

Healey Schoolyard Community Meeting No 1 - Thursday, January 10, 2019

Community Ideas submitted: (6 Pages)

Tot Lot

Play Structures

- New play structure
- Slide
- Swings
- Multi-use structures, (Hoyt Sullivan climbing platforms)
- A little playhouse structure for pretend play.
- Lemonade stand window like at Capuano.
- More features that encourage imaginary play.
- Trum along with smaller slides in sections for the park.
- New Equipment
- Like Kenney – Keep structure and yet add stuff.
- Tube slide b___ every 2 years.
- Slider hasn't worked in 6+ years

Height Issues

- Swings Jump It's too high
- Swings, lower structures appropriate for a wide range of mobility and gross motor function (low level spinner like Albion and Central St)
- The height and design of the Tot lot is not comparable in terms of gross motor ability for 4 and 5 years old. (My 4 year old can't do ladders or climbing elements- only thing she can use is the swing and smallest steps).
- Lower steps like Marshall, Kenney,

Surface

- Solid soft surface
- Soft Floor
- Surface
- Resilient Surfacing
- Rubber Ground
- Mulch is unsanitary

Better Use of Space

- Make use of ground space like Winter Hill
- Better use of square footage (awkward area near Meacham St)

Green Space

- Natural materials
- Garden facilities
- Make "green area" by tree and fence.
- Keep garden available.
- Incorporate trees, shaded areas
- Get rid of thorn bushes.

Seating

- More seating for students/teachers.
- More hospitable for sitting and play.
- Seating for outdoor snacks (classrooms- take a class outside TACO).

Misc.

- Do the Tot-Lot separate from the master plan to aid the current students
- ADA Feature

- Improved sight lines
- Water fountain (drinking)

Back Lot

Green Space

- Enlarged Garden
- Trees and greenspace
- More trees

Structures

- Play structure
- Back lot needs a play structure suitable for older children

Classroom Space

- Outdoor classroom/amphitheater
- Outdoor classroom

Accessibility

- Better more accessible stairway between the MHP and Healey.
- Walking path (to encourage walking/conversation at lunch/recess)
- Fitness area (balance bar, pullup bar)
- Field with accessibility from the school and SHA

Art

- Chalk paint free expressive area
- Murals.

Seating

- Areas to sit
- Seating
- Picnic area
- Seating
- Seating with tree canopy
- More Benches

Surface/Field

- Softer ground
- Field/half court space
- Fewer fences and less black top.
- Winter Hill Blacktop
- Soccer field with goals on one of chain linked areas. Goals in the fence to avoid replacement of nets.
- There should be fewer polls the middle of play area.
- Small area for passive recreating
- Space for 4 square/other games

Element Protection

- Shade
- Some protection from elements
- Possible roof to decrease indoor recess
- Wind block

Upper Grades

Garden

- Garden
- TREES; think of community use in summer- picnic areas. Skateboarding (isolated from neighbors/noise).

Climbing Structure

- Parkour
- More sophisticated climbing structure for older kids
- Ninja Warrior equipment

Seating

- Lounge seating area with shade (eg. Sail, roof, p____)
- Benches/Outdoor classroom
- e.g. Amphitheatre steps like Albion for
- More benches

Surface/Turf

- Mixed use fields/play area
- Turf soccer
- Splash Pad
- Basketball courts
- Basketball
- Mystic as example

Accessibility

- Safe, well-lit access to school facilities for mystic community
- Improve path/access from tot lot to gym/back area.

Elements

- Covered Roofed Outdoor Area
- Roof Terrace

Misc.

- Repair and maintain.
- Improved sight lines. Outdoor classrooms.

