



AGENDA

Meeting of the Scotts Valley Parks and Recreation Commission

In-Person and Remote Access

Date: August 21, 2025

Time: 6:00 PM

CONTACT INFORMATION	MEETING LOCATION	POSTING
Recreation Division 361 Kings Village Road Scotts Valley, CA 95066 (831) 438-3251	City Council Chambers 1 Civic Center Drive Scotts Valley, CA 95066 Or Zoom Video Conference https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81298572447	Agenda posted on 08-15-25 at City Hall, SV Senior Center, SV Public Works Building, and on the Internet at: www.scottsvally.gov
COMMISSIONERS	CITY STAFF MEMBERS	
David Sanguinetti, Chair Heidi Denger, Vice Chair Kate Kelsey, Commissioner Corky Roberson, Commissioner Rebecca Sorci-Murray, Commissioner	Allison Pfefferkorn, Recreation Division Manager Matthew Spencer-Cooke, Maintenance Division Manager Brian Youmans, Administrative Assistant	

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Call to Order

Roll Call

Staff Updates

1. Staff Update - RDM Pfefferkorn

Public Comment Time

This portion of the agenda is reserved for discussion by the public of items which are NOT agendized. No action may be taken by the Commission except to refer the matter to staff and/or place it on a future agenda. It is in the best interest of the person speaking to the Commission to be concise and to the point. All speakers are requested to sign their name at the podium so their name may be accurately recorded in the minutes of the meeting. A time limit of three minutes per individual will be allowed. If speaking on behalf of a group, the speaking time limit will be 5 minutes.

Consent Agenda

(Any person wishing to speak on the consent agenda may do so by raising their hand as the item is called out by the chairperson.)

1. 06-17-25 Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

Additions/Deletions to Regular Agenda

(Any person wishing to speak on the consent or regular agenda may do so by raising their hand as the item is called out by the chairperson.)

Regular Agenda

(Any person wishing to speak on the regular agenda may do so by raising their hand as the item is called out by the chairperson.)

1. Parks Master Plan Implementation Update
2. Skypark 6-12 year old Playground Design Approval

Adjournment

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Recreation Division Manager Allison Pfefferkorn Staff Updates August 21, 2025

Past City Run Events

- **Movie in the Park- Skypark-** This event partnered with Food Truck Friday to host the movie “Moana” right after the Food Truck Friday event. Scotts Valley Education Foundation stayed for the movie night for the sale of beer and wine, as well as Little League to sell popcorn and movie snacks. The night was a big success with several of the food trucks selling out of food as well as the Education Foundation having their highest grossing Food Truck Friday!
- **July Parks and Recreation Month-** This was a huge success! Free programmed events happened every Wednesday in July, as well as self-directed activities that were encouraged throughout the month.
- **July 4th Kids Zone-** The Kid Zone was a big hit again for the 2nd year in a row. Starting at 10:00am, food trucks, bounce houses, and several area businesses were open to interact with the public. New for this year was live music. Anthony Ayrea, former contestant on “The Voice”, as well as a former Boys and Girls Club youth, played starting right after the parade. It was the perfect vibe for the post parade party! More shade was also provided this year for folks to eat, hang out, and enjoy the music. We estimated around 800 people were in attendance throughout the day.
- **Family Fun Day-** On July 19th, Scotts Valley Recreation and the other Santa Cruz County agencies gathered at Skypark for a Family Fun Day complete with a touch-a-truck, bounce houses, and over 30 area businesses. The day’s focus was to showcase all the amazing area businesses that cater to families. It was estimated that over 2000 people were in attendance.
- **Movie in the Park- Siltanen-** Jumanji was played at Siltanen Park Friday August 15th.

Special Events, Camps, and Classes

- **Food Truck Fridays-** Josh Swart, owner of Food Trucks A Go Go, continues to say each month how the new layout of the food trucks in the parking lot has made a huge difference in the feel and vibe of the evenings. He continues to be pleased with the layout.
- **Hops & Barley-** Hops and Barley was the first large event to happen with in the new policy of no vehicles on the fields. The event was a success, and they used the walkthrough between the pump track and dog park for vendor parking and loading/unloading and it worked great. No damage was reported.
- **Camps and Classes-** We had a great summer camp season at the Community Center, Theater, Skatepark, and Siltanen Park with over 130 kids participating.

