



# Hidden Valley Playground Project Update

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Playground updates will be taking place at Hidden Valley Park this summer.

The project will include the replacement of the main playground equipment and the large play container, the edging on the tot container, the path leading from the trail to the container, bench pads, a picnic table pad and the retaining wall. The cement around the warming house building will also be replaced. The tot area which was replaced in 2017 following an arson incident, will not be replaced as part of this project.

The playground equipment at Hidden Valley Park was last replaced in 1998. Planning began last fall with a mailing to residents in the Hidden Valley area, informing them of the proposed project and inviting them to participate in the planning process. A committee made up of representatives from the neighborhood, Flagship Recreation, Council, CAC and engineers from Stantec and city staff met in February to view initial plans that were designed based on the resident surveys, park size and budget. After discussion, the plans were modified and then reviewed at a second committee meeting in March. The committee then made a final decision regarding the color scheme. In March the city council approved plans and specifications for the project and in April the city council approved awarding the site work bid to Haho Companies and the playground equipment bid to Flagship Recreation and Landscape Structures.

The existing playground equipment has been removed. Due to manufacturing issues, the new equipment installation has been delayed until September. Unfortunately, due to other project commitments, Haho Companies was not able to change the site work timeline until later in the summer, so the large playground container will remain empty and closed until the equipment can be installed.

## **Projected Timeline:**

- June/July 2022 – Removal of existing equipment; installation of the container edging, retaining wall, cement pads, sand. Removal and replacement of cement around warming house.
- September 2022 – Installation of the new playground equipment.

## **During Construction:**

- During the site work construction, and again when the equipment is installed, the trail area between the warming house and the playground will be closed.
- If you see vandalism taking place or people in areas where they shouldn't be, please call 911.

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