

**MINUTES OF THE OF THE
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC HEARING ON PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS AT
GROSS POINT PARK AND NAVAJO PARK
SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT
PARK SERVICES
7:00 P.M.**

ATTENDANCE AT MEETING

Board Members Present: President Mike Reid
Vice-President Khemarey Khoeun
Commissioner Susan Aberman

Others Present: Executive Director/Secretary Michelle J. Tuft
Superintendent of Parks Corrie Guynn
Executive Administrative Assistant Ann Perez
Landscape Supervisor Stephen Ames
Operations Supervisor Jeff Hacker
Parks Supervisor John Gacki
Park Specialist Peter Haben
Park Specialist Jim Hallm
Bob and Anne Russell

CALL TO ORDER

President Reid called the public hearing of the Board of Park Commissioners for the playground improvements at Gross Point and Navajo Parks to order at 7:10 p.m.

INTRODUCTIONS

Vice President Khoeun introduced herself and welcomed residents to the public hearings for Gross Point and Navajo playground equipment replacement. Vice President Khoeun introduced Board President Mike Reid, Commissioner Susan Aberman, Executive Director Michelle Tuft and Parks Superintendent Corrie Guynn.

GROSS POINT PLAYGROUND/AMENITY REPLACEMENT AND SCHEDULE

Mr. Guynn presented the playground structure design for Gross Point Park. The structure will be one of the highest structures in the District with a very large spinner, parent/tot swing, slides and a feature for 2-5 year old structure for younger children. New benches, garbage cans and a water fountain will be installed.

Mr. Guynn said the timeframe for replacement of the playground equipment will begin in mid-August. Mr. Guynn anticipates the project will be completed in October.

NAVAJO PLAYGROUND/AMENITY REPLACEMENT AND SCHEDULE

Mr. Guynn said Navajo Playground is a small park and the footprint will not change for the playground area. Mr. Guynn asked the playground vendors for equipment that is unique and will appeal to children ages 2-12. Mr. Guynn described the new playground structure which includes two slides, a climbing wall and small globe spinner. New benches and garbage cans will be installed.

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DISPLAY DESIGN BOARDS AND PUBLIC INPUT

Mrs. Russell had a concern about teenagers hiding in the playground structure at night as it is very dark at the park. Mr. Guynn said staff could consider tree pruning or added lighting. Mr. Guynn said if ever there is a security concern Mrs. Russell should contact the police department. Commissioner Aberman said it is good for the neighborhood to be vigilant. The Russell's mentioned a neighbor that might like this information but did not attend the meeting. Mr. Guynn said to have the neighbor email him and he would send links with the playground equipment to them. Mr. Russell asked about some poles that were put along the sidewalk last fall at the park. Mr. Guynn said the poles are there for snow removal purposes and will be removed in the spring.

CLOSING COMMENTS

President Reid thanked the residents for their questions and comments.

ADJOURNMENT

President Reid thanked everyone for attending and providing input, and adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

Mike Reid
President

Michelle Tuft
Secretary