


# Livermore Area Recreation and Park District

## Staff Report

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TO: Chair Faltings and Facilities Committee

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DATE: November 7, 2018

SUBJECT: Sunset Park Playground – Preliminary Conceptual Design

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**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Facilities Committee review the design options presented by RRM Design Group and provide feedback and direction for the reconstruction of the Sunset Park Playground, CIP Project No. 719.

**BACKGROUND:** The previous Sunset Park Playground, which was 20 years old, was removed in 2017 as part of the process to save a Valley Oak Tree. Original plans for playground replacement included three separate areas along a “Play Trail” pathway, with separate areas for ages 2 to 5 and ages 5 to 12. The designs presented to staff and the Board, and the related costs to implement them, were not accepted by the Board. Staff was instructed, at the May 9, 2018 Board of Directors meeting, to gather community input to establish a new set of design alternatives, that could be implemented within the remaining budget for the project. As a result, the District entered into an agreement with RRM Design Group on July 23, 2018 to generate a new Sunset Park Playground design that reflects community input.

On September 13, 2018, RRM Design held a community outreach meeting at Sunset Park in an open-house style gathering where local residents provided their suggestions. An online survey was also made available for public input and, over the course of the two-week period it was available, 74 comments were received. RRM Design compiled the results of the surveys taken on site at the neighborhood meeting and the online survey (see Attachment A- Survey Results Summary). Based on responses received, the proposed playground theme will be based on Tree House/Nature.

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY:** The FY 2018-21 approved CIP budget for Project No. 719 is \$1,200,000, though spend-to-date on the project of \$125,000 (largely engineering/design and project management fees) leaves the District with \$1,075,000 left to spend. Staff has determined required spending on soft costs in an effort to identify what would remain to spend on hard costs, with a 10% contingency, and calculated a revised budget for hard costs, pre-contingency, of \$825,000 (see table below for details).

\$1,200,000 Approved Budget

(\$125,000) Spend-to-date

\$1,075,000 Remaining Budget

**(\$167,500) Soft Costs**

(\$79,000) RRM agreement - remaining design fees (\$2.7k is in spend-to-date)

\$0 Daily on-site inspections (to be done internally by T Doyle)

(\$2,000) Final Inspection - 3rd party

(\$60,000) Project management

(\$20,000) Construction management

(\$1,000) Permits

(\$1,000) Bid Review (City of Livermore)

(\$4,000) Compaction Testing

(\$500) RRM assistance with Bid Package

(\$82,500) 10% contingency (based on hard costs)

**\$825,000 Hard Cost budget - Pre-contingency**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

A. Survey Results Summary

## **SURVEY RESULTS SUMMARY**

### **Sunset Park Playground**

RRM Design Group received 46 hand written surveys and 74 online surveys, September 13-28, 2018. The summary of survey results are as follows:

#### **PLAYGROUND ELEMENTS**

Dots on images boards (meeting attendees and their children were each given three dots)

- (46) Play Structures – combination of 3 images
- (30) Elevated Tree House
- (26) Concrete Slide on hill
- (25) Low Ropes Course
- (22) Climber
- (18) Swings
- (15) Slide Incorporated Into Slope
- (14) Balancing and Climbing
- (10) Rotating Dish
- (10) See Saw
- (9) Nature Play / Site Art
- (7) Spinner Round
- (6) Climbing
- (4) Slide
- (3) Net Pyramid
- (3) Step Pads
- (3) Rope Bridge
- (2) Musical Instruments
- (2) Synthetic Turf Mound For Slide
- (1) Tunnel
- (1) Spinner

#### **GENERAL COMMENTS**

Attendees to the meeting on site had the opportunity to raise general issues or items not necessarily listed on the survey sheets.

- Playground to be visible from Geneva Street
- Shade is desired (multiple people raised this consideration)
- Rubber surfacing preferred
- Noise from the playground to be considered
- Water splash pad element requested
- Bathrooms requested

#### **QUESTION 1 – WHERE DO YOU LIVE?**

- (88) Within ½ mile of the park
- (16) Within 1 mile of the park
- (10) Within 5 miles of the park
- (3) Further than 5 miles from the park, but inside the Livermore City Limits
- (1) Outside Livermore City Limits

#### **QUESTION 2 – HOW FREQUENTLY DO YOU AND/OR YOUR FAMILY USE SUNSET PARK?**

- (57) Several Times a Week
- (24) Once a week
- (13) A couple of times a month
- (16) A couple of times a year
- (6) Never

**QUESTION 3 – DO YOU (OR YOUR KIDS) HAVE A FAVOURITE PLAYGROUND? WHY?**

Various comments received. General items include preferences for (but not limited to) playgrounds with: shade, slides, swings, water play, rubber surfacing, bathrooms, equipment for multiple age groups and no sand.

**QUESTION 4 – WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING PLAYGROUND THEMES DO YOU THINK IS MOST APPROPRIATE FOR SUNSET PARK?**

(92) Tree House / Nature

(13) Rural / Agriculture

(16) Sports

(7) Fire Station

(25) Animals

(14) Trains

(10) Space

Other:

- Equal to what was removed

- Dinosaur

- Storybook

**QUESTION 5 – PLEASE CHECK THE STATEMENTS YOU AGREE WITH**

(66) It is important for me to be able to see all or most of the playground from one place

(59) Sunset Park Playground should have play experiences and features that are unique/different to the City's other playgrounds

(89) Parents and guardians should have a comfortable / enjoyable experience at the playground.

(90) Sunset Park Playground should provide features for children with a wide range of physical abilities.

(90) It is important to have a playground items for all ages.

**QUESTION 6 – PRIORITIZE THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUAL PLAYGROUND ELEMENTS IN THE ORDER OF WHAT IS MOST IMPORTANT TO YOU (1 BEING THE MOST IMPORTANT)**

Spinning items

Tunnel / Crawling

Swings

See-Saw

Slide

Slide Integrated Into Slope

Synthetic Turf Mound for Sliding

Balancing and Climbing

Rock Climbing

Zip Line

Low Ropes Course

Elevated Structures (e.g. Tree House or Tower)

Musical Instruments

There were no playground elements that were a lot more favored or unfavored than others. The four most popular items were: 1) Swings 2) Slides 3) Elevated Structures 4) Balancing and Climbing

**7. WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING AMENITIES INCLUDED IN THE DESIGN?**

(94) Shade structure

(90) Seating

(78) Picnic tables

(23) Picnic Games (e.g. ping pong, bean bag toss, sand volleyball)

(33) Bike Racks

(17) Exercise Equipment