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Good afternoon Mayor and Members of the City Council,

I am unable to comment at 5 pm due to work.

In keeping with the spirit of the Senator's generous grant Fairview Park Alliance likes Option 1.

It's a starting point.

If the grant money frees up money to be used for CIP projects on the 5 year Program, please consider:

See 22-23 Budget, page 291

- # 66 CA-ORA-58 Fill Removal, Cap and Restore Native Habitat,
- # 67 Educational Hubs and signage and
- # 69 Fencing, signage and trail restoration

At the very least, please direct staff to make these projects (which have been on the 5-year CIP list for many years), part of the 23-24 CIP budget for Fairview Park.

Fairview Park Alliance appreciates city officials, staff and members of commissions working with us to preserve and restore Fairview Park for everyone's enjoyment of nature.

Sincerely,  
Wendy Leece, President  
Fairview Park Alliance

*Wendy Leece*

*"The test of the morality of a society is what it does for its children." Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

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## History & Background on Brentwood Park, Costa Mesa, CA

2016 - Brentwood Park receives the worst rating on 2016 Parks & Recreation Commission Report (see report for reference)

2017 - In the 2017 Update of Open Space Master Plan review of all of Costa Mesa's Parks and Recreation playgrounds, only (2) parks - Brentwood and Pinkley - out of Costa Mesa's thirty, were specifically called out for their outdated equipment (see page 64)

2019 - Develop Brentwood Action website outlining the need to update **24 year old play equipment** to include shade coverings and play structures better suited for 2-5 year old play and 5-12 year old play

2020 - Develop petition and begin collecting signatures from the community to validate the need for an updated play equipment

2021/2022 - "350" signature petition submitted to City Council and Parks Committee

2022 - Brentwood Park approves funds and allocates them for the 2022/2023 Fiscal Year

Spring/Summer 2022 - Develop and deploy survey to identify key park needs and receive community input, along with drawings from Kindergarten children of what their "dream park" looks like and includes. (*Note: lots of climbing structures, slides, swings, and monkey bars were drawn*)

August 2022 - Share survey results with Parks Committee and "**conceptual**" park design rendering based on feedback/results from the community input survey

September 2022 - Identify key vendors for RFP submission (Gametime, Dave Bang, RecWest, Brightview, and Landscape Structures)

Oct/Nov 2022 - Request the Parks Committee to perform a site evaluation of general site prep needs as estimated costs as it relates to grading of the park and input from city's Public Works Team

March 2023 - Parks Committee shares backlog and not enough bandwidth for projects - potentially affecting Brentwood Park

# Brentwood Park receives worst rating on 2016 Parks & Recreation Commission Report

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In the [2016 Parks & Recreation Commission Park Report](#) for District 3, Brentwood Park received a “C” rating.

Conclusions and recommendations from the report included:

- Swings should be available at all parks
- Shade structures should be incorporated in parks where tree shade is not available

In the [2017 Update of the Open Space Master Plan](#) review of all of Costa Mesa’s Parks and Recreation playgrounds, only (2) parks – Brentwood and Pinkley – out of Costa Mesa’s thirty, were specifically called out for their outdated equipment (on page 64).

Pinkley Park’s playground equipment was [replaced](#) in 2019.

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# City of Costa Mesa

## Update of the Open Space Master Plan of Parks and Recreation

DRAFT REPORT  
May 15, 2017



Community Inspired Spaces





### **Playgrounds**

Overall, the playground equipment at each park area was creative, generally well maintained, and in a good state of repair. Safety surfaces overall suffered from compaction primarily due to irrigation overspray and the need for additional sand especially swings and landing area. Angel's Playground at TeWinkle Park features newer and very creative play equipment while facilities at other locations generally were older and should be scheduled for replacement over the next several years.



Angel's Playground at TeWinkle Park .

