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Subject: FW: [Ext]Stables at Colby Farm

From: Lise Reid
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 2:12 PM
To: Lisa Mead; Jonathan Miller
Cc: David Daly; Andrew Port; Katelyn E. Sullivan
Subject: RE: [Ext]Stables at Colby Farm

Lisa and Jonathan,

It was nice to meet you this morning. Apologies for cutting out early. After my phone died I found I needed a new charger. By the time I stopped to buy one and got my phone charged enough to call, I assumed the meeting was over. Thought I would recap and add some further notes:

1. Use fencing to create a single point of entry to the playground to funnel foot traffic crossing Colby Farm Lane;
2. Get rid of the Plexiglas window bubble on the composite structure (quickly becomes a germ catcher);
3. Suggestion: make playground structure as inclusive, accessible, as possible. The design you have appears to be ADA compliant or better. As a city we are aiming for each of our new playgrounds to be 100% accessible. I understand this may be cost prohibitive, but whatever you can do will be much appreciated by an active population of children with handicaps and their parents.
4. Make sure installation is reviewed by a Certified Playground Safety Inspector (CPSI); furnish city with a copy of the audit report following installation (this should not add significant, if any, cost);
5. Safety surfacing: prefer poured in place rubber or rubber tiles. Both provide greater, maintenance-free accessibility to entire play area. Tiles offer the greatest impact attenuation.
6. Ongoing maintenance:
 - a. Who is responsible for maintaining the playground in the coming years? How often will it be inspected and maintained? Is there staff for the housing development who are responsible for taking care of the playground? We would like to have contact information for person(s) responsible for maintenance;
 - b. The structure itself will last a long time without a lot of maintenance needs, but is there a plan for replacement in 20 years or so when it ages out?

- c. Safety surfacing will need to be maintained. Greatest numbers of playground deaths annually are caused by falls from play structures, so investing in your safety surfacing is key to protecting yourself from liability issues.
 - i. Rubber tiles offer greatest impact attenuation and low maintenance during their lifetime;
 - ii. Poured-in-place (PIP) rubber also offers great protection and low maintenance during its lifetime, but maybe harder to repair once it starts deteriorating;
 - iii. Engineered wood fiber safety surfacing is the only kind of playground mulch that is handicap accessible. It requires proper installation and extensive, frequent maintenance to keep it accessible. Also requires frequent (maybe bi-annual?) replenishment to keep it deep enough for impact attenuation.
- 7. Parking: sounds like this is covered.

Best of luck moving forward with the project! Please let me know if there is any way I can further assist.

I have copied David, Andy and Katelyn Sullivan on this message.

Best Regards,

Lisë

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Lise and Andy

Here is a link to the possible playground set up for this proposal.
<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/j7a1qhvcbfihbwi/AAApFa2Jx3PeKMDuIF1QiB8la?dl=0>

We would like to discuss this with you before we go much further. Looking forward to the discussion next week.

Lisa

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