



Meeting Minutes

Project: Chandler Tot Lot Renovations

Meeting Date: July 15, 2025, 6 pm

Meeting Location: Chandler-Newberger Community Center

Meeting Purpose: Neighborhood meeting #2 to review initial concept design

Attendees: Lara Biggs, Bureau Chief – Capital Planning / City Engineer
Audrey Thompson, Director of Parks & Recreation
Michael Callahan, Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation
Tim Carter, Recreation Manager
Stefanie Levine, Senior Project Manager
Kenon Boehm, Landscape Designer II
Parks and Recreation Board Members
Community Members

PRESENTATION:

Public Engagement meeting #2 was held at the Chandler-Newberger Community Center.

Staff went through the planned presentation revisiting project timelines, anticipated scope, and existing conditions. They then reviewed input that was gathered at the first public engagement meeting. From there, they reviewed the updated spatial layout for the tot lot and discussed proposed amenities, “re-wilding” efforts, general plantings, and ADA considerations.

Following this presentation, staff opened the conversation to allow for general questions and answers. Attendees brought up playground surfacing and basketball goal heights as their main questions. Regarding surfacing, staff responded regarding wood fiber mulch vs. poured in place surfacing, citing overall cost concerns and material failures as reasoning behind choosing mulch over poured in place. Basketball goals are planned to have one goal set at a lower height. Staff said the community center would be responsive to raising/lowering height as needed and would also allow checking out of basketballs upon request. Lastly, there were comments about the new “re-wilding” area with a request to have a walking path mowed within the space.

The meeting then moved into the breakout activities where attendees could provide additional feedback. Attendees were asked to select their favorite play features and provide comments.



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These boards featured the new playground layout, asking for input, as well as a selection of playground equipment that was requested at the previous meeting. These boards with their responses were photographed and will be used for the final playground layout. Overall input is relayed below:

Layout Board

- Hoop height and signage reflecting ability to change at user request.
- Shade tent would be helpful if within budget
- Walking Path through new un-mowed area
- 360-degree sidewalk for parent to exercise
- Love butterfly plants, please plant purple cone flowers and tulips
- Space for teeter totter/see-saw
- Stuff for older kids

Main Structure Board

- Dome structure was overall favorite capturing 66% of votes

Secondary Structure Board

- Sand Gravel pit was favorite, followed by talk and tumble tunnel, and then forest fun trail

Springers, Spinners, and Swings Board

- You & Me swing was the overall favorite, followed by the rope nest swing, and water lily springer
- There was a request for a double seesaw to be included in the design, but unfortunately that structure is really rated for ages 5-12

Color Palette Board

- Option 3 with darker blues and greens captured 60% of votes

The meeting concluded with staff indicating that they would be taking input/votes to compile into final design and overall playground layout.