



Purchase of a New Playground Unit for Cole Park

City Council Meeting
June 13, 2023



Background



- The new unit is a custom, ramped playground, for ages 5 -12, with a tower & several shade structures.
 - The purchase also includes a new, 3-bay swing set with an attached, fabric shade structure.
 - The new unit will replace the existing playground unit at the Park & will be placed in the same location of the existing unit, once removed.
 - The existing unit was installed in 2011 & has reached its end-of-life cycle of 12 years.
 - The 10-year Parks & Recreation Master Plan assessed the current play structure to be in very poor condition, observing several large holes & cracks in the structure.
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Playground Unit



- The new, custom ramped playground unit will be inclusive of children requiring the use of a wheelchair or other assisted equipment.
 - The playground also includes a three-bay, swing set with one, ADA swing chair for ages 5 to 12.
 - The shade structures will allow continuous hours of play while reducing direct sun exposure.
 - Other amenities include multiple slides, bongos, musical play equipment, a sea turtle climber & a collocated, inclusive whirl wind.
 - The new playground unit will be pour-in-play & its expected lifespan is approximately eight years.
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Project Timeline



- The equipment is expected to arrive within 10 to 12 weeks & the construction start date will be coordinated with the Engineering Services Department.
 - Construction is anticipated to start after the peak summer season (October – November) and after construction is complete for the splash pad.
 - Construction shall be near completion within 60 days once the Notice to Proceed is issued.
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Policy Alignment



- Cole Park is listed as a near-term, priority enhancement in the 10-year Parks & Recreation Master Plan.
 - Improving current facilities at Cole Park is in line with the 10-year Master Plan by offering broader, equitably distributed, recreational amenities.
 - Additionally, play areas & large community parks were rated as high priority for investments, according to community survey conducted by the consultant in developing the 10-year Master Plan.
 - More recent improvements to Cole Park include the resurfacing of the skate park, the design of a splash pad, and the Cole Park Pier which was opened to the public in December 2021.
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Recommendation



- Staff recommends approval of the new multigenerational, play-for-all playground unit for Cole Park.