



Agenda Item C.1
DISCUSSION ITEM
Meeting Date: August 2, 2022

TO: Chair and Members of the Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: Jaime A. Valdez, Neighborhood Services Director

CONTACT: JoAnne Plummer, Parks and Recreation Manager

SUBJECT: Proposed Playground Replacement Options at Mathilda Park

RECOMMENDATION:

Consider two playground designs as options for replacement consideration and select one to be included in the construction documents.

BACKGROUND:

In early 2020, staff identified a drainage issue at Mathilda Park. When it rains, the water does not drain as it was intended and the result is trapped water that is breaking down the surfacing material, creating unhealthy and unsafe conditions with mildew, stagnant water, weeds and potentially breaking down the support posts for the play structure.

In 2020 staff secured a contract with RRM Design to prepare site plans for the improvements to this park. Addressing the drainage and surfacing concerns triggers upgrades to the accessibility walkway, from the public right of way to the existing playground and picnic areas. This will require more than 75% of the approach to be re-aligned. As a result, staff has requested the designer make minor modifications to improve efficiencies for maintenance, utilities, water conservation and improved recreation grass space.

The project was delayed with the postponements of the application process for the State of California Proposition 68 Per Capita Program. This program provides approximately \$178,000 towards construction and the application deadline was delayed to December 30, 2021, with approval notifications received in late Spring of 2022. The construction documents are nearing completion and there is a possibility that a new playground will be required. Once the demolition of the site is underway, the structural integrity of the existing playground will be evaluated for replacement consideration. The new playground will be listed in the construction bid documents as a bid alternate, which would allow the Council to make an informed decision on the replacement, if needed.

DISCUSSION:

The playground location is maximized in the current design, restricting options for replacement by the space provided. Staff has worked with playground designers to provide two options for replacement consideration for children ages five to twelve (5-12) years of age. This is the same age group currently served by the existing structure and there is not enough room to add a secondary structure for those two to five years of age. The Commission is being asked to choose the playground in either Option A or Option B. This determination will be included in the construction bid documents.

Option A features play elements for spinning, sliding, climbing, brachiating, fitness, a climbing wall/rock, and area for imaginative play. This structure features three different options to access the slides, including the rock climbing wall, an angled rock and the steps. There is one spinning feature, one element to encourage brachiating, one spiral slide and one imaginary play feature. Users can also take advantage of the shade structure, the chin up bar and the upper body activity bars associated to the spinner.

Option B features play elements for sliding, climbing, brachiating, balance, inclusionary play and social space. This structure features four different options for climbing from easy access to challenging. There are three inclusionary play panels, a social station and two creative play options as well as three cascading slides with a shade structure. This structure also includes three different features that provide challenges for users to strengthen their core and practice their balance. This is the larger playground than Option A with more features.

FISCAL IMPACTS

In the budget process for Fiscal Year 2022-2023, this project is fully funded through three funding sources: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), State of California Proposition 68 Per Capita Program and General Fund. The project budget was developed with current cost estimates and includes the highest potential cost for the playground. Option A is \$56,300 and Option B is approximately \$89,160, not including the surfacing material.

Approved By:


Jaime A. Valdez, Neighborhood Services Director

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Playground Replacement Consideration Option A
2. Playground Replacement Consideration Option B
3. Existing Playground

ATTACHMENT 1

Playground Replacement Consideration Option A

Attachment 1 - OPTION A



ATTACHMENT 2

Playground Replacement Consideration Option B

Attachment 2 - OPTION B



CARDINAL METALLIC ACCENT AND POSTS

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