



Memorandum

TO: MAYOR LICCARDO
SUBJECT: BUDGET DOCUMENT

FROM: Councilmember Mahan
DATE: May 27, 2021

Approved *Matt Mahan*

Date: May 27, 2021

RECOMMENDATION

That the following recommendation be enacted.

Allocate additional funds to the existing grant-funded project to build an All-Inclusive playground at Almaden Lake Park, replacing bark surfacing with resilient safety surfacing, which will enable seniors and people using wheelchairs and crutches to access the playground, and providing needed repairs and improvements to the aging bathroom facility.

Proposal

Program/Project Title: All-Inclusive Playground at Almaden Lake Park

Amount of City Funding Required: 1) \$130,000 for Resilient Surfacing
2) \$100,000 for Restroom improvements.

This change is:

One-time Ongoing

Cost Estimate Number (if applicable):

Proposal Description, including the reason for the need and anticipated outcomes (Please describe how the proposal will affect services for San José residents, community groups, businesses, etc.):

In 2017-2018 PRNS was awarded a grant from Santa Clara County for an All-Inclusive Playground. However, that grant was not enough to replace the bark surfacing with resilient surfacing, or to modify the aging bathrooms to accommodate the families targeted to use the facility.

An All-inclusive playground is intended to serve people of all-ages and all-abilities. Bark surfacing does not accomplish that goal. It is difficult for seniors to walk in bark without tripping, and while it technically meets minimum ADA requirements, it does not make the playground accessible to people in wheelchairs, or who walk with crutches.

District 10 receives some of the least amount of park funds, but we do have a small amount available within the nexus to put toward the surfacing.

The restroom at Almaden Lake Park has not been improved since it was built decades ago. It is on the list of facilities on the Infrastructure Backlog and we are asking that it be moved up on the list to allow the intended visitors to the playground an opportunity to use the facility while they are there. These minor improvements may not allow everyone access, but it will serve a greater number of guests than if we do nothing.

PRNS is developing a detailed cost estimate to update and remodel the existing restroom at Almaden Lake Park and bring it into compliance with current codes. While the complete cost is still being developed, staff expects it may be in excess of \$100,000. To that end, we are requesting \$100,000 as seed money for these improvements. If costs exceed that, the council office will work with PRNS staff to identify alternative funding sources through the budget process.

Almaden Lake Park is a regional park, serving residents from many other Districts, such as D2, D9, D6, D7, and others. PRNS tracks and permits special events and gathers trail data annually at a nearby count station. In 2019, there were nine 5K run/walk events scheduled, four large-scale festivals, and ten City of San Jose sponsored events, including summer camps. Overall, there were over **75,800** in attendance at these events.

According to PRNS Trail Count records, there are **360,000** annual users on the trails adjacent to the park. If any of them were in wheelchairs, or had any sort of disabilities, they probably were not able to use the playground facilities, and possibly not even the bathroom facilities. Additional funds to install resilient surfacing and to make minor improvements to the bathroom would go a long way toward making the new playground closer to truly being all-inclusive.

Funding Source

Essential Services Reserve:

Other (Please specify program/project/fund):

PRNS Total Estimated Cost of \$168,000 to be funded from:

- D10 PTF nexus funds: \$ 38,000
- City-Wide C&C Funds: \$130,000

Restroom Improvements:

Infrastructure Backlog Reserve \$100,000

Department or Organization Contact

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