Landing areas in some rubberized surfacing, such as Angel's Playground, has deteriorated and are in need of attention. Equipment at Brentwood and Pinkley Parks were older and should be scheduled for removal.

The City utilizes a variety of surfaces including rubberized and sand surfaces. To counter the continual problem of surface migration below swings the City (should daily rake safety surface or consider the utilization of a tile surfacing under the swings in combination with sand or bark). When used this seems to be a positive move correcting the on-going maintenance problems associated with surfacing under swings.

Sand surfaces generally were compacted, the result of irrigation overspray.

New playground criteria was recently adopted by a subcommittee of American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM). The potential change to ASTM standards reduces the Head Injury Criterion from 1000 to 700. The implications of this new standard if adopted, will mean that some playground safety surfaces will need to be replaced. It is unknown at this time the full impact to the City of Costa Mesa. (NRPA, Parks and Recreation, February 2015, "New Playground Criterion Adopted Amid Controversy.")

### **Park Trees and Landscaping**

Park landscaping which includes trees, shrub beds, turf, and landscaped drainage areas were found to be in good condition. The City prunes all trees on an every three to five year cycle. Therefore, most evergreen and deciduous trees appeared to be healthy, with little need for thinning and structural pruning. Several redwoods at Wakeham, Pinkley, and Wilson Parks were dead or in a serious state of decline.

Young trees were staked in a variety of fashions, some caged and some with limited weed growth underneath. Compaction around tree wells was poorly managed with no evidence of bark/mulch around the drip line.



# **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

## **PARK REPORT – OCTOBER 2016**

**Park District #3  
Vice Chair Robert Graham**



# Brentwood Park - 265 East Brentwood Place

- No restrooms
- No swings – some playground equipment
- Shade trees, benches, and tables



- Sand volleyball court
- Master plan for park in design stage
- Local use
- "C" rating



# Conclusion & Recommendations

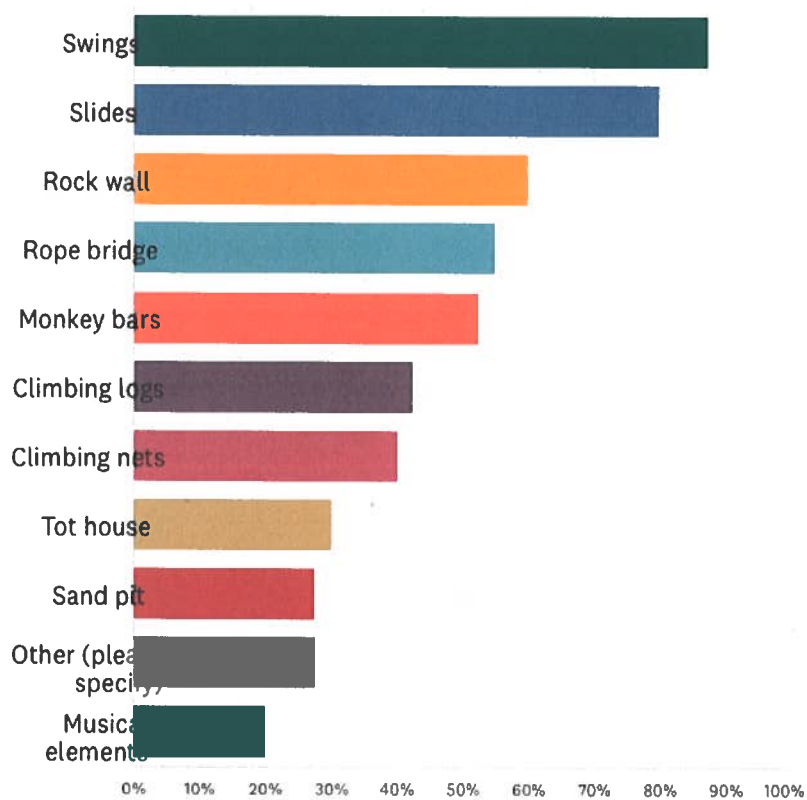
- All parks are unique and offer different experiences and opportunities
- Swings should be available at all parks
- Restrooms should be available at all parks
- Shade structures should be incorporated in parks where tree shade is not available
- Provide bike racks
- Drinking fountains for people and dogs
- Annual discretionary fund for use by Recreation Manager

Q1

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### Playground features- What types of play equipment would you like to see?

