



STAFF REPORT

To: Parks and Recreation Commission

Date: January 16, 2020

From: Karen Hager, Management Analyst – (650) 558-7317

Subject: Design Approval for the J-Lot Playground Renovation and Proposed Name Change

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Parks & Recreation Commission approve the conceptual design for the J-Lot Playground as recommended by the J-Lot Playground Committee and to endorse changing the playground's name to Primrose Playground for approval by the City Council.

BACKGROUND

The J-Lot playground was installed in 1999 in conjuncture with the parking lot renovations. Prior to the construction of the J-Lot playground in the current location, the playground was located in the middle of the J-Lot parking lot. After an unfortunate accident which damaged the fence and playground equipment, the parking lot was redesigned and subsequently renovated with the playground in the current location.

The play equipment is now over 20 years old and needs updating to be compliant with current ADA and ASTM standards.

J-Lot Playground Committee

Unlike our neighborhood playgrounds, J-Lot playground is located within the Burlingame Avenue Downtown Business District. Due to the playground's unique location, staff invited the Downtown Business Improvement District (DBID) President, Jenny Keheler to serve as the community representative.

The committee was comprised of the following members:

Jenny Keheler – DBID President

Ian Milne – Parks & Recreation Commissioner

Bob Disco – Parks Superintendent

Richard Holtz – Parks Supervisor, Certified Playground Safety Inspector

Karen Hager – Management Analyst, Project Manager

The committee convened on two occasions to review and refine designs from Landscape Structures as presented by Alex Hailey from Ross Recreation. The City has Landscape Structures equipment in the new Washington Park Playground, Pershing Park and Laguna Park. The

inspiration for the design was taken from the whimsical mural that is proximate to the playground attached as Exhibit A.

Playground Renaming

During the committee discussions, Parks & Recreation Commissioner Milne proposed that the playground name be changed from the parking lot name to the street name which aligns more closely with the other City of Burlingame playgrounds. Staff supports changing the name to Primrose Playground which not only represents the street name but is reflected in the flower designs included in the revised playground design. The name change would need approval from the City Council but is proposed to be changed concurrent with the playground reopening after construction is complete.

Timeline and Communication Plan

If funding is secured in time, the intention would be to complete this project in fall 2020. Due to the popularity of the J-Lot Playground, the community will be notified of the project timeline via the eNews, Facebook and Nextdoor. Additionally, the DBID and adjacent businesses to the J-Lot Playground will be notified of the project timeline via mail when the contract is issued on anticipation of parking impacts.

DISCUSSION

Attached is the proposed J-Lot Playground design as recommended from the J-Lot Playground Committee attached as Exhibits B and C.

FISCAL IMPACT

At this time the J-Lot Playground Renovation Project is unfunded. However, the intention is to use this project to apply for the Proposition 68 per capita grant funds. Proposition 68 was placed on the ballot via Senate Bill 5 (DeLeon, Chapter 852, statutes of 2017) and approved by voters on June 5, 2018. Funds for the bond's grant program were appropriated via State Budget item 3790-101-6088(b). Projects not serving a "severely disadvantaged community" (median household income less than 60% of the statewide average) require a 20% match. The 20% match for this project will be taken from the Parks Citywide Playgrounds and Resilient Resurfacing Capital Improvement Program. At their June 17, 2019 meeting, the City Council approved a resolution to approve the filing of the Proposition 68 Per Capita Program application and conditions of the grant.

The Proposition 68 grant application is due January 31, 2020.

EXHIBITS

- A. J-Lot Mural
- B. Proposed J-Lot Playground Designs
- C. Proposed J-Lot Playground Design showing Fall Zones