

November 14, 2019  
Item 4

**TITLE: REVIEW THE CONCEPT PLAN AND PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR THE  
ORLOFF PARK PLAYGROUND RENOVATION AND PROVIDE A  
RECOMMENDATION ON FINAL DESIGN**

**SUMMARY**

The City of Pleasanton is renovating the existing playgrounds at Orloff Park. The renovation will include the replacement of the play equipment for 2 to 5-year-olds (tot lot) and the replacement of the play equipment for 5 to 12-year-olds. Public outreach was conducted on October 25, 2019, near the tot lot. The public comments received during the outreach process are included in this report. A revised conceptual design that responds to those comments is also included in this report. Staff is requesting a recommendation on the final design direction for the playground renovation.

**RECOMMENDATION**

1. Review the concept plan
2. Receive the staff presentation and public comments
3. Provide a recommendation on the design

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

There is no direct financial impact resulting from a Parks and Recreation Commission action. Staff will include the agreement for design and construction services with the final budget figures in the report to be presented to City Council. Final budget figures will be based on funding availability and the Parks and Recreation Commission recommendation.

## **BACKGROUND**

The City conducts an annual review of the playground equipment in all 46 of the City's parks to determine which play equipment needs maintenance or replacement. The evaluations are performed by the Parks Division's certified playground safety inspectors (CPSI's). As part of the review, the CPSI's consider the physical condition and age of the equipment, safety and accessibility concerns, and the availability of replacement parts. Based on the 2018/19 fiscal year evaluation, it was determined that the playground at Orloff Park was in the greatest need of replacement.

The Landscape Architecture, Parks, and Recreation Divisions worked together on the advertisement for a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the renovations at Orloff Park. The RFQ was advertised on July 15, 2019. The City received five qualification packages on August 6, 2019, from the following vendors:

- Miracle Playsystems
- MRC Recreation
- Park Planet
- Ross Recreation
- Specified Play Equipment Company (SPEC)

Upon review of the qualification packages, the City's Selection Committee (comprised of representatives from the Operations Services Department, the Engineering Department, and the Library and Recreation Department) selected Park Planet for the Orloff Park playground renovation. Park Planet's package presented a clear concept for the playgrounds at Orloff Park, including play components new to Pleasanton and fitting for the park.

Public input is a critical component of the design process and to the ultimate success of a playground renovation, so the City advertised for a public meeting that was held on-site. The advertising included notifications to all property owners and tenants within 500 feet of Orloff Park and social media postings on NextDoor, Facebook, and the City's website. The public outreach meeting was held on Saturday October 5, 2019, from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. City staff, along with a representative from the playground manufacturer, attended the meeting. Approximately 40 residents in total attended the event, with almost half of the attendees being children.

## **DISCUSSION**

The initial conceptual plan is shown in Attachment 1. The cost of the playground renovation, as proposed in the concept, and presented at the public meeting, totals approximately \$275,000. The input received from the public is summarized in Attachment 2 and has been applied to a revised design, which is included as Attachment 3.

City staff and the designer attempted to accommodate as much of the input received from the public as possible within the existing footprint of the play area. Most of the comments that were incorporated into the revised design were taken from a sticker voting process where each participant was asked to place a sticker next to their favorite playground components. The voting results are included as part of Attachment 2. These

improvements included maintaining the different color schemes of the tot lot and playground for 5 to 12-year-olds, incorporating a train into the tot lot design, keeping the existing sandbox and adding new sand play components, and incorporating (non-battery operated) musical play equipment. Some of the written comments that were received, such as adding shade trees and adding regulatory signs, were noted, but are outside of the scope of the playground renovation project and are therefore not included in the revised concepts.

The total project cost with public input incorporated is expected to be consistent with the initial cost. City Council will be presented with the final budget based on funding availability and the Parks and Recreation Commission recommendation.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matt Gruber". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Attachments:

1. Initial Conceptual Plan
2. Public Outreach Meeting Summary
3. Revised Design