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**Subject:** Public Comment City Council meeting

Dear City Clerk and Deputy City Clerk:

Please read my public comments for the record at today's Council Meeting

Madam Mayor and Councilmembers

Subject: Bid for Construction/Installation of New Equipment at Winchester II

From: Ingeborg E. Cox MD

We still have not seen the drainage report for Winchester II Open Space. Staff had requested that Winchester II Open Space be placed as its own project in the 2019/2021 as CIP 9108.

On December 1, when the item A7 was pulled per my request the Parks and Recreation Manager and the Public Safety Director recommended that the “improvements” planned for FOUR parks should all go as “Miscellaneous Park Improvements”.

We have NOT seen any percolation tests and what the exposures of the materials will do to the children using the Play equipment that will be placed on top of a Unitary Surface that contains chemicals that could have impact to the health of it's users for all the FOUR Parks and Open Spaces.

In the Final Draft of Parks, Facilities & Playgrounds Master Plan under City of Goleta Climate Action Goals is to **lower Green House Gas** emissions. The preservation of open space, natural parklands will help in carbon dioxide sequestration.

Placing all the structures on a surface that gets very hot contributes to the heat island effect.

All the discharge that comes from Winchester II goes to the Storm drain on Bradford Drive. All the chemicals that are on the Unitary Surfaces will also be part of the brew and most likely could end in Deveraux Creek. On page 83 it is stated that the contractor shall “minimize the use of water” with NINETY FOUR footings what will the exposures be?

Remember that people with ADA requirements use many kinds of devices for mobility. Braces, some use power wheelchairs, electric scooters and “Other power driven mobility devices” (OPDMD). There is no mention how the access of ADA will be constructed. If I understand correctly people with disabilities using OPDMDs have to be allowed into all areas where members of the public are allowed to go. Please remember that any cost cutting could result in inconsistent material depths and in some cases exposed or thinly covered concrete footings

Which is the new deadline for opening the bids?

Please do NOT forget the possible exposures that I have already mentioned in multiple letters to City Council and the Parks Commission. Madam Mayor and Councilmembers

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Hi Deborah,

Hope you are well.

Here is my contribution to today's Public Comments section. Hope it is in time.

Thank you,

Vic Cox

Public Comments for Jan. 19, 2021 Goleta City Council

PLEASE READ ALOUD AS PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ENTER INTO RECORD

Madam Mayor and Council Members:

On Jan. 11, 2021 City Recreation Manager JoAnne Plummer explained why the scheduled RFB had not yet been released for "Miscellaneous Park Improvements CIP #9066 & 9108." She wrote...(T)he bid package has not gone out yet because we have a need to adjust...to a new virtual platform..."

The delay presents a last opportunity to rethink the planned changes and likely impacts. With details not available until last month it is clear that Winchester 2 has too much play equipment stuffed into too small an area in the park's southeast corner. There is no space between the two age groups, as required by the Consumer Product Safety Commission. Issues involving surface water drainage are too complicated to be handled solely by an undefined "berm" vaguely located along the park's southern border. A swale and a French drain to keep water out of neighboring properties would be better.

Homeowners, including my family, around Winchester 2 neighborhood park/open space should have a full Environmental Impact Report before the project goes to bid. A project of this size requires an EIR:

Replacing the three-swing set and current sand box with a "unitary surface" (made from recycled tires) with a 110-foot-long corridor (4,100 square feet) means multiple anchor holes, some cement lined, for new play structures. Some trees will be removed, depriving migratory birds and resident raptors of roosts, while trimming canopies of other trees the seven feet manufacturer's recommended clearance would heighten the effects of heat islands. (Note the danger to bare-footed children in hot weather from any size unitary surface.) An arborist should evaluate the impacts on roots of all affected trees.

Contrary to the impression from last month's draft RFB for "Miscellaneous Park Improvements" the changes for this park are not minor; they are breath taking. Several of my neighbors suffer from asthma and they wonder how this project will affect their health? Nowhere in the bid's 930 pages is consideration given to how the disturbances from earth moving, grading and irrigation pipe relaying affects the health of nearby homeowners, a number of who qualify as "sensitive receptors." In the middle of a worsening Covid-19 pandemic there is no possibility of escaping out of town.

I request preparation of the EIR, as recommended in the 2020 draft Parks Master Plan, for each park. Thank you.

Vic Cox  
Goleta resident