



Shaping the Future of Oak Park Parks

LONGFELLOW PARK PRE-CONSTRUCTION INFORMATION MEETING



TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2008 AT 7PM
HEDGES ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER, 218 MADISON

You are invited to attend a pre-construction meeting for the renovation of Longfellow Park to review project details and the expected construction timeline.

In February 2007, a site plan was accepted by the Park Board after a 6 month planning process which included focus groups and community meetings to collect community input regarding the future of Longfellow Park. Major renovation of Longfellow Park will commence in early August to improve and expand recreation facilities at the park including new universally accessible creative play areas and an expanded water play area. The sunken area north of Longfellow Center will be elevated to bring it to grade and a new full-court basketball court will be constructed in this area. An elevator and lobby area will be a welcomed addition on the north end of the Recreation Center and the ADA restrooms on the east side of the building will become accessible from the park. The ballfield/soccer field area will be redeveloped and a brick plaza with seating and bike racks will be added in the southeast corner. A significant percentage of this project is being funded through grants. Grants have been received from the Kellogg Foundation, Good Heart Work Smart Foundation and CVS Foundation, in cooperation with the OPRF Community Foundation. We are awaiting word on funding from the IDNR Open Space Land Acquisition and Development Grant Program.

Construction is slated to begin in early August and the project is expected to be substantially completed by late November.

For more information regarding the Longfellow Park Site Planning process and the renovation project, please visit www.oakparkparks.com and select "Future Plans and Current Projects." You may also contact Mike Grandy, Building and Grounds Superintendent, at mikeg@oakparkparks.com or Gary Balling, Executive Director, at garyb@oakparkparks.com.

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