

**Built Environment Working Group Meeting Notes**

**July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Virtual WebEx Meeting**

**4:00PM - 6:00PM**

**Those in Attendance:** Paula Kilburn, Aznive Mallett, James Kemp, Lance Dingman, Anthony Frisina

**Also in Attendance:** Meghan Stewart, Sarah Eakins, Amy Majani

**Those Absent:** Patty Cameron, Jayne Cardno

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

**2. Approval of July 4<sup>th</sup> Agenda:** Agenda was approved.

**3. Approval of June 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting Notes:** Meeting notes were approved.

**4. Inch Park Accessible Park Presentation with Sarah Eakins:** We began the discussion by pointing out some of the difficulties we had trying to comprehend the survey packages in their current

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format. Sarah responded that they are working with a consultant and Communications to ensure it is provided to the public in an accessible and understandable format. Sarah reviewed the two designs for the park with us that are based on two different concepts of accessibility. It is supposed to be a completely inviting space that uses the landscape of the park already in place as the basis for the design. It is not about placing equipment, but about utilizing the space and reducing our impact. We discussed emotionally inviting design principles like water features, pollinating gardens, music areas, quiet spaces as well as the usual play surfaces. We then digressed into a discussion about fibre mulch or wood chips. Meghan defended their use as an accessible surface and that the rubberized surface is an enhancement. We took issue with this as it is only to the bare minimum of accessibility and it serves no real value to anyone in this context.

Sarah went through the pattern Natural Discovery and explained how the layout was designed in sections that used the landscape to create areas to explore and discover. Using the available topography, all levels of the play tower will be accessible to wheelchairs as well as providing play aspects for more able bodied children.

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The second design is called Flowing Connections. It is a more simplified design that connects the park in clearly visible lines. Emotional music and garden space as well as more focus on the pathways. They still use the landscape to service the play tower, but less activities are centred around the hill.

Sarah gave us a little history about the park and how it is used by the Challenger Baseball program and this site was chosen in part because of the accessibility community in the area. There was a discussion about white canes and their ability to guide around the pathways.

They will be at the Challenger Baseball Accessibility Fair on July 23<sup>rd</sup> at Inch Park to get public feedback as well as publishing the online survey in the next two weeks accompanied by a media push.

Results and final designs should be available in the fall or early winter.

**5. 500 MacNab St. Tour Report and Discussion:** We reviewed the report along with the photographs so everyone that wasn't able to attend could provide input.

Paula first raised an issue with the garbage room: There is no way for a person with vision loss to be able to determine where to properly sort the recycling

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Lance raised concerns about the induction stovetop and how he would have no idea how to use one.

Those concerns should be considered when designing protocols for new tenants.

Paula had major concerns with the touch pads on the stove and oven; she also mentioned the large price tag on induction capable pots and pans.

Voice Alarms were suggested for the fire system.

Anthony pointed out how he prefers two bars as opposed to the large L shaped grab bars.

The two different sizes of accessible parking spaces were attributed to the different sizes mentioned in the IASR.

**6. OBL Discussion:** Inch Park was added to the OBL as well as a follow up on 500 MacNab Street.

Sidewalks need to be a priority as they have returned to putting in deep grooves instead of just cutting them.

Curb cuts are still a point of concern especially in regard to California curbs. We need to revisit the Washrooms.

**7. Other Business:** No other business.

**8. Adjournment**