Upcoming City Run Events

- **Chalk it Up: Chalk Art Event-** August 24th at Skypark
- **Family Campout-** September 13th & 14th at Siltanen Park
- **Glenwood 5K-** October 11th at Siltanen and Glenwood East

Recreation

- The recreation team has continued work on configuring the new reservation software. We are still aiming for a go live date of January 2026.
- Our Fall/Winter recreation guide went live on August 11th.

Parks and Facilities

SKYPARK

- Fields are much healthier this summer thanks to increased seeding, aerating, fertilizing, and irrigation upgrades
- Public Works is taking over the lawn maintenance of Skypark and Green Belts at the end of August
- Basketball court resurfacing is complete
- Bocce courts resurfaced and trim has been restored
- A memorial bench has been installed
- The dog park's mulch has been refreshed, and the gates and fence have had repairs
- Power has been restored at the pedestals as well as across the field
- Boulders have been installed for vehicles prevention and pedestrian sitting
- Bollards and cables installed to keep vehicles off field
- Sidewalk concrete grinding to prevent tripping hazards

SILTANEN

- Pool fence has been replaced
- Daycare handrailing has been replaced
- Retaining wall drainage project expected by end of October 2025
- New irrigation system installed June 2025
- Playground woodchips were replaced
- New dog waste station has been installed
- Sidewalk concrete grinding to prevent tripping hazards

HOCUS POCUS

- New roof installed on restroom building
- Basketball court resurfacing is complete
- Playground woodchips were replaced
- Sidewalk concrete grinding to prevent tripping hazards

MACDORSA

- New dog waste station has been installed
- Sidewalk concrete grinding to prevent tripping hazards
- BBQ area has been repainted

SENIOR CENTER

- Kitchen repairs completed to get new Environmental Health permit
- New kitchen code locks have been installed

COMMUNITY CENTER

- Interior painting at stage and main hall has been completed
- New kitchen code locks have been installed

Projects

- The RFP for Al Shugart dog park has closed, and a design firm has been selected. The project will get underway within the next few months.
- Staff submitted a grant application for Beverage Container Recycling Grant Program and was notified that we have been awarded the funding for trash and recycling containers, as well as water fountain and bottle fill stations to be placed at our parks.



MINUTES

Meeting of the
**Scotts Valley Parks and Recreation
Commission**
Date: June 17, 2025
Time: 6:00 PM

CONTACT INFORMATION	MEETING LOCATION	POSTING
Recreation Division 361 Kings Village Road Scotts Valley, CA 95066 (831) 438-3251	City Council Chambers 1 Civic Center Drive Scotts Valley, CA 95066 Or Zoom Video Conference https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86905757283	The agenda was posted on 06-13-25 at City Hall, SV Senior Center, SV Public Works Building, and on the Internet at www.scottsvally.gov .

Call to Order - 6:00 pm

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM.

Roll Call

APPOINTED OFFICIALS PRESENT: David Sanguinetti, Chair Heidi Denger, Vice Chair Corky Roberson, Commissioner Kate Kelsey, Commissioner Rebecca Sorci-Murray, Commissioner	CITY STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Mali LaGoe, City Manager Allison Pfefferkorn, Recreation Division Manager Brian Youmans, Administrative Secretary
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Staff Updates

RDM Pfefferkorn gave a summary of recently accomplished events and activities that Parks and Recreation offered, as well as announced the upcoming 4th of July parade and kid zone as well as many of the recent accomplishments the Maintenance division has completed in the parks recently.

Public Comment Time

Resident Dianna Garret asked a procedural question regarding the public hearing.

Consent Agenda

1. 04-17-25 Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

M/S: Denger/Kelsey

To approve the Consent Agenda. Carried 5/0/0 (AYES: Sanguinetti, Denger, Roberson, Kelsey, Sorci-Murray; NOES: None; ABSENT: None)

Additions/Deletions to Regular Agenda

None.

Regular Agenda

1. Public Hearing Regarding Rules for Dogs in City Parks

RDM Pfefferkorn presented the background of information for recent issues regarding off leash dogs within different parks. This presentation listed all the issues that this has caused. RDM Pfefferkorn ended the presentation by presenting several different solutions to address these concerns.

Commissioners asked clarifying questions as well as offered suggestions for the solutions that RDM Pfefferkorn presented. Staff responded to these questions.

