

17th & C Street SE Community Update – Chat Recap
November 2, 2022

**Answers in blue italics*

- 1. If the ramp isn't put on the Massachusetts side, would the 42" fence be extended further?**

Based on feedback from the meeting we plan to place the ramp on the Massachusetts Avenue side. Currently, we don't believe handrails will be necessary on the ramp.

- 2. If the playground is fenced, can we make sure there are benches inside the fence line and that there are more than one, on different sides?**

We will include benches inside the playground fence line on more than one side.

- 3. Would it be possible for the fencing to also extend down the 17th side of the park? Its just as busy, if not busier, than Massachusetts.**

We will explore extending the fence along 17th Street.

- 4. How will the project address site drainage issues? Water currently runs off this site after heavy rains and in cold weather can freeze and create slippery conditions on C Street SE.**

We will make some improvements to the turf and field drainage.

- 5. also, I would suggest benches both inside and outside the playground. my kids are a little older and we use the open space more, so it would be nice to have benches and a table out there for eating, resting etc**

We will add a picnic table between the field and playground, in addition to benches outside the playground by the field.

- 6. I'm also curious if there is space for more than one picnic table, potentially in the pointy tail section of the park towards the east that wasn't pictured**

We will explore the adding a picnic table to the plan. These require concrete footers so we have to work outside of tree critical root zones.

- 7. Is there a big cost differential between playground option 1 and 2?**

Both options presented are currently in our budget.

- 8. The current benches are in the wrong places, so they are basically useless.**

We will look at relocating some benches and adding some new ones.

- 9. Also, regardless of whether playground 1 or 2 is selected, PLEASE do not install those bright blue/purple color pallette. It would be an eye sore that wouldn't blend into the neighborhood**

Based on feedback received during the community meeting, the new equipment will have a muted/natural color palette.

10. We live 1 block away, so not a concern for us, but will the musical toys drive the neighbors crazy?

We will remove the musical toys from the design.

11. You mentioned lighting at the beginning. There were some concerns raised last year about adding lighting, because we don't want the park used after dark. Will you be adding lighting?

We will not be adding lighting to the project.

12. Is it possible to add a water fountain?

A water fountain will be included in the project.

13. I strongly suggest a traffic observation regarding our 17th st concerns. that road is busy with cars, emergency vehicles, sometimes funeral processions, etc.

A traffic study is not included in our project scope. Traffic concerns can be directed to the District Department of Transportation (DDOT).

14. I noticed that playground #1 has sun shades, but #2 does not...would that at all be possible to add? I assume they're prefabricated, so I doubt it, but just one other idea.

For playground option #2 the structures are angled so some shade will be present in the structure itself.

15. Is the lawn going to be smoothed out? Our neighbor broke her ankle running on the grass.

We will make improvements to the turf and field drainage. We will also fill holes in the field.