Minneapolis
Park & Recreation Board

Resolution 2021-246

Resolution Approving the Playground Concept Plan for Kenny Park

Whereas, The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) is the steward of Minneapolis parks and lakes;

Whereas, The MPRB owns and operates Kenny Park;

Whereas, The Board of Commissioners approved the Southwest Service Area Master Plan at the October 21, 2020 Board Meeting which included the Master Plan for Kenny Park;

Whereas, The MPRB has allocated NPP20 funds for playground improvements at Kenny Park;

Whereas, The Board of Commissioners approved a donation from the Kenny Parent Foundation on May 5, 2021 to provide additional funds for playground improvements at Kenny Park;

Whereas, The community engagement plan developed for this project was followed to solicit input from the community for the development of the playground concept, including input gained through stakeholder meetings, on-site engagement, and an online survey;

Whereas, Engagement of the community has resulted in a concept plan for playground improvements at Kenny Park aligned with its Master Plan; and

Whereas, This resolution is supported by the MPRB 2007-2020 Comprehensive Plan, which envisions “Recreation that inspires personal growth, healthy lifestyles, and a sense of community” and “Dynamic parks shape city character and meet diverse community needs;”

RESOLVED, That the Board of Commissioners approves the playground concept plan for Kenny Park; and

RESOLVED, That the President of the Board and Secretary to the Board are authorized to take all necessary administrative actions to implement this resolution.

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TO: Planning Committee

FROM: Michael Schroeder,

DATE: July 21, 2021

SUBJECT: Resolution Approving the Playground Concept Plan for Kenny Park

BACKGROUND

This resolution approves the playground concept plan for Kenny Park (*Attachment A*). The concept plan resulted from engagement of the community and close review of the master plan for Kenny Park as demonstrated in the Southwest Service Area Master Plan.

Kenny Park is located between Anthony Middle School and Kenny Elementary School on West 57th Street and Girard Avenue South, serving as the primary outdoor space for schools on both sides, especially during recess. A very small neighborhood center sits in the center of the park with ball diamonds and field space to one side and tennis courts, play areas, half-court basketball, and a wading pool with picnic areas on the other. The park is often bubbling with activity and the tiny park building runs several popular activities.

In late 2020, the Board approved the Southwest Service Area Master Plan which included a master plan for Kenny Park. The master plan envisions a playground expansion in the area directly east of the existing playgrounds. The renovation of the existing containers as well as a new playground container are the subject of this concept plan approval.

Community engagement around the playground concept included multiple key stakeholder meetings and one online survey. Overall, over 190 community members provided input on the Kenny Park Playground Improvements project.

The theme for the playground concept plan focuses on high occupancy play, upper body strength, age separation, and the retainage of functioning equipment to allow for expanded play space.

If approved on July 7, 2021, staff request that the action be considered at the July 7, 2021 Regular Board meeting in order to keep the playground construction on schedule.

FUNDING/COST SUMMARY

Sources		**$ 352,597.00**

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2020 COVID AMEND NPP20	$307,000.00	
2020 Park Dedication	$ 5,597.00	
Kenny Parent Foundation Donation	$ 40,000.00	
Uses		**$ 337,797.00**
Total Playground Improvements	$290,000.00	
Total Architecture & Engineering	$ 15,000.00	
Total CE/Marketing	$ 350.00	
Total Survey	$ 6,000.00	
NPP20 Admin Fee	$ 6,447.00	
MPRB Staff Time	$ 20,000.00	
Remainder		**$ 14,800.00**

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the playground concept plan for Kenny Park.

This action is supported by the following vision and goal statements in the 2007-2020 MPRB Comprehensive Plan:

Vision Theme 2: Recreation that inspires personal growth, healthy lifestyles, and a sense of community.

Goal: People play, learn, and develop a greater capacity to enjoy life.

Goal: Residents, visitors, and workers enjoy opportunities to improve health and fitness.

Goal: People connect through parks and recreation.

Goal: Parks provide a center for community living.

Vision Theme 3: Dynamic parks shape city character and meet diverse community needs.

Goal: Parks shape an evolving city.

Goal: Park facility renewal and development respects history and focuses on sustainability, accessibility, flexibility, and beauty.

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HISTORY:

07/07/21 **Planning Committee** **ADOPTED**

Approved on a Roll Call Vote.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Attachment A: Kenny Park Playground Concept Plan (PDF)

Prepared By: Daniel Elias,, Design and Project Management
Review:
Cindy Anderson Completed 06/21/2021 3:15 PM
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