MARCY PARK SITE IMPROVEMENTS PHASE 1 - PROPOSED CONCEPT PLAN

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Marcy Park is planned to receive updates in 2021 to implement the Marcy Park Master Plan from the East of the River Park Master Plan. The proposed concept plan includes the following:

- New accessible pathways throughout the park
- Removal of the worn and no longer suitable pavilion
- Improved sightlines within the park to improve safety
- Replacement of electrical service for pedestrian lighting and moved to the park perimeter
- Creation of a new, fenced off-leash dog park with two entrances and a stabilized stone surface (similar to the surface at the off-leash dog park at Lyndale Farmstead Park in Minneapolis)
- Gravel stormwater infiltration area to capture stormwater run-off from the dog park surface
- Trash cans for disposal of dog waste
- A new half-basketball court that is partially fenced (will be rotated with hoop facing north)

Several alternates are proposed, dependent upon bids for construction. Alternates include:

- Benches and picnic tables
- Bee lawn turf mix for restoring turf
- Hammock wood posts
- A grill and coal ash bin
- A drinking fountain
- Re-feeding all of the lighting within the park

Future phases of work include removing the existing 5-12-year-old play equipment and swings and replacing them with a multi-generational nature play area, adding a boulder feature, and adding natural planting areas.

BACKGROUND ON PARK DESIGN PROCESS

The proposed concept plan is based upon the Marcy Park Master Plan which was approved by the Minneapolis Park and Recreation in March 2019 as part of the East of the River Master Plan. The proposed concept being shared was shaped by community feedback from project engagement which commenced in April 2019, for this project. During the scoping and priorities phase, the MPRB engaged with the community and received feedback from an electronic survey and via email from community members and the Marcy-Holmes Neighborhood Association regarding priorities for improvements. Over one hundred and twenty community members participated by sharing feedback in the scoping and prioritization phase of our engagement. The proposed park concept is also based on information from MPRB staff about the condition of amenities and their needs for maintaining the park.

The feedback received during the scoping and prioritization phase of engagement identified the need for updated pathways throughout the park since the existing park paths were professionally assessed as in very poor condition. The electrical service was identified by staff as in urgent need of updating, during our scoping phase. Community members expressed interest in a variety of improvements
indicated in the parks master plan. Regarding expending Park Dedication funding for new amenities within the park, the Marcy-Holmes Neighborhood Association Park Dedication Funding Task Force expressed support for a new basketball court and an off-leash dog park.

During concept planning, our professional engineer consultant developed professional estimates for proposed phase one improvements. Based on the professional estimating and our project budget, the full-court basketball court was deemed to be outside of our project budget. The proposed concept, therefore, was developed to work within our current funding framework (as noted in the plans). Further, environmental and geotechnical exploration within the park indicate widespread debris from the former school containing ash. The proposed concept minimizes excavation due to the cost of disposing of ash and debris laden soils. MPRB staff conducted an evaluation of the park for solar lighting, and it was found incompatible; shading from trees throughout the park will obscure photovoltaic collectors from charging and thus are not able to provide adequate lighting.
Feedback incorporated from concept engagement modifies the proposed concept to include:

- Basketball court to rotate to have hoop on plan north side of half-court so it may be added onto in the future.
- An alternate will be added to restore disturbed turfgrass with bee lawn turf mix.

1. TOP PRIORITIES OF THIS PHASE
   - Accessible Paths
   - Dog Park Enclosed with low fence
   - Basketball Court with backstop fence
   - Bench Seating (alternate)
   - Replacement Trees
   - Underground Stormwater Treatment
   - New Electrical Service to Existing Light Poles
   2. ALTERNATE IMPROVEMENTS (MAY BE INCLUDED IN THIS PHASE IF FUNDS ALLOW OR DEFERRED TO A LATER PHASE)
      - Drinking Fountain and Trash Bin
      - Accessible Picnic Tables, Grill and Coal Bin
      - Hammock Stand
   3. FUTURE IMPROVEMENTS (NOT INCLUDED IN THIS PHASE)
      - Bouldering Wall
      - Nature Play Area

NOTE: Final elements are subject to city approval and successful bid award that that fits into available funding. Design is conceptual. Final elements may vary.
MARCY PARK – CONCEPT PLAN FOR SITE IMPROVEMENTS

Accessible Path  Base bid priority

Existing Playground to remain until a later phase. (To be replaced by multi-generational nature play.)

Basketball Court  Base bid priority

Replacement Trees

Dog Park  Base bid priority

Fence - Base bid priority for dog park and basketball court

Underground Stormwater Treatment - Base bid priority for dog park

Bench  (Alternates if fitting into base bid priorities).

New Electrical Service to Existing Lighting - Base bid priority

All images are for illustrative purposes only; final design and elements will vary. 12/12/20
New Electrical Service to Existing Lighting

Drinking Fountain and Trash Bin - Drinking fountain is an alternate and may not be included in phase 1 improvements. May be a future phase.

Accessible Picnic Table with Grill and Coal Bin - alternates and may not be included in phase 1 improvements.

Hammock Stand - alternates and may not be included in phase 1 improvements.

Future Nature Play Area (multi-generational nature play) - Future phase

Future Bouldering Wall - Future phase