Public Comment:

- Resident Eric Hansen expressed his admiration for Siltanen as a park for dog lovers and questions the legitimacy of any instances of animal feces being left or of aggression.
- Resident Diana Garrett expressed her joy from the sense of community within the dog owners of Siltanen and challenged any claims of lack of cleanliness from the dog owners. She then suggested that the city implement a K9 citizenship classes for owners' education.
- Resident Barbara Mendenhall expressed her disappointment with the city as she considers any of these suggestions to be draconian.
- Resident Fabiene Rodet claimed that the Siltanen dog owners deeply care about the park and would never allow any unfriendly dogs to be off leash but does express that she likes the idea of designated off leash areas as a compromise.
- Resident Nancy Peterson echoes the sentiment that the dog owners are consciences about others but would also like to see a designated off leash area in Siltanen.
- Resident Kim Pinard states that she is not addressing any one individual but is fully supportive of any enforcement of leash laws as she has seen many instances of aggression from off leash dogs.
- Resident Deb Gissing expresses her love of dogs and would love to see a designated off leash area in Siltanen.
- Resident Kerry Mayard admits that he's responsible for organizing the Siltanen dog owners and claims that Siltanen does not have a feces issue.

2. Cost Recovery Policy Study Session

RDM Pfefferkorn gave a presentation on the background of staff developing a cost recovery model and introduced the creation of a cost recovery policy.

Commissioners asked clarifying questions and staff responded.

Chair Sanguinetti expressed appreciation to staff at creating this new system to support the fiscal stability of the city.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM

City of Scotts Valley PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

DATE: 8/21/2025
TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Matthew Spencer-Cooke
APPROVED: Mali LaGoe, City Manager
SUBJECT: **Parks Master Plan Implementation Update**

SUMMARY OF ISSUE

The City of Scotts Valley Parks Master Plan was adopted by the City Council in August 2024.

The core purpose of the Parks Master Plan (PMP) is to provide City staff with a usable action plan that captures the needs assessment of the community and supports a vibrant future of the City's parks system.

The PMP delivers three distinct sections: Inventory of existing parks & benchmark cities comparisons, needs assessment & analysis, and recommendations.

During the needs assessment and analysis, results from the public surveys showed strong sentiment from respondents to improve existing park conditions.

An Implementation table was developed to outline a strategic, sustainable approach for the City to improve and upgrade parks and expand recreational offerings. It serves as a guide where the City can make park planning decisions based on available funding, priority, and type of project.

This past fall, staff reviewed the implementation table and began charting out projects.

Over the summer, the Maintenance Division has spearheaded many of the projects listed within the Parks Master Plan, along with continuing to improve on recurring maintenance activities.

Our primary focus was improving the overall condition of our sports field areas at Skypark and Siltanen. We are now aerating, fertilizing, and seeding on a regular schedule and our irrigation schedule has been maximized to ensure fields get adequate water for resilient growth during the hottest and driest part of the year.

We also have completed several improvement projects across the parks, including the resurfacing of our basketball courts at Hocus Pocus and Skypark, starting of the resurfacing of the tennis courts, repairing trails throughout Lodato, and installing new wood fiber at the

playgrounds.

A complete update of all items is attached. Highlighted items have been updated.

For larger park projects listed on the implementation tables that fall under CIP projects, staff are reviewing and updating the five-year CIP. Funds will be allocated for priority projects within the parks. The City is making progress on three projects in particular: developing a Skypark-specific Master Plan, Al Shugart Dog Park design update and construction preparation, and replacing the 6-12yr old Playground at Sky Park.

FISCAL IMPACT

The costs associated with active projects are included in the City's operations and CIP budgets.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

To receive and provide feedback on the report.

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1. Parks Master Plan Update- Implememntation Table

