



**PS15 PLAYGROUND PLANNING SURVEY**

*We only received this survey too late to submit it by the deadline, and we were not informed as to the timetable of the planning process. We thought the April 18<sup>th</sup> meeting was another planning meeting, and only learned on that same day from Noel Delgado that the designs are now done. We submit our ideas now in the hopes that program development is still possible.*

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**What would you like to see in the new playground? (Choose as many as you wish)**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basketball court       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Game Tables            | <input type="checkbox"/> Hopscotch/painted games           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Field Turf Football/Soccer        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Benches                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Map on the ground      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis court                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Picnic tables          | <input type="checkbox"/> Bird house                        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Volleyball court       | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor classroom                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Play Equipment storage |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stage                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gazebo/shade structure | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bike stand             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Softball/Kickball area            | <input type="checkbox"/> Garden beds/plants                | <input type="checkbox"/> Mural/art/sculpture               |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jump rope/double dutch | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trees***               | <input type="checkbox"/> Weather station                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Running Track                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Greenhouse                        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trash cans             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swings                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water fountain         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pre-K/baby area        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rock climbing wall                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water play/sprinklers  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Free play area         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Play equipment         | <input type="checkbox"/> Butterfly house                   |  |

(includes spiral and straight slides, sliding pole, monkey bars, safety mats)

\*\*\* re Trees: installed judiciously so they don't steal precious space from play space. Trees in the center of the playground could impede basketball. Vertical, narrow trees such as poplars rather than spreading trees would be preferable. A row of poplars along the southern and western edges would provide shade. It is a hot place in summer.

**Other ideas?**

When would you use the playground? (choose as many as applicable)

- During the school day  After school  On weekends  In the summer

Red Hook already has a running track, soccer fields, baseball/softball and a pool, so the Van Brunt Street playground should not duplicate those.

That playground is a pivotal space; it occupies a whole block right in the center of Red Hook's main commercial corridor Van Brunt Street and could be a dynamic civic center. However, it is currently is dead at night and weekends.

The playground's location gives it the potential to be a hinge between the still often and unfortunately divided worlds of "the back" (western Red Hook) and the Red Hook Houses. This space could become a social unifier in the neighborhood and help animate what is currently a central dead block in (and drag on) the reviving Van Brunt Street.

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**PortSide's suggestions:**

Consider installing facilities that bring the full array of Red Hook stakeholder groups into that space.

Consider new evening and weekend uses: outdoor dances, flea markets, and community events that target the various social sectors of Red Hook. PortSide itself is looking for a space to host several outdoor events. Various people in Red Hook have been looking for places to host dances. Folk dance events would be very popular. They require electrical hook ups for sound system and ideally a moveable wooden dance floor. Flea/craft/art/outdoor markets which would mesh well with the growing number of artist and artisans in Red Hook.

Consider some fee-based uses as a way to either cover insurance costs or earn some money for the school amenities.

Additionally some simple changes to the fence would make it a more accessible and inviting space: entry gates off Van Brunt; benches on the Van Brunt side with shades over them (attached to chain link fence) to allow spectators to watch the ball games or the new events proposed above. If the benches are kept inside the fence, they will not facilitate loitering at night (a concern of some members of the community).

