI-USE DIAMONDS (2)
9. MULTI-USE SPORT COURT (1)
10. FULL COURT BASKETBALL (1)
11. UNDERGROUND STORMWATER STORAGE (recommendation from SW Harriet Flood Study)
12. PITCHING MOUNDS (2)
13. BATTING CAGES (2)

EXISTING FEATURES
A. RECREATION CENTER
B. PARKING LOT
C. TENNIS COURTS (4)
LINDEN HILLS PARK
SOUTHWEST SERVICE AREA MASTER PLAN

PROPOSED DESIGN FEATURES
1. MULTI-USE FIELDS (2-4)
2. WALKING PATH
3. SAFETY FENCE (for existing premier diamond)
4. RELOCATED MULTI-USE DIAMOND (with regrading)
5. WINTER ICE RINK (with regrading)
6. ACCESSIBLE RAMP WITH INTEGRATED SEATING
7. GATHERING/SEATING AREA
8. PICNIC SHELTER
9. PICNIC AREA
10. EXPANDED BOCCE BALL COURTS (4)
11. WADING POOL WITH SHADE STRUCTURES
12. RECREATION CENTER EXPANSION (gym)
13. EXPANDED NATIVE PLANTINGS/GARDENS
14. POLLINATOR PLANTINGS
15. NATURE PLAY AREA
16. FULL COURT BASKETBALL (1)

EXISTING FEATURES
A. RECREATION CENTER
B. PARKING LOT
C. PREMIER DIAMOND (softball)
D. TENNIS COURTS (4)
E. MULTI-USE SPORT COURT
F. NATIVE PLANTINGS
G. PLAY AREA
H. TABLES

Subcommittee recommendation 8/14/19
Theodore Wirth House and Administration Building, National Historic Site
National Register of Historic Places as of June 7, 2002

- Period of significance 1910-1946, while Wirth lived there
- Includes building and surrounding landscape
- Preserves building and the view Wirth and his designers had when designing the Mpls park system
- Building and site qualify under “B: Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past” and for “Landscape Architecture”.
  - Theodore Wirth – Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board
  - Conrad Wirth – Director, National Park Service
- Application conclusion: “Aside from modifications that allow the building to be used for office space by the current tenant, the Minnesota Recreation and Park Association, the building is largely unchanged from the time (1910-1946) it was the home and administrative office of Theodore Wirth. In addition, the surrounding site largely retains the topography and landscape features from that period.”
This park was recommended towards consensus with the MPRB looking at a rework of the arbor area and safety, and possible enlargement of skate park

MPRB Chief Ohotto: in 23 years, never had a call to that area. Henn Ave provides natural surveillance. Moving statue back would create a tiny, unsafe area.

Temple Israel: asked for multifunctional space, ping-pong


Public Art Conservator: monument has been heavily damaged, recommend skate stops, conservation treatment, maintenance plan.
WHITTIER PARK
SOUTHWEST SERVICE AREA MASTER PLAN

EXISTING CONDITIONS

WHITTIER PARK
SOUTHWEST SERVICE AREA MASTER PLAN

REFINED CONCEPT AS OF MAY 30, 2019

PROPOSED DESIGN FEATURES
1. Entry Plaza to the Building
2. Universal Play Area with Accessible Surfacing
3. Shade Structure
4. Multi-Use Sport Court (lined for tennis and two half-court basketball courts)
5. Climbing Wall
6. Improved Connection to Schools (including seating and gathering area)
7. Artificial Turf Multi-Use Field
8. Multi-Use Diamond Striped on Artificial Turf with Back Stop
9. Picnic Shelter
10. Picnic Seating Area
11. Berm with Native Plantings
12. Sledding Hill
13. Urban Agriculture Zone
14. Splash Pad
15. Open Play Area

EXISTING FEATURES
A. Parking Lot
B. Recreation Center
C. Path
PROPOSED DESIGN FEATURES

1. Public Art (lighting feature)
2. Fenced Off-Leash Dog Park
3. Art Plaza (with entry to underground parking)
4. Shared Use Roadway (vehicles accommodated but guided by urban design features focused on pedestrian)
5. Natural Surface Trail
6. Wetland Restoration
7. Forest Biome
8. Urban Biome
9. Prairie Biome
10. Wetland Biome
11. Nature Play Area
12. Picnic Area with Grills
13. Underground Parking (a museum funded initiative)
14. Native Plantings
15. Gathering Plaza

EXISTING FEATURES

A. Public Art (George Washington Statue)
PROPOSED DESIGN FEATURES

1. PICNIC SHELTER
2. TERRACED VIEWS (to allow view from the shelter to the street)
3. PICNIC AREA WITH FLEXIBLE SEATING
4. NATIVE PLANTINGS
5. OPEN PLAY SPACE
6. COMMUNITY GARDEN/URBAN AGRICULTURE ZONE
7. FULL COURT BASKETBALL
8. MULTI-USE SPORT COURTS (2)
9. RAINGARDEN
10. NOTE: PARK IS RE-GRADED INTO 3 LEVELS, FROM SHELTER AT HIGHEST TO SPORT COURTS AT LOWEST. ALLOWS REMOVAL OF EXISTING BORDER FENCING.