PARK		PARK SCORE	1=High 2=Medium (start within 1-2 years) 3=Low (start within 5 years)	PROJECT TYPE	\$=Less than 100k \$\$=\$100k to \$500k \$\$\$=500k to \$2 mil \$\$\$\$=\$2 mil+	Estimated Start Date
No.	Project type		Priority	Category	Cost	Start Date
1	General Operations and Maintenance					
1.1	Throughout all parks, continue maintenance. Repair, replace, repaint existing site amenities. Consider a dedicated funding source on an annual basis.		1	O & M	ongoing	Ongoing
2	Siltanen Park	5.3				
2.1	Consider a park specific master plan for renovation to meet current and future needs of the community. Consider an aquatic center or splash pad for this park.		1	Large project	\$\$	2028
2.2	Turf Fields - repair.		1	O & M	\$	Ongoing
2.3	Wood bleacher seating at all areas - clean, sand, and repaint. Remove weeds to allow for full use of seating.		1	Small project (Volunteer Opportunity)	\$	Jun-25
2.4	Accessible path of travel - provide code compliant walkways at bleachers, barbeque shelter, etc.		1	Large project	\$\$-\$\$\$	Include in Master Plan
2.5	Playground - replenish EWF.		1	O & M	\$	complete
2.6	Horseshoe area - remove horseshoe game elements that are not used. Consider bleacher seating facing the ball field.		2	Small project (Volunteer Opportunity)	\$	Mar-25
2.7	Little League Standings board at Fitz Memorial - refurbish.		2	O & M (Volunteer Opportunity)	\$	Mar-25
2.8	Playground - replace playground equipment with inclusive, ADA compliant and modern equipment incorporating sustainable durable materials.		2	Large project	\$\$	2027
2.9	Parking lot on Vine Hill Road - replenish plant material. Install trees for shade. Re-install signage that is damaged.		2	Large project	\$	Ongoing (eliminate tree installations)
2.10	Landscaping - reduce the amount of turf in areas that are not for active recreation, such as areas that border the fields and bleachers. Replace with drought tolerant species and irrigation, to save water and reduce maintenance costs.		3	Small project	\$\$	Include in Master Plan
2.11	Playground - drinking fountain - replace with an accessible drinking fountain with pet bowl and bottle filler.		3	Small project	\$	Pending funding - application submitted
3	Skypark	5.1				

3.1	Consider preparation of a park specific master plan for a permanent stage to align with the Town Center Specific Plan, renovation that utilizes the space efficiently, creating opportunity to improve for current and future trends including possible relocation of the dog park and pump track.		1	Large project	\$\$	2026
3.2	Skate park - replace fence.		1	Large project	\$\$	complete
3.3	Landscaping - renovate common areas located outside of active play zones, to include drought tolerant, low water-use planting and irrigation. Consider installing connecting pathways through the garden areas.		1	Small project		Include in Master Plan
3.4	Playground - replace 5–12 age playground equipment with inclusive, ADA compliant and modern equipment incorporating sustainable durable materials.		1	Large project	\$\$	Ongoing
3.5	Skate Park - provide picnic and bench seating under shade shelter.		2	Small project (Volunteer Opportunity)	\$	2025
3.6	Signage - repair or replace throughout the park.		2	O & M	\$	ongoing

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3.7	Turf Fields - repair.		2	O & M	\$	Ongoing
3.8	Basketball court - replace surfacing.		2	Small project	\$\$	complete
3.9	Bocce Ball courts - install shade shelter over full courts and picnic areas.		2	Small project	\$\$	Pending funding
3.10	Pickleball/Tennis courts - repair walkways, wood retaining walls, court surfaces, nets and screening on fence.		2	O & M	\$	Oct-25
3.11	Pickleball/Tennis courts - provide restroom building.		2	Large project	\$\$–\$\$\$	Include in Master Plan
3.12	Pickleball/Tennis courts - install shade shelters with seating outside of the court areas.		2	Small project	\$\$	Pending funding
3.13	Linear trail - paint utility boxes and fitness equipment to avoid rust.		2	O & M	\$	Ongoing
3.14	Dog off-leash park - relocate prior to Town Center construction.		3	Large project	\$\$\$	2027
3.15	Pump-track - relocate prior to Town Center construction.		3	Large project	\$\$\$	2027 (or eliminate)
4	MacDorsa Park	3.8				
4.1	Consider a park specific master plan for renovation to meet current and future needs of the community. Consider revitalizing the playground and amphitheater.		1	Small project	\$\$	2028