NOT SPECIFIED FOR A SPACE

Climbing Structures

- Climbing structures
- Rock climbing wall
- Wooden climbing structures (similar to Hoyt-Sullivan)
- Play structures for little and bigger kids (3-6 years)
- Parkour elements
- More play structures
- Climbing/Swinging Bars
- Web climbing structure (similar to North St. Playground)
- Climbing wall
- Climbing /play structure- one for older children and one for younger children
- Play structure
- Swing for multiple people
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Garden

- Trees/shade
- Tree line by
- Trees
- Trees
- Grass
- Plants
- Trees/shade
- Trees
- Expanded Garden
- Garden better integrated
- More trees and plants
- Climbable tree
- Community garden

- Mature trees that can survive kids

Seating

- Seating
- Seating/shade
- Sitting areas in the large area.
- Shade and benches
- Table benches
- Benches
- Benches
- Benches- maybe that rotates so we can get rid of rain water.
- Better seating.
- Seating
- Covered picnic tables
- Geometric bench/seating
- Amphitheater with stone/concrete seating
- Bench for babies to sit on/steps to walling
- Amphitheater

Turf/Field

- At least one FULL basketball court
- An area for kickball
- An area for soccer
- Turf
- Soft Floor
- Basketball court.
- Field sports- kickball
- Soccer
- Goals
- Rubber – wood chips
- Turf/Grass/Soccer Field/ Softball Field
- Turf in some areas

- Soft floor
- Solid Surface ground cover
- Plants, grasses, textures through the seasons
- Soccer.
- Skate Park
- Less asphalt
- Open running spaces.
- Skateboarding elements
- Swings replace.
- Tic tac toe and 1-2-3 game area
- Spinning thing- rainbow bottom hold on to pole (gyroscope)
- Improve the tennis courts 2 soccer playing area by painting and installing nets.
- Running track
- Less Basketball
- Soccer field, turf (fill in tennis court)
- Plastic floor (the bouncy rubber stuff) in parts so you can fall and not get hurt
- Hills and uneven surfaces
- Grassy area with plants/landscape play and picnic
- Incorporation of hill behind school
- Fitness
- Half Court
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Elements

- Covering so kids can have outdoor recess in inclement weather.
- Shade
- Shade in back-lot
- Seasonable active

Water Fountain

- Water Feature
- Water fountain/ bubbler
- Water feature in Tot Lot

- Water Fountain
- Water feature- that feeds into natural landscape Accessible water fountain
- Water Park features (for July/August)

Art

- Bright colors that evoke joy and natural elements.
- Art Murals
- Art
- Rainbow, pastel colors, floor lights, Colors
- More color
- More art- let kids make it
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Games

- Basketball Court
- Repairs to stairs
- More activities /hop scotch, 4 square, etc.
- Spinner
- Games
- Big slide- twenty
- Hopscotch (bunny hop)
- Chalk bins attached to perimeter
- Tic Tac Toe
- Hop Scotch
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Fence

- Fencing – less cage-like
- Kenney park balls.
- Gard
- Take down prison yard fencing
- Higher fence.

Accessibility

- Accessibility to and from Mystic ramp

- Connection to the river
- Make the access from down the hill open and welcoming. Design of backlot needs to allow flexibility. Higher / more sturdy fence near MWRA pump house and neighbors.
- Widen the path between tot-lot and backlot
- Safety at crossing from stairs to school
- Safer crossing from stairs to school

Classroom

- Outdoor classroom
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- Outlook tower
- Outdoor classroom.
- Outdoor classroom/amphitheater
- classroom
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Height Concerns

- Lower swings for higher ground cover
- Lower structures, bridges, etc.

Parking

- What is the “easy fix for parking
- Lot to make safe passage for children walking from and maybe improve the parking (people don’t always pack 3 people in).

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- Baby swings
- Stop babies from falling through gaps. .
- Ways to bring Mystic and school closer together
- Things that move and can be moved by kids.
- Outlets
- Crack
- Railings that are size and age appropriate.
- Hire Mc architect right away.
- Make immediate DPW improvements right away.
- Finish the vacant lot acquisition right away.
- Adapt what was done at Argenziano or another school.
- Terraced Platforms
- More elements for older kids.
- Field at middle level between school yard and mystic housing
- Gradual slope to SHA- no stairs
- Pool