

**Garfield Park Community Update – Chat Recap  
October 5, 2022**

*\*Answers in blue italics*

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- 1. Is a specific "dog park" area within Garfield Park "proper" part of this project?**

*There is not a dog park included in the project. Dogs are welcome on leash.*

- 2. Is there erosion/turf/drainage maintenance planned for the large field on the West end of the park?**

*We will be addressing erosion issues in the area between the tennis courts and playground. We won't be able to address other areas at this time due to budget constraints.*

- 3. Why not line both Tennis courts for Pickleball?**

*We want to make sure that there is a court dedicated for tennis.*

- 4. Will sidewalks be addressed?**

*The sidewalks will be reviewed to ensure they are safe and accessible. We will make repairs, as needed.*

- 5. What is underneath the PIP? shredded tires?**

*PIP has a layer of gravel underneath to provide a foundation and drainage. No tires are used in the play surface material.*

- 6. Is the material under the PIP toxic?**

*No.*

- 7. How durable is equipment...current apparatus has been damaged by teenagers and adults using**

*The new equipment will provide maximum durability based on what is available in the equipment market for public playgrounds.*

- 8. Why not use natural surfaces with appropriate elevation and drainage rather than PIP rubber?  
As a parent, I have concerns about the toxicity of the artificial surfaces. They also seem to fall apart quickly and are not patched, whereas woodchips can always be added to natural surfaces.**

*The PIP rubber surface is not toxic and provides for greater durability and safety than wood chips. PIP is an easier material for people with mobility limitations to navigate.*

- 9. What kind of "closures" will be necessary during construction?**

*The work areas will be closed during the project. We will try to limit closure periods. We will have more information about closures when we have our final community meeting before construction begins.*

**10. Any consideration to add a Gaga ball pit?**

*This is currently outside of our scope, but we will consider if we have available resources.*

**11. Will any trees be changed or removed?**

*There are currently no plans to remove any deciduous trees. Some large shrubs may be pruned or removed for safety reasons.*

**12. So will that block access along the 2nd street and passing under the freeway? lots of traffic there under the freeway**

*This project will not impact the area under the freeway. Pedestrian traffic from 2<sup>nd</sup> through the park will be directed around the construction areas during work.*

**13. What about the drainage/erosion immediately adjacent to the highway?**

*A portion of this area will be addressed as part of the DDOT project under the freeway.*

**14. We are excited for this work to happen and appreciate the scope and design. We are happy to partner with you all. It would be very helpful to have as much of a heads up as possible of the construction timeline.**

*We appreciate your support. We will have a final community meeting when we are ready to start construction to communicate park impacts.*

**15. Will shaded benches for caregivers be integrated into the playgrounds?**

*Benches will be included in the updated playground areas. Shade will be provided by the existing trees on site.*