EXISTING FEATURES

A. PLAY AREA
B. STAIRWAY
C. ENTRY PLAZA WITH SEAT WALL AND PARK SIGN
1. Design and maintain Southwest parks in a way that ensures variety, excellence, and innovation.

2. Design, build and program parks so that they reflect the values, vibrancy, and history of their neighborhoods and the city at large. Value the voices of community members.

3. Support and improve the parks’ environments through sustainable natural areas, gardens, urban agriculture, stormwater capture and drainage, tree canopy, and habitat enhancement. Consider a changing climate when designing and building parks.

4. Recognize the importance of connections to and between parks: safe street crossings, trail connections, roads as park connectors, greenways/bikeways, wayfinding.

5. Work toward parks that are welcoming for all. Ensure that park designs, included facilities, and overall character provide access and invite people in.

6. Explore partnerships for funding, programming, stewardship, especially with schools and community organizations. MPRB can’t and shouldn’t do everything on its own.
7. Consider all age ranges and lifelong activity in the design and development of parks, with focus on youth, teen, adult and senior interests and needs.

8. Provide opportunities for both organized activities as well as passive and unstructured enjoyment of parks, including imaginative play.

9. Create spaces for the community to gather, celebrate, relax, play.

10. Recognize that the regional parks and trails in Southwest – lakes and creek – provide amenities that may overlap with neighborhood parks yet are different in character and use.

11. Increase year-round and winter activity opportunities.

12. Recognize the importance of having and maintaining the basics: water, restrooms, seating, trails, lighting, shade, etc.

13. Work toward safe parks for all, through lighting, sight lines, and increased activity
Suggested Additional Guiding Principles

A. With limited budget, improvements should focus on the priorities (i.e. improvements need to be made strategically because MPRB always seems short of maintenance funds). – P. Smith

B. Each playground should be unique so kids and toddlers are able to experience different things at different parks. – P. Smith

C. Similar to the bcoce ball court at Linden Hills, the MPRB should allow residents to volunteer to make improvements to local parks as long as those improvements match the master plans for those parks. Small MN towns have better baseball/softball facilities than Mpls all because of volunteers. – P. Smith

D. Request that guidelines include protection for current trees and encouragement of future tree plantings. - J. Griffin

E. Support maintaining mature trees as part of new concept designs and implementation. – L. Moran

F. Provide places and recreation opportunities in southwest parks for all people to gather, celebrate, contemplate, and engage in activities that promote health, well-being, community, and the environment by not allowing parkland to be developed for the purpose of temporary shelter or housing that only benefit a few and not the general public. - C. Wilson

G. Permanently preserve, protect, maintain, improve, and enhance its natural resources, parkland, and recreational opportunities for current and future generations. - C. Wilson
These are specific strategies that could be incorporated into other parts of the document or to specific park plans. Hold until after discussion about balance:

1) Maintaining our current parks and amenities as a high priority so that they are safe and continue to serve their original purpose. – P. Ragozzino

2) Because fields are so heavily used, most fields should be multi-purpose (i.e. be able to accommodate soccer, baseball, football and softball) - P. Smith

2) In addition, convenient multi-purpose fields are great for practices - kids should be able to bike to local fields for practice; however, as kids get older, they expect to play games on fields designed for their sport, so having select parks for games with higher quality fields is desirable. - P. Smith

3) SW softball and baseball should have dedicated fields where players don't have to spend a 1/2 hour before and after each game putting up snow fence in the outfield. - P. Smith
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• Project staff write the draft SW Service Area Master Plan document.

• Draft released for 45-day public comment. New online survey opens at www.minneapolisparks.org/sw.

• Project staff compile comments and provide them along with any suggested plan amendments to Park Board of Commissioners.

• Public hearing and plan discussed by Board’s Planning Committee.

• Plan discussed and voted on for adoption by full Board (winter 2019/20)

New online survey to be open during 45-day comment period.

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**28th Street Totlot** *(Equity Ranking in 2018: #1)*
$400,000 in 2021 for Play Area and Site Improvements

**Armatage Park** *(#89)*
$294,966 in 2019 for Play Area and Site Improvements

**Fuller Park** *(#91)*
$844,250 in 2022 for Wading Pool and Site Improvements

**Kenny Park** *(#56)*
$310,516 in 2020 for Play Area and Site Improvements

**Linden Hills Park** *(#86)*
$291,900 in 2019 for Play Area and Site Improvements

**Lyndale School Pool** *(#3)*
$931,000 in 2024 for Plan Implementation

**Lynnhurst Park** *(#46)*
$321,972 in 2020 for Play Area and Site Improvements

**Painter Park** *(#7)*
$264,452 in 2019 for Plan Implementation
$800,000 in 2020 for Plan Implementation

**Smith Triangle** *(#100)*
$231,525 in 2022 for Sculpture and Site Improvements

**The Mall Park** *(#121)*
$89,279 in 2021 for Plan Implementation
$258,011 in 2022 for Plan Implementation

**The Parade Park** *(#101)*
$200,000 in 2019 for Parking Lot Reconstruction

**Whittier Park** *(#16)*
$1,106,995 in 2020 for Play Area and Site Improvements, Plan Implementation

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Thank you!

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