

MCDAB August 13th, 2019 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm with the following attendees present:

Maura Wroblewski
Jennessa Crosswy
Michelle Hyams
Amy Patterson
Jenny Evers
Gene Velez

We began the meeting with Mary Beth presenting the proposed Trash Panda's playground concept to the group. There were three ideas presented. The first featured a smaller piece of playground equipment, interactive musical instruments and baseballs that are for climbing purposes. There were also benches and greenery to serve as a screen and provide privacy.

The second and third option featured a larger piece of playground equipment that is designed to meet ADA accessibility guidelines. The group liked the third proposed equipment due the added slide, interactive panels and awning. The third option also featured benches, climbing baseballs and shade options.

Mary Beth showed the group an alternative to the greenery (metal trees and butterflies/pretend) but we are not 100% sold on this concept. Michelle brought up sensory walls and agreed to do a little research and share the results of her finds. In the end, the group agreed on the benches, sensory wall, adaptive playground equipment, baseballs (for climbing), more shade/awnings and visiting the idea of asking a local nursery if they would like to sponsor trees/greenery to provide a little privacy to the playground.

The family restroom was brought up for discussion again. We discussed the design and options for the adult changing table, educating Mary Beth. She did inform us that there is talk around a building being built 2-3 years down the road that could have space for a family restroom. She agreed to talk with the architect in hopes of making sure the plans for the restroom are in place early on. The first game will be held April 15th. They are hopeful that the slab for the playground will be complete in November with everything being finished by January so there is room to "fix" any problems before April.

Jennessa brought up the tax exempt/nonprofit status situation. We are still being asked to provide additional information in order to have our application processed. Jennessa, Maura and Matt will have further discussion as to next steps.

The group discussed potential new board members. We are needing to fill Amy's vacant spot. The need for an attorney on the board was discussed. Amy P. is also to follow up with Diana Jean (a potential applicant) to check on the status of her application.

We briefly discussed the Madison Street Festival but most members are unavailable that weekend due to fall break. We also discussed assigning functions to each member to spread the responsibility.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:45.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: