



## APPROVED MINUTES OF THE MEETING

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**Guillermo Romano**  
Executive Director

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Coordinator

**Tom Iurino**  
Senior Staff

**August 5, 2010**

Convened 9:00 am  
Adjourned 3:00 pm

### Projects Reviewed

12th Avenue Park  
Maple Leaf Reservoir  
Golden Gardens Playground  
Crown Hill Park

### Commissioners Present

Mary Johnston, Chair  
Andrew Barash  
Julie Bassuk  
Graham Black  
Lauren Hauck  
Laurel Kunkler  
Norie Sato  
Donald Vehige

### Staff Present

Guillermo Romano  
Valerie Kinast  
Tom Iurino  
Tim Trujillo



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August 5, 2010

**Project:** Maple Leaf Reservoir Park

**Phase:** Schematic Design

**Last Reviewed:** May 6, 2010

**Presenters:** Kellee Jones, Parks and Recreation  
Katie Bang, Berger Partnership  
Greg Brower, Berger Partnership

**Attendees:** Donna Hartmann-Miller, Friends for Greater Maple Leaf Park  
Jason Huff, Office of Arts and Cultural Affairs  
David Miller, Maple Leaf Community Council  
Katie Zemtseff, Daily Journal of Commerce

**Time:** 1.00 hr

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## **ACTION**

The Design Commission thanked the Maple Leaf Reservoir Park design team for their presentation of the schematic design. They expressed gratitude for the completed work that has been sensitive to the comments of the community and Commission and the constraints of the project. The Commission unanimously voted to approve the schematic design with the following recommendations:

- The Commission considers that Parks and Recreation could compromise and incorporate placeholders for one or two community requested items that are as yet unfunded into the design. The master plan approach allows for incorporation of future planned uses that can be further designed and constructed when funding sources become available. Some future uses and elements mentioned were sidewalks along 82nd St and 14th Ave NE, especially for ADA accessibility on the south edge of the park, and around the periphery. Other elements were more picnic shelters, connector paths and community gardens.
- More fully integrate what appear to be three parks separated by topography and trees. Break down the separation between play and gathering functions of the park. Clarify the locations and functions of the different gathering areas and how they relate to each other.
- Provide better connections between the upper and lower terraces. Celebrate the stairway planned to lead from one terrace to the other in line with 12th Ave NE, and add an additional one further west, taking into careful consideration ADA users and small children that will represent a significant portion of its users. The amenities located on the lower terrace, such as the restrooms, are necessary for users of the upper areas as well. These are not currently connected through a direct or shorter path.
- Use the topography as an opportunity for creative uses, especially in areas such as the playground. capitalizing on the movement of the land to make an adventure play area. These elements could be designed in a celebratory manner.
- The design team is encouraged to show more details regarding the plan's integration with surrounding areas, particularly the corners of the park that act as significant entryways.
- Preserve the mosaics along Roosevelt Way NE as valuable community art.
- Please send revised plans to the Commission for an administrative review before this plan is put on hold until next year. The Commission understands that it will resume full Commission review next year at the design development stage. Please send revised plans to the Commission for an administrative review before this plan is put on hold until next year. The Commission

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