4.2	Playground renovations - pursue either #1 or #2 option depending on available funding. #1 Option - renovate the existing playground with equipment for all ages and abilities. Remove and replace the unused piece of equipment. #2 Option - renovate to include a larger inclusive playground for 2–5 and 5–12 age groups, with adjacent picnic and bench seating.		#1 option-1 #2 option-2	#1 option - Small project #2 option - Large project	#1 option-\$\$ #2 option-\$\$\$	Include in Master Plan
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4.3	Accessbile Path of Travel - provide code compliant walkways to the gazebo and the Scott House entry.		2	Small project	\$	Include in Master Plan
4.4	Bicycle parking - provide a concrete pad at existing bicycle racks.		2	Small project	\$	2026
4.5	Site furniture - replace worn picnic tables and add new picnic tables on existing concrete pad.		2	O & M	\$	Sep-25
4.6	BBQ area - renovate the amenities in this area to meet ADA requirements, including fixtures, and counters.		2	Small project	\$\$	Include in Master Plan
4.7	Landscaping - reduce the amount of turf in areas that are not for active recreation, such as the narrow landscape strip between the parking lot and playground and at picnic areas, and replace with drought tolerant species and low water-use irrigation, to save water.		3	Small project	\$\$	Include in Master Plan
4.8	Turf areas - repair.		3	O & M	\$	Ongoing
4.9	Picnic tables - add shade trees or a shade shelter over picnic tables.		3	Small project	\$	Reassess
5	Hocus Pocus Park	2.7				
5.1	Turf areas - repair and replenish.		1	O & M		Ongoing
5.2	Playground safety surfacing - replenish engineered wood fiber (EWF) safety surfacing to a minimum depth of 12" in all areas. Verify that rubber safety surfacing is code compliant and not past its lifespan.		1	O & M	\$	complete
5.3	Basketball - replace surfacing.		1	Small project	\$	complete
5.4	Lighting - verify functionality for nighttime safety.		1	O & M	\$\$	Jul-25
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5.5	Landscaping - Reduce the amount of turf in areas that are not for active recreation, such as areas that border the street sidewalk, and small interior planting areas. Replace with drought tolerant species and irrigation, to save water and reduce maintenance costs.		2	Small project	\$\$	Include in Master Plan
5.6	Site furniture - replace worn benches, tables, and barbecues.		2	O & M	\$	Sep-25

5.7	Consider installation of a small off-leash dog area in this park.		2	Large project	\$\$\$	Reassess
5.8	Basketball - consider renovation of the two half-courts to one full size court.		3	Large project	\$\$	Reassess
6	Vern Hart Fishing Pak	2				
6.1	Consider a park specific master plan for renovation that utilizes the space efficiently, creating opportunity to improve for current and future trends, including accessible access to the creek, and additional recreational amenities.		1	Small project	\$\$	2028
6.2	Maintenance - add new picnic tables over existing concrete slabs.		1	O & M	\$	Jun-25
6.3	Site furniture - add picnic table or bench seating where possible. Repaint trash receptacles.		2	O & M	\$	2028
6.4	Parking - restripe existing parking areas.		2	O & M	\$	Include in Master Plan
6.5	Kiosk - utilize this space for City notices and marketing.		2	O & M (Volunteer Project)	\$	2026
6.6	Landscaping - consider California native plantings with signage enhancing this riparian zone.		3	Small project	\$	Include in Master Plan
7	Shugart Park	1.9				
7.1	Park improvements - review the current design of the park, verify that it meets current community needs, and develop the improvements.		1	Large project	\$\$\$\$	2025
7.2	Pathways - repair cracked areas of asphalt walkway.		2	O & M	\$	Ongoing
7.3	Landscaping - continue maintenance of planting areas.		2	O & M	\$	Ongoing
7.4	Provide a permanent restroom building.		2	Large project	\$\$-\$\$\$	Included in park improvements (7.1)
8	Lodato Park	1.9				
8.1	Trailhead - renovate the trailhead with accessible path of travel and bench seating.		1	Small project	\$	Complete
8.2	Trail - continue to maintain trails by removing overgrown brush, repairing uneven trail surface, and removing trash.		2	O & M	\$	complete
8.3	Bike rack - repair or replace.		2	Small project	\$	Jun-26
9	Gateway North Park	1.8				
9.1	Landscaping - reduce the amount of turf in areas that are not for active recreation, and replace with drought tolerant plants and low water-use irrigation, saving water and reducing maintenance costs.		1	Small project	\$\$	Include in Master Plan
9.2	Arbor - verify structural integrity of the arbor to ensure safety.		1	Small project	\$	complete
9.3	Wall - consider installing a colorful mural on the wall.		2	Small project	\$	Reassess (private property)