Answered: 40 Skipped: 0

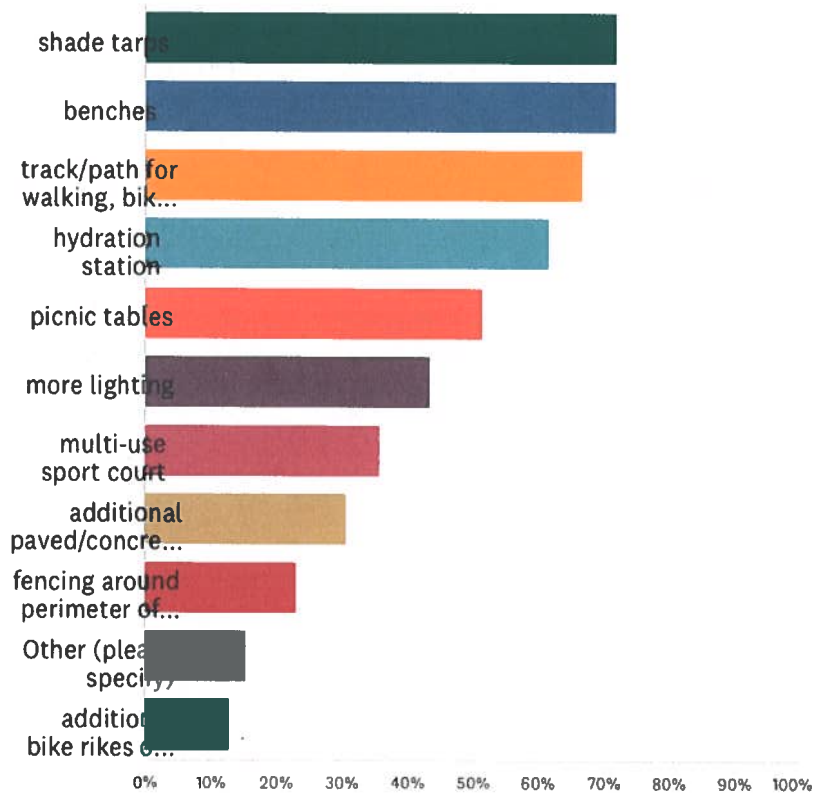


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ Swings	87.50% 35
▼ Slides	80.00% 32
▼ Rock wall	60.00% 24
▼ Rope bridge	55.00% 22
▼ Monkey bars	52.50% 21
▼ Climbing logs	42.50% 17
▼ Climbing nets	40.00% 16
▼ Tot house	30.00% 12
▼ Sand pit	27.50% 11
▼ Other (please specify)	Responses 27.50% 11
▼ Musical elements	20.00% 8

Total Respondents: 40

### Facility Needs- What amenities would you like to see at the park?



Answered: 39 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ shade tarps	71.79% 28
▼ benches	71.79% 28
▼ track/path for walking, bikes, scooters	66.67% 26
▼ hydration station	61.54% 24
▼ picnic tables	51.28% 20
▼ more lighting	43.59% 17
▼ multi-use sport court	35.90% 14
▼ additional paved/concrete entry pathways	30.77% 12
▼ fencing around perimeter of playground	23.08% 9
▼ Other (please specify)	Responses 15.38% 6
▼ additional bike rikes on playground side	12.82% 5

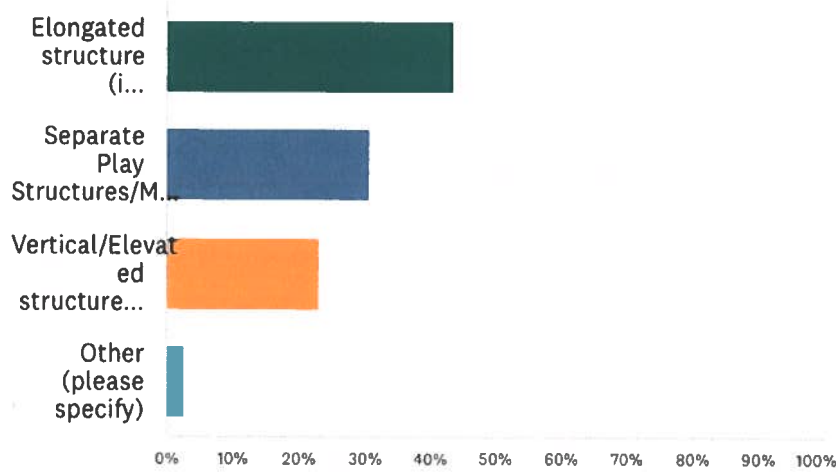
Total Respondents: 39

Q3

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### Park Layout- What type of playground structure do you like best?

Answered: 39 Skipped: 1



#### ANSWER CHOICES

 **RESPONSES** 

 Elongated structure (ie. similar to Mariners park)	43.59%	17
 Separate Play Structures/Multiple structures (ie. similar to Lindbergh park)	30.77%	12
 Vertical/Elevated structure (ie. similar to Lyons park)	23.08%	9
 Other (please specify) <a href="#">Responses</a>	2.56%	1

**RESPONSES (1)**

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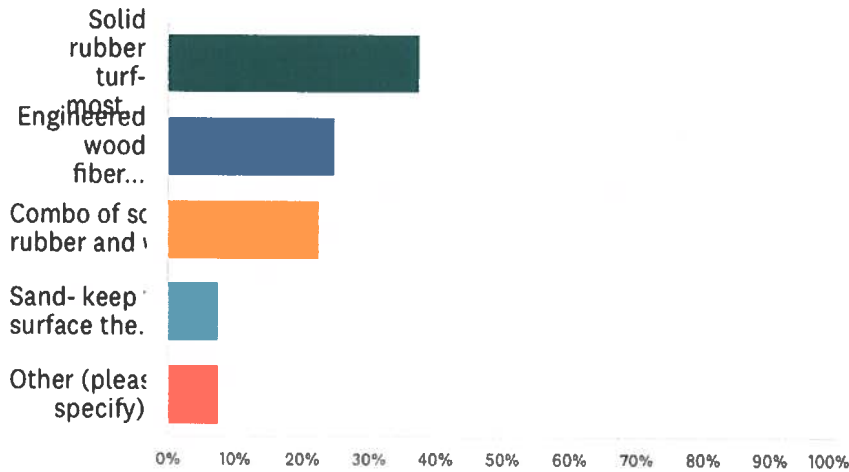


Q4

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### What type of ground surfacing do you prefer?

Answered: 40 Skipped: 0



#### ANSWER CHOICES

**RESPONSES**

Solid rubber turf- most expensive surface option	37.50%	15
Engineered wood fiber mulch- cost effective and safest for falls	25.00%	10
Combo of solid rubber and wood fiber	22.50%	9
Sand- keep the surface the same	7.50%	3
Other (please specify) <a href="#">Responses</a>	7.50%	3

**RESPONSES (3)**

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Sand and rubber

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combo of sand and rubber (better sand)

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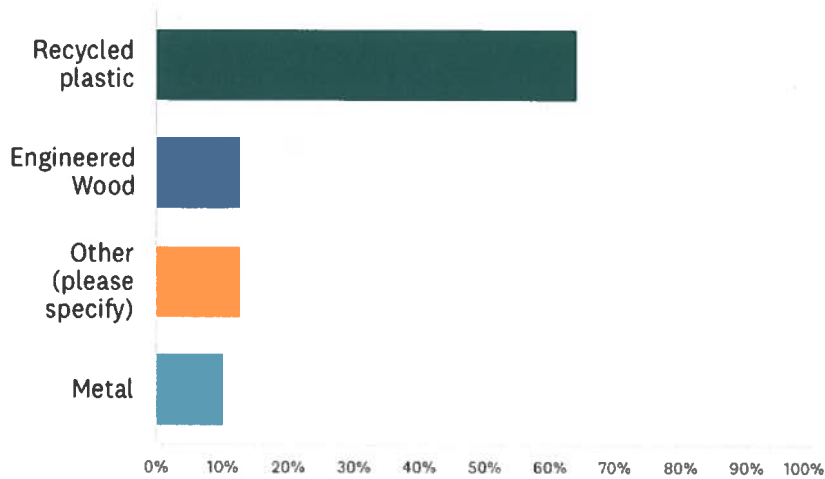
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Q5

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What type of structure material would you prefer for the majority of the playground?

Answered: 39 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ Recycled plastic	64.10% 25
▼ Engineered Wood	12.82% 5
▼ Other (please specify) <a href="#">Responses</a>	12.82% 5

**RESPONSES (5)**  WORD CLOUD  TAGS (0)  Sentiments: OFF 

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- No preference  
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- keep it the same .  
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Q6

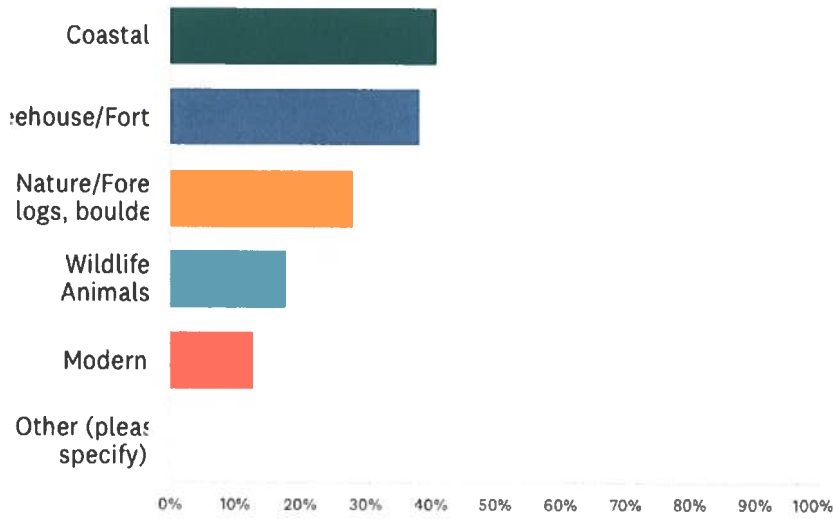


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## What theme do you like best?

Answered: 39 Skipped: 1



### ANSWER CHOICES



### RESPONSES



▼ Coastal	41.03%	16
▼ Treehouse/Fort	38.46%	15
▼ Nature/Forest- logs, boulders, trees	28.21%	11
▼ Wildlife Animals	17.95%	7
▼ Modern	12.82%	5
▼ Other (please specify)	Responses 0.00%	0

**Total Respondents: 39**

Q7

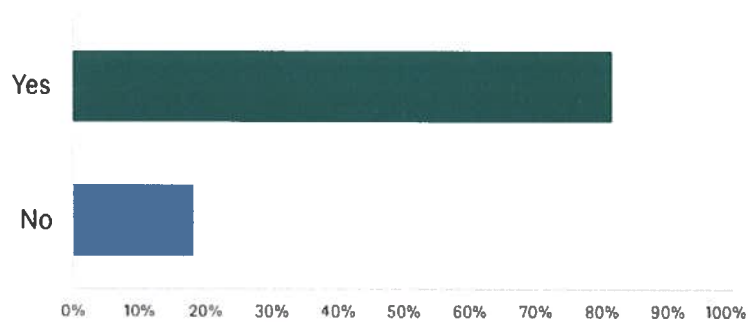


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Would you consider a community built playground?- \* A community built playground involves a number of people that volunteer their time and efforts to come together and build a playground for their neighborhood in a 7-10 day time frame alongside playground designers and building consultants. Community built playgrounds have the ability to reach completion faster, on smaller budgets.

Answered: 38 Skipped: 2



**ANSWER CHOICES**

**RESPONSES**

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
▼ Yes	81.58%	31
▼ No	18.42%	7

**Total Respondents: 38**

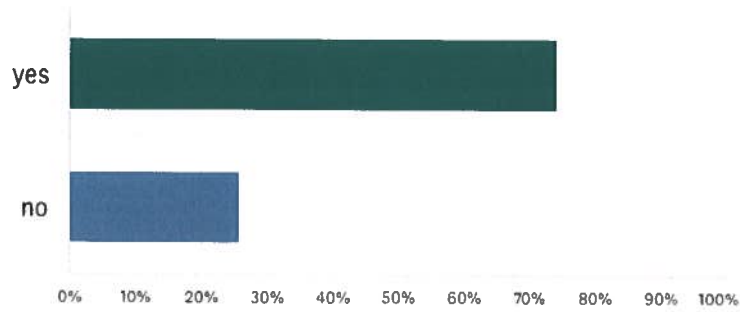


Q8

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If you answered yes to Q.7 would you be willing to volunteer your time during the build week?

Answered: 35 Skipped: 5



**ANSWER CHOICES**

**RESPONSES**

▼ yes

74.29%

26

▼ no

25.71%

9

**Total Respondents: 35**

Q9

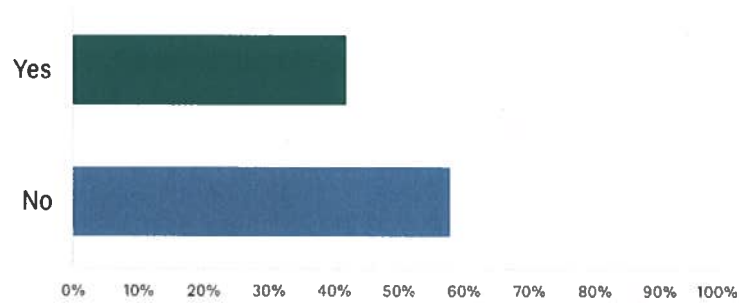


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Would you help fundraise for additional monies to improve the playground/park?

Answered: 38 Skipped: 2



**ANSWER CHOICES**

**RESPONSES**

▼ Yes

42.11%

16

▼ No


57.89%

22

**TOTAL**

**38**

Q10

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Please add any additional thoughts/comments/suggestions if you have any!  
Thanks!

Answered: 14 Skipped: 26

**RESPONSES (14)**

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Please keep it a residential park not a destination park. Parents need benches to sit on as well  
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Is it possible to get restrooms  
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Thank you for doing this!!  
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Thank you for putting this together! Looking forward to the updates! I'll be happy to help volunteer (if it's outside of work hours)  
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Would love a splash pad!

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None

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Need court options for older kids and adults

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Re: my suggestion for a flat area for littles to ride their wheeled toys. In the south many communities have these area d that are essentially fenced in concert can where families gather, the kiddos ride on toys and donated little play houses. It ends up being similar to a lot of preschool play area and gives parents of tots an opportunity let them explore without constantly hovering or having to avoid them



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Before anyone changes the play structure lets focus on the paths, benches and the space as a whole more useable. We dont want more traffic at the park .

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I added it above, but I think a splash pad (I know it might be too pricey) would be a great addition to the park since the park is used by so many kiddos in the neighborhood. I think having it open from Memorial Day through Labor Day or the first weekend of October would be a good time line as well.

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Make sure you get names and numbers of people willing to donate and work!! Especially since this was forwarded to a lot of folks. Thanks!!!!

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THANK YOU!!!

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Bathrooms would be great too! Fence is important since it's also a dog park.

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Dog friendly. ( little area for dog)

# Brentwood Park Playground Update-2023





# Equipment Options

2-5 Year Old Play

General Park Enhancements

**Nature Discovery Play House**



**Butterfly Net**



**Turtle Spring Rider**



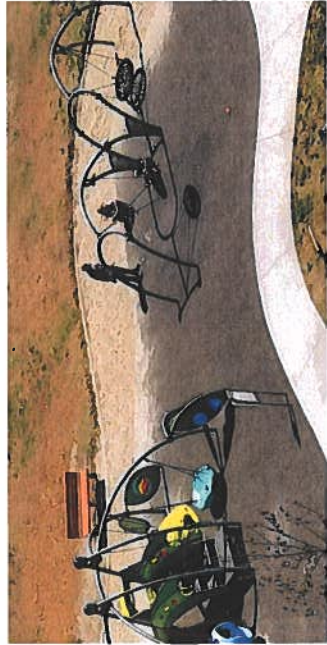
**Tree Swing**



**Log Balance Beam**



**Tot Track, Benches & Picnic Tables**



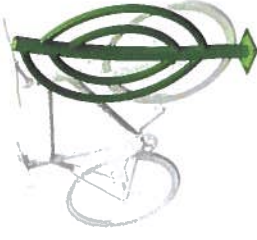
**Tot's Leaf**



**Elkay Outdoor Tubular (Pedestal) Bottle Filler & Water Fountain**



**Nature Bike Rack**



**Superior Metal Pet Waste Eliminator Station**



# Equipment Options

5-12 Year Old Play

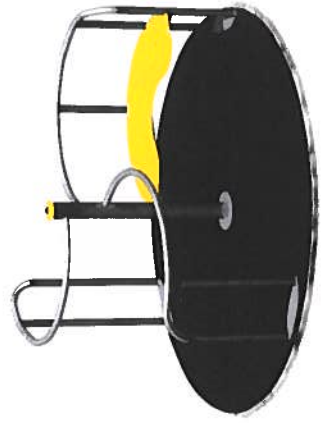
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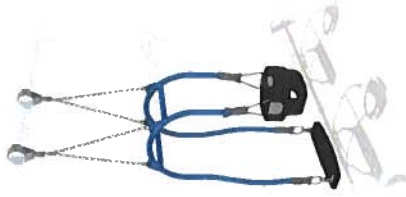
3-Bay Swing with Shade



Inclusive Orbit



Expression Swing



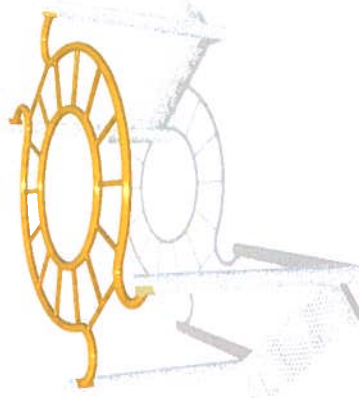
Curva® Spinner



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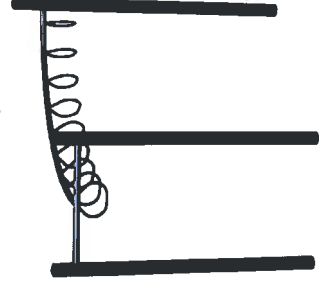
Ladder Loop



Palisades Boulder



90° Horizontal Loop Ladder





## Key Vendors for RFP Submission

**DaveBang**

**GameTime**

**RecWest**

**BrightView**

**Landscape Structures**