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Zillman Park redesign advances after community groundbreaking

Alderwoman Marina Dimitrijevic was joined today by Mayor Cavalier Johnson, Alderman Michael J. Murphy, project partners, and community stakeholders for the groundbreaking of the redesigned **Zillman Park** located at **2180 S. Kinnickinnic Ave.**

The goal of the Zillman Park redesign is to enhance recreational opportunities in the area and craft a multi-functional, intergenerational public space for all to utilize. The park design takes into consideration the feedback collected throughout the community engagement process, and includes 22,960 square feet of lawn area, 9,235 square feet of plaza (paved) area, and 1,525 square feet of native garden area. New park features will include LED lighting, modular seating/gathering furniture, flexible community programming space, and playful elements in addition to new plantings and landscaping.

“I’m thrilled that the full redesign of Zillman Park is one step closer after today’s groundbreaking. Zillman Park serves as a gateway to Bay View, and this new space will provide a flexible environment for all types of programming and fully represents the desires of the neighborhood,” said Alderwoman Dimitrijevic. “I want to thank the Bay View Neighborhood Association, the residents, and all the city staff and project partners who have helped us get to this point. I can’t wait for the full opening later this year.”

Quorum Architects led the community engagement and design, and collaborated with the Department of Public Works/Milwaukee City Parks and the Bay View Neighborhood Association to facilitate meetings and collect feedback. Funding for the project comes from a Tax Incremental Financing District that includes five properties adjacent to and surrounding the park, with a total budget of \$930,000. Construction is expected to begin by October 1 with the park opening to the public before the end of 2023. Full park construction will be completed in the spring.

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