Multigenerational Play
The City of Gladstone’s
Hobby Hill Park

May 8, 2019
Why Multigenerational Play?

• 1 in 5 parents say they have forgotten how to play with their children
• 55% of children desire more play time with parents and grandparents
• 1 in 3 parents feel like video games are appropriate multigenerational activities
• 75% of children prefer outdoor play with parents or grandparents over video games

How Do We Design a Multigenerational Playground?

- Consider needs of all community members
- Incorporate best practice design strategies in the areas of inclusion and fitness
- Reconnect with nature/outdoors
City of Gladstone
Comprehensive Plan – Plan for Success

Input Phase

Public Input
- Survey
- Interviews
- Comment Cards
- City Website

Research
- Parks
- Programs
- Maintenance

Standards
- National
- State
- Local

Recommendation Phase

Community Need

Facility Need

Local Level/Service Standard

Capital Improvements
Capital Maintenance
Program and Management
Q8. Households That Have a Need for Various Parks and Recreation Facilities

by percentage of respondents (multiple choices could be made)

- Walking and biking trails: 58%
- Large community parks: 48%
- Small neighborhood parks: 44%
- Amphitheater: 44%
- Nature center and nature trails: 42%
- Greenspace and natural areas: 35%
- Indoor fitness and exercise facilities: 34%
- Outdoor swimming pool: 33%
- Indoor swimming pool: 32%
- Indoor running/walking track: 31%
- Playground equipment: 29%
- Indoor lap lanes for exercise swimming: 26%
- Off-leash dog park: 23%
- Indoor basketball/volleyball courts: 19%
- Ice skating rink: 18%
- Outdoor tennis courts: 16%
- Mountain bike park: 14%
- Outdoor basketball courts: 14%
- Youth baseball and softball fields: 13%
- Spraygrounds: 13%
- Adult softball fields: 9%
- Youth soccer fields: 8%
- Disc golf: 8%
- Youth football fields: 6%

Source: Leisure Vision/ETC Institute (May 2011)
What We Learned from the Community

• Master Plan - Hobby Hill was 4th on the development priority list & 1st for Master Planning

• Elevate Hobby Hill in the community (4% resp. had used park)

• Address underserved user groups – mountain bike, sledding, nature areas

• “Open up” the park through use and access to Broadway for security

• Address preferred uses in the NW area of the City
  • Nature Trails (42%)
  • Walk/Bike Trails (58%)
  • Shelter & restroom facilities (27%)

• Provide for a reflection area acknowledging foundation involvement
Master Plan Concept - 2015

Master Plan Components

- Wetland Walk & Learn (0.25 mi.)
- Generational Play
- Challenge Play
- Crow’s Nest Hill
- Woodland Trails (0.5 mi.)
- Mountain Bike Loop (0.6 mi.)
Partnerships

- AARP Missouri
- City Council
- JJK Children’s Memorial Foundation
- Gladstone American Legion Post 626
• Pentagode M Climber (17ft ht)
• Neptune w/ Slide (19ft ht)
PLAY AREA ‘B’

- Trii House w/ Slide (pictured)
- O’Tannenbaum Spinner
- Palmetto Saucer Swing
- Rock Steppers

Key Plan

Shelter

Cloud9 & Palmetto Saucer

Tree House

O’Tannenbaum Spinner

Hobby Hill Park Master Plan
PLAY AREA ‘C’

• Zipline (65 ft long)
Multigenerational Play Area

- AARP involvement
- Mix of equipment to promote multi-generational activity
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Construction Progress
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Creating larger ‘picnic’ terraces near parking

Terracing rock up hill side south of parking

Reusing large rock throughout site

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Reflection Area
JJK Children’s Memorial Foundation

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Lessons Learned...

- Contractors
- Vendors
- Patron Use

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Start a Plan For Your Own Community…

• Who makes up your community?
• How will you conduct a needs assessment?
  – Including when/where/why
• Who are the stakeholders in your community?
• What partners might you involve?
  – Not just financially, but for support/guidance?
• What challenges/barriers do you anticipate?
• What does your dream Multigenerational Playground look like?
Questions???