



# Meeting Summary

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**Project:** George Florence Park  
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**Date of Meeting:** 11/27/18  
**Meeting Purpose:** **Neighborhood Meeting #2**  
**Participants:** Harris Design: Bill Harris (BH), Diana Liao (DL)  
City of Berkeley: Taylor Lancelot (TL), Evelyn Chan (EC)  
Seven members of the Berkeley community

## Summary

The second neighborhood meeting was held on Nov. 27, 2018 at the West Berkeley Library. The purpose of the meeting was to present the preferred option and receive feedback.

## Comments

- The park does not have a park sign, consider adding it. Add park rules sign. (City is working on signage for all their parks, this will be a separate project.)
- Concern that the talk tube may break, based on experience from another playground.
- Concern about how loud the bongo is (music play item).
- Concern that the pieces with movable parts may break or get sand in them.
- Concern that homeless people may sleep on the benches. One person did not like the style of the standard City bench, because it does not match the play equipment.
- Can the footprint of the north area be changed from a square shape to a rounded shape similar to the south play area.
- Question whether any lighting will be added. (Not part of this project.)
- The surfacing should not be a dark color because it may get hot in the sun.
- The neighbors prefer the bright color on the rubber surfacing. Recommended to have some sort of pattern instead of all one color. Consider creating some fun and hospitable patterns on the rubber surfacing and encourage the children to use the surfacing, for example, hopscotch.
- Perhaps show the fall zone with different colors of surfacing so the parents can see where the child should be careful.
- Can we replace one of the spinners in the North area with a “disc”-type swing similar to the one shown on the photographs of rubber surfacing?
- Can we put tree rounds in the planting areas for kids to jump on?