

Fort Ward Park
Playground Virtual Community Meeting
June 22, 2022
7:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting Chat Transcript

00:50:06 Michael DeLiso: worth commenting on site c's freeway noise?
01:01:20 Elizabeth Charles: Hi Judy- thanks for an excellent presentation.
Site B seems the most logical. It will not harm the large old growth trees at C and D. Is there any draw back to Site B?
01:01:30 Michael DeLiso: I'm a big fan of D. Far away from streets, near the bathroom, and can work in concert with the ampitheatre
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01:12:14 Joyce Sanchez: site B is preferrable
01:12:16 Don Bukre: My preference is for D. It would seem to have the least impact on the overall feel of the Fort
01:12:43 Elizabeth Charles: I think site b makes most sense. And least construction disturbance. Easy construction access. Less tree root destruction
01:13:17 Joseph Glenn Eugster: Site D is my preference for this project.
01:13:21 Russell Bailey: Site B. I believe it is the best for trees - virtually none would have to be removed. Very close to parking. C and D would place a number of trees at risk. Russ
01:16:18 Michael DeLiso: I'm a big fan of D. Far away from streets for kids to run to. Near a bathroom, and can work in concert with programming at the ampitheatre.
01:17:42 Joseph Glenn Eugster: The rifle trench is being degraded now. It is used as a recreation trail and is eroding. The bottom of the trench is used by park staff and contractors to dump landscape waste, mulch, removed trees. The trench needs to be preserved,
01:18:43 Allison Silberberg: Hi Judy,
01:19:46 Allison Silberberg: Based upon the presentation and input from one of the descendants, I think Plan B would be best. It takes into consideration the concerns regarding the gravesites, the historic resources, and the trees. I would support B. Thank you for the presentation.
01:19:51 Allison Silberberg: Allison Silberberg
01:20:05 Russell Bailey: Hi Susan: I'm at the park a lot and it seems that people are responsive to signs (sunbathing excepted). I haven't seen anyone - including kids - abusing the trenches or mounds. I know you are there a lot more, have there been real problems? Russ
01:25:34 Elizabeth Charles: I suppose the bigger question is why do we currently have or why are we considered moving a playground in such a historical place?
Do we need this playground?
01:27:24 Allison Silberberg: I appreciate what Glenn is saying. The gravesites are paramount. I do not share the feeling that we do not wish to find any other gravesites. In fact, when we approved the plan for the Park, we specifically added language that I suggested would open the Plan itself. The language said something to the effect that significant parts of the Park are hallowed ground, and we would continue to work toward

honoring any gravesites and to protect such property. That was what I supported and voted for then and I just want to say I support that now. It was crucial to have the gravesites be paramount.

01:28:00 Simmi Kaur: Hello! Apologies for having joining late. As a parent I support relocating the park to the location opposite of the existing park, close to the existing bathroom, just uphill from the amphitheater.

In terms of disturbing trees or roots, there is an opportunity to liaise with the neighboring school for access to their road to bring equipment in or staging.

01:33:07 Russell Bailey: Judy: Thank you very much. This was a very informative and well done slide show. Russ

01:33:08 Elizabeth Charles: Thanks Judy and all city staff for the presentation and answers

01:33:52 Garrett Fesler: thanks Judy!