

SUMACH-SHUTER PARKETTE CONSULTATION



2015 - CORKTOWN PARKS MASTER PLAN

AS PREPARED BY THINC DESIGN

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK ~ GENERAL/ OVERALL

- WOULD LIKE MORE PICNIC TABLES IN PARKS
- LANDS UNDER OVERPASS ARE CITY-OWNED
- WOULD LIKE NATURAL ELEMENTS TO REMAIN AND BE PROPOSED (SHADE TREES, FLOWERS, GRASS, ARMOURSTONE, ETC.)
- EXISTING SAND HIDES BROKEN GLASS, SYRINGES, AND OTHER DANGEROUS ELEMENTS. THERE WAS A POSITIVE RESPONSE TO THE PROPOSAL OF PROVIDING RUBBER SURFACING IN ALL NEW PARKS. THIS WOULD PROVIDE EASIER MAINTENANCE AND MONITORING FOR SAFETY CONCERNS.
- SWINGS ARE A VERY POPULAR PLAYGROUND FEATURE - CURRENT CSA STANDARDS MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT TO ACCOMMODATE NEW SWINGS DUE TO THEIR LARGE SAFETY FOOTPRINT.

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK ~ SPECIFIC TO SUMACH-SHUTER PARKETTE

- LIKE PROPOSED HORTICULTURE DISPLAY - IMPORTANT TO HAVE NICE ENTRY
- PARKETTE CAN'T ACCOMMODATE A DOG-OFF LEASH AREA AS IT DOESN'T MEET THE CITY'S OFF-LEASH POLICY CRITERIA
- CONSULT WITH ADJACENT CO-OP HOUSING MORE (E.G. PROPOSED BEACH VOLLEYBALL COURT PROBABLY TOO LOUD AND PROMOTES LATE EVENING USE)
- OTHER PROGRAMMING TO BE CONSIDERED IN DETAILED DESIGN: CHESS TABLES, YOGA (IN CENTRAL LAWN AREA) POSSIBLE ON A 2x6 OR 2x8 BOARDWALK
- LIKE PROPOSED QUIET SEATING AND SPLASH PAD
- DETAILED DESIGN TO INVESTIGATE WHETHER VOLLEYBALL SHOULD BE REMOVED AND REPLACED WITH OTHER PROGRAMMING
- WOULD LIKE MORE PASSIVE PLAY SPACE (FOR YOUNG KIDS + FAMILIES) TO COUNTERBALANCE THE HIGH-ENERGY AND ACTIVE REGENT PARK SPACES (MORE ORIENTED TO TEENS + ADULTS) TO THE NORTH
- KEEP THE MATURE SHADE TREES, GRASS OPEN AREAS AND CONSIDER SHADE-TOLERANT GROUND COVERS
- PARK WILL REQUIRE MORE CONSULTATION DURING THE DESIGN STAGE
- IMPORTANT TO HAVE MULTI-PURPOSE SPACES

LISTED ON THIS PAGE IS A SUMMARY OF RECURRING GENERAL COMMENTS MADE DURING CONSULTATION PROCESS FOR THE CORKTOWN PARKS MASTER PLAN UNDERTAKEN BY THINC DESIGN. CONSULTATION PROCESS INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING:

- 1 PUBLIC MEETING/ OPEN HOUSE FOR ALL PARKS,
- 6 WORKING GROUP MEETINGS FOR ALL PARKS,
- 2 OPEN HOUSES FOR BRIGHT STREET PARKETTE,
- 1 SUMACH-SHUTER PRESENTATION TO TC,
- DOUGLAS CO-OP REPRESENTATIVE,
- 2 CRBA UPDATE MEETINGS FOR ALL PARKS
- PANEL DISPLAYS WITH FEEDBACK ACTIVITY FOR ALL PARKS, AT CORKTOWN COMMUNITY BBQ,
- LITTLE TRINITY CHURCH LANDS CONCEPT DISTRIBUTIONS TO LITTLE TRINITY CHURCH CONGREGATION
- COMMENTS AND CLARIFICATIONS COLLECTED FROM THE OPEN HOUSE/ PUBLIC MEETING HELD ON APRIL 20, 2015, AS WELL AS FINAL WORKING GROUP MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 29, 2015.

2018-2019 - SUMACH-SHUTER PARKETTE IMPROVEMENTS



COMMENTS RECEIVED

MAIN USER GROUPS:

- LOCAL PARENTS AND CHILDREN (ANTICIPATED TO INCREASE AFTER IMPROVEMENTS)
- LOCAL RESIDENTS (ADJACENT)
- PET OWNERS
- DAY CAMPS (DIXON HALL) WITH AS MUCH AS 10 CHILDREN AT A TIME
- NOTE: CITY STAFF DO NOT CURRENTLY HAVE 'PROGRAMMED USES ON SITE'
- PLAN FOR INCREASED USE BY ELDERLY (NEW SENIORS' COMPLEX AND CONDO DEVELOPMENTS IN AREA)
- ENCOURAGE INCREASED USE BY LOCAL THEATRE AND MUSIC GROUPS

SAFETY, SECURITY, AND PROBLEMS/ ISSUES:

