



Meeting Minutes

Project: Burnham Shores Park (Pirate Park) Playground Renovations (2026 Playground Renovations)

Meeting Date: Feb 18, 2026, 6:30 pm

Meeting Location: Lincoln Elementary School

Meeting Purpose: Neighborhood kickoff meeting to discuss park conditions and initial concepts

Attendees: Shawn Iles, 3rd Ward Councilmember
Audrey Thompson, Director of Parks and Recreation
Michael Callahan, Deputy Director of Parks & Recreation
Matt Poole, Deputy Director of Parks & Recreation
Stefanie Levine, Senior Project Manager
Kenon Boehm, Landscape Architect II
Parks and Recreation Board Members
Community Members (3 attendees)

PRESENTATION:

Public Engagement meeting #1 was held at the Lincoln Elementary School.

Staff went through the planned presentation, detailing project timelines, anticipated scope, existing conditions, and three starting concepts.

Following this presentation, Staff opened the conversation to allow for open discussion and general questions/answers. Attendees discussed concern of future revetment work impact on site, surfacing, and general questions regarding percentage of project costs for each park. Additional items brought up:

- Ideal space for a water feature, if not here, then close by
- Liking the existing pirate theme of the park
- Swinging towards the lake
- Taking advantage for height for lake views
- Lots of teens and tweens using the space
- Lots of hide and seek played
- Consideration towards imaginative play
- Preference to 2-5 space close to the West walkup with potentially more paving for strollers
- Daniel Burnham quote "Make no small plans"
- General concern of sleeping within play structures



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- Space very active with P&R planning, with general pickup occurring S of the tennis courts

The meeting then moved into the breakout activities where residents could provide additional feedback. Attendees were given post it notes and stickers to be utilized on (5) boards. Attendees were asked to vote on their favorite concept as well their favorite color scheme.

Additional board input included:

- Importance for swings to be nearest the lake
- Themed springers with personality
- Can tie into imagination with Burnham's "Make no small plans"
- Water themed colors
- Desire for concepts to have a stronger theme
- Addition of playhouse or structure for more imaginative play

The meeting concluded with staff indicating that the next meeting would hopefully be in about a month and all attendees were encouraged to attend future meetings to provide additional public input.

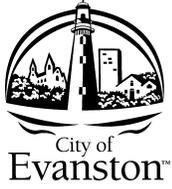
Following the public meeting, staff compiled the votes with Option #2 and #3 capturing the most votes. A unanimous decision for the Seafoam and Sunset color palette. These options will be refined per public comments and brought back for a second meeting, featuring a similar setup to public meeting #1.



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Option #1 (0 Votes)



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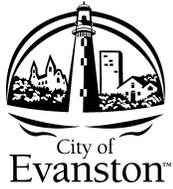
Option #2 (1 Vote)



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Option #3 (2 Votes)



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Color palette selection (3 Votes Seafoam and Sunset) and additional comments