

# “Help Design How We Play at Kauffman Park”

Kauffman Park Friends Community Design Session 6/7/2016

## Frequently Made Suggestions

Maintain open sight lines in all areas so children of all ages can be seen, have less drop-offs like ladders for toddlers to fall from, keep wood chips as ground cover rather than artificial surface, maintain shade (if old trees are removed, use mature, shade providing replacements) install more benches/seating for parents, install bike racks. More pathway and playground post lighting is needed.

## Suggestions for Fitness Path

Install distance sign indicating km/miles achieved using certain portions of the fitness trail, install fitness stations lower post lighting, and more benches along the trail. The trail is .2 miles from entrance to entrance – it would be nice to have a trail map at either or both entrances that indicated such for fitness purposes.

## Suggestions for Current Playground Area



### **Playground (for ages 2 – 8 years)**

Twirly slide, double racing straight slides, lower height monkey bars, climbing rock like at Elmwood Park in Rocky River, lilly pad pole crossing element like at Madison Park, uneven bars like what used to be at Lincoln Elementary, repurposed car, tire course, and red ADA swing from Lakewood Park, baby swings, regular swings, an expression swing, attached zip line like at Madison Park

### **Splash Pad**

Hand-pump activated natural water play features as found at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo Nature Discovery Ridge or Sensor activated splash park /spray basin like Morton Park in Fairview Park or Rockefeller Park on Martin Luther King Jr. Dr.

### **Natural Play Area**

Sand box with digging equipment, natural play elements for open-ended pretend play and bulding activities like at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo Nature Discovery Ridge, sensory music/sound play like at University Circle

### **Public Restrooms**

Add exterior drinking fountains. Access to restrooms during park hours not just during games. At least one low sink and toilet for smaller children, more prominent trash and recycling bins

## Suggestions for Area North of Playground - (previously Little Links)



### **Reading Garden & Gazebo**

Nice gazebo with picnic tables under it like the one at Rocky River's City Hall Park to be used for picnics, playdate gatherings, birthday parties, etc. (rain barrels could be installed to collect roof run-off), grills, fruit tree orchard, natural dirt path winding through, shady comfortable seating for reading, writing, lunch breaks, or observing nature.

## Suggestions for Area North of LEAF Community Gardens



### **Big Kid Central**

Frisbee golf course, more trees and conversation/gathering nooks/seating, circle of boulders for sitting and talking, more challenging version of the tire course at Lakewood Park involving balance beams, etc., larger swings, large climbing dome

## Suggestions for Southern Features



### **Basin**

Previous plans have showed hillside seating surrounding an outdoor theater or stage at the bottom of the basin. General consensus is residents want to keep the sledding/rolling hill that leads to the basin intact.

### **The Courts**

Suggestions for use other than tennis or basketball: Bocce ball, archery, roller hockey, bike lacross/polo, volleyball and tetherball (would require installation of sand), additional public parking, pickleball court, horseshoe courts, shuffleboard

### **Jimmie Foxx Field**

Replace remaining bleachers with natural hillside seating, project movies onto a movie screen mounted to the back of the Scorekeepers Building, play audio through built-in speakers and using the small hillside facing the screen for resident's blankets and chairs

### **Parking Lot**

Install a walking path north of parking spaces along fence for safety, remove the fence, provide multiple areas of access down to the fitness trail from the parking lot

Thank you to everyone who participated!

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