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### **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT**

Meeting: June 2, 2022

#### Subject

Jollyman Park All-Inclusive Playground.

#### Recommended Action

Receive an update on community outreach and provide feedback on the concept plan with alternatives for the Jollyman Park All-Inclusive Playground Project.

#### Background

Santa Clara County developed an All-Inclusive Playground (AIPG) Program in 2017 and provided funding in 2017 and 2018. In October 2018, City Council considered an item regarding the AIPG grant and the completed Citywide AIPG Feasibility Study. Upon consideration of the item, City Council directed staff to apply for the County's grant program.

In 2018, a Feasibility Study was completed to identify and evaluate park sites that would be a suitable location for an AIPG. The study identified four parks as potential sites and concluded that Jollyman Park was the ideal location. The study findings were presented at two Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) meetings. The PRC reviewed and endorsed the choice.

The 2020 Citywide Park and Recreation System Master Plan acknowledged that an AIPG be included at a City park, such as Jollyman Park, as a community priority.

In August 2021, the City released a Request for Qualifications to solicit qualification submittals to provide design services for an AIPG at Jollyman Park. The submittals received were ranked, and MIG was selected. In December, the City Council meeting approved awarding the contract to the design consultant.

#### Discussion

In January, the project team collected data and evaluated existing conditions. After site investigations were complete, the project team developed and initiated community engagement with Cupertino residents, park neighbors, and community collaborators to incorporate their ideas and play preferences into the design process. The team sought

public feedback via varied methods: online survey, virtual community collaborator meeting, and two in-person “pop-ups” at Jollyman Park and Library Field for the Earth Day Event.

The project team hosted a meeting with community collaborators that consisted of educators and practitioners who work with and advocate for children, teens, and adults with special needs. The project team also hosted two pop-up events. One at Jollyman Park on a Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, from 10 am to 1 pm and the other at Library Field for the Earth Day Event on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 11 am to 3 pm. The goal of the events was to understand what draws the community to and what they desire for the AIPG at Jollyman Park. A project factsheet was distributed at each event, city facilities, the library and posted online; it included project background, timeline, funding information, and a QR code directing users to the project webpage.

The online survey was posted on the Engage Cupertino webpage from March 9<sup>th</sup> to April 26<sup>th</sup>. The City of Cupertino advertised the survey via mailers, the “Items of Interest” newsletter and various social media outlets.

The survey results (Attachment A) showed participant demographics as:

- 90% of respondents are Cupertino residents
- 70% of respondents have children in the household
- 55% of respondents live close enough to walk to Jollyman Park
- 40% of respondents provide care for someone who has a physical, sensory, and/or cognitive disability
- 39% respondents personally experience physical, sensory, and/or cognitive disabilities that have limited their use of other local parks.

Highlighted below are four key takeaways from the survey to guide the playground design.

1. Ideal look and feel for the playground:
  - Naturalistic/Organic: 49% listed as their top choice
  - Artistic: 32% listed as their top choice
2. Ideas or features the community would most like to see integrated into the design:
  - Nature & Exploration: 47% listed as their top choice
  - Sensory, Art, and Color: 29% listed as their top choice
3. Type of Active play most important to the community:
  - Top 3 selected: Climbing, Sliding and Swinging
4. Types of other playground experiences that are most important:
  - Top 3 selected: Exercising, Pretending/Imaging, and Perching/Viewing

Reflecting on public feedback, the project team created a conceptual plan with alternatives (Attachment B) for the new AIPG at Jollyman Park. The concept plan shows the play area and park features that the community has shown strong interest in. Currently, the project team seeks input from PRC on the concept plan with alternatives.

*Next steps:* The project team will share the conceptual plan and options with the community for additional feedback. The City will host two in-person “pop-ups” and one community meeting to garner input on the development of the design. Considering PRC and community input, the project team will share the final design at a subsequent PRC meeting.

#### Sustainability Impact

Implementation of the all-inclusive playground would be consistent with the City’s sustainability goals.

#### Fiscal Impact

The City has received \$1,448,201 in grant funds and allocated \$1.2 million in City contributions. Donations are expected to supplement the overall project budget.

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Attachments:

A – Survey Results

B – Conceptual Plans