MeetingMinutes

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Subject	Meeting Notes		
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General

A presentation which included a brief introduction and recap of the two previous meetings was given. In addition, a concept plan was show on the screen and the same plan was printed and hung on the wall along with a wide assortment of photographs. The presentation looked at each zone and addressed various levels of staff-intensity for each zone. At the end of the presentation we solicited feedback from the community on each zone by showing a slide with a collection of images. We ask them to respond by telling us what they liked and what they didn't like. Below is a list of the feedback provided for each zone.

Entry

- 1. Kids don't need it to be elaborate
- 2. An Administration building is very important It provides a place to hang out
- 3. Surrounding the administration building should be a large porch or gathering space
- 4. Don't make it too pretty
- 5. Keep it funky
- 6. Picnic tables are important
- 7. Keep it informal A place to get dirty
- 8. Focus on what is beyond the gates, spend money where it matters most

9. Tall gates provide a level of mystery

Physical Challenge

- A few people commented about how they love the zip line idea.
- 2. A ropes course is not only a cool idea but could be a way to charge a fee to climb upon it.
- 3. Natural element to climb are much better than manufactured climbing structures
- 4. Community-built structures provide opportunities to create higher elevations and therefore can become great for climbing
- 5. We want more than just boulders to climb on
- 6. Perhaps there can be a wooden jungle gym
- 7. Big tree-like structures to climb all over are great
- 8. Provide more places to hang out
- 9. Tree houses would be good

Imaginative Play

- 1. Camp outs are a great idea
- 2. The stage idea is great for kids to put on plays, skits, etc.
- 3. Would costumes be provided?
- 4. Instead of paint, maybe there could be big chalkboard for kids to write and color all over
- Keep it natural- If too much is provided in the way of apparatuses and such then kids are not really flexing their imagination
- 6. Structures that can be adaptable according to the imagination of children
- 7. The amphitheater is a great idea, could be a great gathering place to explain rules.

Sensory Garden

- Could be a good place to provide learning opportunities for children.
- If it becomes a garden tended to by children it will end up being neglected
- 3. This would be a great area for habitat sightings. Lizards, birds, insects, etc.

4. Could be a place where staff can teach kids gardening techniques

Water's Edge

- A sandy accessible beach would be a great place to get your feet wet
- 2. Provide a natural edge to access
- 3. Running water from a nearby source directed to the pond would make the pond more dynamic. Provide a continuous water source
- 4. A place to get mud in your toes
- Tad poles Living pond. Opportunities to interact with wildlife
- 6. Much of the previously-mentioned sedimentation problem came from washing kids off after playing in mud
- 7. Educational opportunities- Teach kids about sedimentation and good water quality
- 8. Provide natural filtration for pollutants
- Perhaps we can pump treated water to an above-ground cistern so it can be released through gravity to be used when needed

Build Your Own Adventure

- An opportunity to bring back carpentry as a culturally important skill. A workshop which includes a band saw, drill press, etc. would help lead to the cultural preservation of carpentry.
- 2. Focus on Green design
- 3. Even if the construction is low impact, staff is very important
- 4. Staff was critical for safety at AP
- 5. Perhaps there could be different levels of construction to respond to different levels of staffing
- 6. Construction was always supervised at AP
- If we can't have lumber construction then teepees are a great idea
- 8. It is very important to develop a framework for construction and supervision so those elements can by seamlessly incorporated into the park when funding opportunities are presented