



City Council

Margaret McKenny Park Playground Selection Update

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Title

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Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

Not referred to a committee.

City Manager Recommendation:

Receive the update on the selection of a playground for Margaret McKenny Park. Briefing only; No action requested.

Report

Issue:

Whether to receive an update on the selection of a playground for Margaret McKenny Park.

Staff Contact:

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Presenter(s):

Sarah Giannobile, Associate Planner

Background and Analysis:

Margaret McKenny Park, in southeast Olympia, will be receiving its first playground later this year. The City of Olympia received playground proposals from six different vendors and all the designs include play equipment for age groups 2-5 and 5-12.

We are currently seeking public opinion regarding which playground design Olympia residents prefer. An online survey has been created where participants can view the proposals and read descriptions of the play features before selecting their top choice. A comment section is included in the survey if participants want to share additional information. The survey closes Monday, April 10 and the preferred playground will be announced shortly thereafter. The playground survey is being advertised via social media, a City media release, the Planning E-newsletter, a mailing to the adjacent neighborhood, an e-mail sent to attendees of previous park meetings and a poster kiosk placed in the park.

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Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

OPARD staff held a public meeting with the adjacent neighborhood in April 2015 to receive input regarding desired park features and improvements. Building a playground was a top priority. In July 2016, a Park Master Plan was developed with playground areas and amenities identified.

Options:

No action requested, briefing only.

Financial Impact:

Site preparation, playground equipment and installation are fully funded.

Attachments:

Playground Designs Link to Survey