- SAFETY AND SECURITY IS PARAMOUNT
- INAPPROPRIATE AND ILLEGAL PARK USES (DRUG USE AND PROSTITUTION) ESPECIALLY AT NIGHT
- NEED TO OPEN UP SITE LINES TO ENSURE VIEWS INTO THE PARK FROM THE STREET. BERMS ARE GENERALLY LIKED, BUT MAY BE REMOVED TO IMPROVE SECURITY
- NEED TO REMOVE/ PRUNE VEGETATION AS REQUIRED TO ELIMINATE HIDING SPOTS
- DO NOT USE SAND OR ENGINEERED WOOD FIBRE SAFETY SURFACING (HIDES BROKEN GLASS AND DISCARDED DRUG PARAPHERNALIA)
- NO SANDBOX OR VOLLEYBALL COURT (HIDES BROKEN GLASS AND DISCARDED DRUG PARAPHERNALIA)
- BARRIER NEEDED BETWEEN KIDS AND THE SURROUNDING ROADS (IE. FENCE OFF PLAY AREA SO THAT KIDS CAN'T RUN INTO TRAFFIC)
- ATTEMPT TO CURB NIGHTTIME NOISE BY MOVING LOUDER ACTIVITIES AWAY FROM ADJACENT RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES AND DETERRING NIGHTTIME GATHERING
- PARK LIGHTING IMPROVEMENTS REQUIRED TO ELIMINATE DARK AREAS. LIGHTING TO BE DESIGNED TO ILLUMINATE PARK WITHOUT CREATING LIGHT POLLUTION ONTO ADJACENT RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES
- CONFLICTS PRESENT BETWEEN LEGITIMATE USER GROUPS (EXAMPLE: PET OWNERS AND PLAYGROUND USERS)
- GARBAGE/ LITTER PRESENT
- PET WASTE AN ONGOING PROBLEM

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| • SITE REVIEW WITH CITY OF TORONTO PARKS OPERATIONS STAFF | SEPTEMBER 19, 2018 |
| • MEETING WITH DIXON HALL STAFF | NOVEMBER 15, 2018 |
| • MEETING WITH REGENT PARK COMMUNITY CENTER STAFF | NOVEMBER 27, 2018 |
| • MEETING WITH TOMMY DOUGLAS CO-OP HOUSING GROUP (SOME RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBOURS FROM WASCANA AVE. IN ATTENDANCE) | JANUARY 9, 2019 |
| • MEETING WITH COMMUNITY WORKING GROUP | JANUARY 30, 2019 |
| • PROJECT UPDATE WITH CITY OF TORONTO PARKS OPERATIONS AND FORESTRY STAFF | MARCH 12, 2019 |

SUGGESTED CHARACTER OF PARK:

- SHOULD BE PASSIVE (ORGANIZED SPORTS AND RECREATIONS ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE IN OTHER SITES NEARBY)
- SHOULD HAVE A DIFFERENT 'MOOD' AND 'LOOK' THAN OTHER LOCAL PARKS IN THE CORKTOWN COMMONS NETWORK
- CONNECTION TO STREET/ OPEN-UP STREET FRONTAGE/ PROMOTE STREETScape DESIGN

SUGGESTED KEY ELEMENTS TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE DESIGN/ ACTIVITIES TO BE ACCOMMODATED:

- CONNECTION TO COFFEE HOUSE
- REDEVELOP STREET FRONTAGE
- WATERPLAY IS IMPORTANT (LIMITED IN NEIGHBOURHOOD). SPLASH PAD IS GREAT AS IT PROVIDES EXTENDED HOURS AND SEASON COMPARED TO A WADING POOL
- REFURBISHED PLAYGROUND c/w NEW EQUIPMENT AND RUBBER SAFETY SURFACE
- CONSIDER USING TRADITIONAL EQUIPMENT (NOSTALGIA/ THROW BACK) INCLUDING MONKEY BARS AND OVERHEAD CLIMBERS
- SWINGS IF POSSIBLE (LACK OF ROOM DUE TO EX TREES)
- ADULT FITNESS COMPONENT
- WALKING LOOP
- OUTDOOR TENNIS TABLE
- LOTS OF SEATING AROUND PLAYGROUND AND SPLASH PAD
- QUIET SEATING AREAS AWAY FROM PLAYGROUND AND WATERPLAY
- FENCED-OFF OR ISOLATED SEATING AREA FOR THOSE PARTAKING IN "LESS-DESIRABLE" PARK USES (DAY AND NIGHT)
- BENCHES THAT WRAP AROUND TREES DESIRABLE
- CHESS TABLES DESIRABLE
- PROPERLY PLACED GARBAGE CANS TO REDUCE LITTER
- AREAS FOR PASSIVE ACTIVITIES SUCH AS TAI-CHI AND YOGA
- ADD ARTISTIC COMPONENTS WITH LOTS OF COLOUR
- ADD BRIGHT COLOURS TO BENCH OR DECKING SLATS
- CREATE AN OUTDOOR CLASSROOM/ GATHERING PLACE (DAY CAMPS GATHER CHILDREN TO DISCUSS 'PITS AND PEAKS' AT THE END OF EACH DAY). THIS COULD TAKE THE FORM OF A STAGE, A TERRACED DECK, OR AN AMPHITHEATER. FEATURE COULD ALSO BE USED BY SMALL THEATRE GROUPS AND/ OR LOCAL MUSICIANS
- WELL TREED SITE DOES NOT NEED EXTENSIVE NEW TREE PLANTING BUT SOME HORTICULTURE AREAS WOULD BE BENEFICIAL
- NEW BOTTLE FILLER
- IRRIGATION IMPROVEMENTS THROUGHOUT PARK
- LIGHTING IMPROVEMENTS THROUGHOUT PARK
- IMPROVED CIRCULATION WITHIN AND THROUGHOUT SITE