

April 8, 2021  
Item 4

**TITLE: RECEIVE THE ALL-ABILITIES PLAYGROUND STAKEHOLDER  
PRESENTATION AND PROVIDE FEEDBACK**

**SUMMARY**

In late 2017, residents with special needs family members approached the City and identified the need for an all-abilities playground in Pleasanton. Community engagement and design work for the project was approved by City Council in September 2020.

Together with the design firm, RRM Design Group, staff have created a schedule for the project that includes reviewing documents, conducting outreach workshops and stakeholder discussions, presenting at a variety of commission meetings, and ultimately drafting conceptual plans. At the April 8, 2021 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting, RRM Design Group will lead a stakeholder discussion.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Receive the all-abilities playground stakeholder presentation and provide feedback.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

There is no financial impact resulting from this presentation. Currently there is \$400,000 budgeted for design work for this project in the Capital Improvement Program budget.

## **BACKGROUND**

In late 2017, residents with special needs family members came to City staff and identified the need for an all-abilities playground in Pleasanton. In February 2019, these same residents attended the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting to recommend an all-abilities playground as a priority for the 2019-2021 budget cycle. Based upon this input, the all-abilities playground was unanimously recommended as the Parks and Recreation Commission's number one priority for the 2019-2021 budget cycle. In April 2019, the City Council adopted the all-abilities playground as a priority.

At the January 9, 2020 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting, the commissioners voted unanimously to recommend that City Council explore an all-abilities playground at Ken Mercer Sports Park. At the September 1, 2020 City Council meeting, the City Council voted to approve the design process for an all-abilities playground at Ken Mercer Sports Park.

Funds were budgeted for the project under CIP Project No. 20773. Through a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) selection process, the City selection committee chose RRM Design Group as the most qualified firm to prepare the All-Abilities Playground Master Plan.

The project schedule includes the following:

- Review existing city documents
- Complete a topographic survey of the area
- Conduct two community outreach workshops
- Participate in two city events (if possible)
- Conduct up to seven stakeholder meetings
- Present at various city commission and City Council
- Draft conceptual plans and the Final Master Plan Summary

## **DISCUSSION**

The Parks and Recreation Commission is viewed as a key stakeholder for the all-abilities playground project. As a key stakeholder, feedback is requested on the following items to be outlined during the presentation:

- Project overview
- Project timeline and progress
- Additional stakeholder meetings and community workshops
- Preliminary all-abilities playground features and visuals
- Any additional information that should be included in future stakeholder meetings

### **Next Steps:**

There are three stakeholder meetings scheduled for the week of April 12-16:

- April 13 – Sunflower Hill
- April 14 – Pleasanton Rotary North
- April 14 – PUSD – PTA Special Needs Committee

Staff is also working to schedule dates with the following stakeholders:

- Pleasanton Lions Club
- Pleasanton Rotary
- Pleasanton Friends of the Senior Center

The first community outreach workshop is scheduled Thursday, April 22 from 6pm-7:30pm. All meetings will be held virtually.

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