



**SPECIAL PROJECTS AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE**  
**Monday, December 17, 2012**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Matters from the Public
4. Discussion of Friends Park Renovation
5. Other Business
6. Adjourn

*Celebrating 100 Years of FUN!*

**TO BE HELD AT 999 GREEN BAY ROAD**



To: Special Projects & Facilities Committee  
Park Board of Commissioners

Date: December 14, 2012

From: Steven T. Nagle, Interim Executive Director

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SUBJECT: FRIENDS PARK PROJECT

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With the additional community input and feedback we received at the December 3 Special Projects and Facilities Committee meeting, staff was able to schedule two more meetings with RGC to review that information and discuss the next concept. I will have two new Friends Park concepts to review with you that include all of the input we received. Staff also met with the Writersø Theatre staff and their architect from The Studio Gang.

Keep in mind that the first concept was based on a \$160,000 - \$180,000 budget. The two new concepts were designed with a focus on the following input and not necessarily a budget figure.

- Themed play areas ó exciting, different, possible play connection to Writersø Theatre
- Expanded park footprint ó from 7,800 sf to 9,000 sf (improved views and play area)
- Expanded use of rubberized safety surface and related costs
- More seating and benches, water-bottle fountain
- Accessibility to many different types of play elements
- Challenging, imaginative, unique play elements, appealing to older kids

I will be giving a short presentation of these concepts, related budgets and a review of the meeting with Writersø Theatre.

I will also have additional cost and budget figures to review at this meeting. Staff is prepared to continue to seek input from the community, develop a donation campaign and adjust our timeline as needed to keep this project moving forward.

The District is at the end of the original scope of services that we contracted with RGC. There will be a need to look at additional conceptual and architectural costs with them, but we may be able to coordinate some portions of the project in-house. There will also be a need to perform a topographical survey for the site. I will have a better idea of those costs and options in a couple weeks.



**Updated Friends Park Project Timeline:**

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| 1. Removal / cleanup of damaged items  | As needed                       |
| 2. Review Consultant Services (RGC)  | Completed                       |
| 3. Discussion of Friends Park ó Special Board Meeting  | November 1                      |
| 4. Create / Invite / E-blast Friends of Friends Community Group  | Completed                       |
| 5. Develop Donation program ( design phase and contact list started)   | End of Nov-Jan, 2013            |
| 6. Collect input from public via web-survey to contact list  | Completed                       |
| 7. Review conceptual plans developed by RCG and Playground Mfgø  | Completed                       |
| 8. Hold SPFC meeting to review conceptual plans, ideas and gather Additional public input                        | Completed                       |
| 9. Gather community input via displays at Centennial Event   | Completed                       |
| 10. Update Conceptual Plans / Additional Community Input<br>ELC Parent Groups / Watts Displays / Winter Carnival | Mid Dec.ó Mid Jan. 2013         |
| 11. Discuss ADA funding and budget   | Early January, 2013             |
| 12. Review updated concept and budget with input from 12/3 meeting   | December 17                     |
| 13. Additional SPFC meetings to refine concept & budget  | January 8, others               |
| 14. Board discussion / Determine concept and approve budget  | Jan Board Meeting(or Special)   |
| 15. Project bid / documents  | 3+ weeks after approval         |
| 16. Bid acceptance / awarded   | Feb. Board meeting (or Special) |
| 17. Construction begins  | Late-March, 2013                |