9.4	Trees - remove unhealthy trees.		2	O & M	\$	complete
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9.5	Pathways - replace broken concrete.		3	Small project	\$	2026
10	Glenwood Open Space (Managed by The Land Trust of Santa Cruz County)	0.9				
10.1	Trails - continue to maintain trails by removing overgrown brush, repairing uneven trail surfaces, and removing trash.		2	O & M	\$	Ongoing
10.2	Trail head(s) - consider developing an accessible pathway from the accessible parking stall, and provide a seating area.		2	Small project	\$\$	Ongoing
11	Polo Ranch Park	0.8				
11.1	None.					N/A

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CONCLUSION

Providing safe, accessible, and equitable recreational opportunities can help encourage healthy lifestyles for everyone. Scotts Valley has a highly used parks system that offers a diverse array of active and passive recreational opportunities for its community. Many people value recreating at City parks, so it is important for the City to strategically manage this asset for the next decade and beyond. While population growth will be modest, it is key for the City to provide improved recreational experiences and expand recreational offerings through partnerships as the Recreation Division continues to restructure and rebuild their recreational services. This will help fill in gaps, from park amenities to recreational programs, that the community aspires for.

Guided by the implementation framework, the City can create unique recreational opportunities to keep members of the community engaged with the City's park and recreation system in the next 10 years. It is important for the City to perform an ongoing evaluation and update the Parks Master Plan with supplemental appendices and park scoring updates as improvements occur. Staff may provide a yearly report that is attached as an Appendix citing recommendations that have been addressed, improvements made during the year, and updates on new developments, such as the Town Center.

City of Scotts Valley PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

DATE: 8/21/2025
TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Allison Pfefferkorn, Recreation Division Manager
APPROVED: Mali LaGoe, City Manager
SUBJECT: Skypark 6-12 year old Playground Design Approval

SUMMARY OF ISSUE

In 2023, the City was awarded a Congressional Community Project Grant sponsored by then-Congressional representative Anna Eshoo, in the amount of \$757,000 to replace the 6–12-year-old playground in Skypark. The grant is administered by the federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Department.

In 2024, the City began the application process through HUD to receive the grant funds and procure a playground vendor. The City used Sourcewell, a statewide cooperative purchasing database, to identify qualified vendors and invited several to submit proposals.

In October 2024, the Scotts Valley Parks and Recreation Commission appointed a subcommittee to work with staff to review proposals, solicit community input, and select a recommended design.

In May 2025, the Skypark Playground Replacement Subcommittee selected Ross Recreation as the vendor for the playground replacement project. Ross Recreation provided two conceptual designs, which were presented to the public for feedback and input. Public outreach efforts included an in-person outreach at Food Truck Friday in June and the Kids Zone at the 4th of July Parade, where residents could view the designs, speak with staff and commissioners, and indicate their preferences. In addition, an online survey was made available for three weeks to collect broader community input.

PUBLIC INPUT RESULTS

Over 300 responses and public comments were collected. The **Vol Air** design received the highest number of public votes.

Positive themes from public comment included:

- **Play Value:** Viewed as unique, exciting, and more engaging than traditional designs, offering varied climbing, height, and adventure elements.
- **Appeal to Older Kids:** Recognized as especially fun and challenging for ages 6–12, with multiple climbing routes and tall slides.
- **Destination Potential:** Seen as an opportunity to elevate Skypark to a regional attraction.

Concerns voiced by the public included:

- Adults' ability to access children within the structure.
- Visibility challenges for supervision.
- Lack of shade.

FINAL DESIGN DECISION

After reviewing the survey data, community feedback, and budget constraints, the subcommittee selected a final design that incorporates the features most requested by the public while fitting with the budget parameters.

- **Climbing, Slides, and Swings**, which were the most desired play features.
- **Net climbing** as the top-ranked climbing element.
- **Pour-in-place rubber surfacing** for accessibility and safety.
- **A treehouse theme** with natural colors.

FISCAL IMPACT

This project is funded by a HUD grant, secured through a Congressional Community Project allocation, totaling \$757,000. The grant covers all project costs including administration, environmental review, equipment and construction. No City General Funds are allocated for this project.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend the Commission move to recommend the City Council to approve the final design of the new 6–12-year-old Skypark Playground and to enter into a contract with Ross Recreation to provide equipment and construct the new playground.

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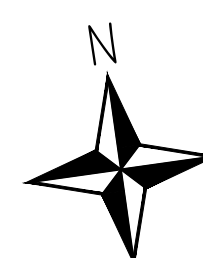
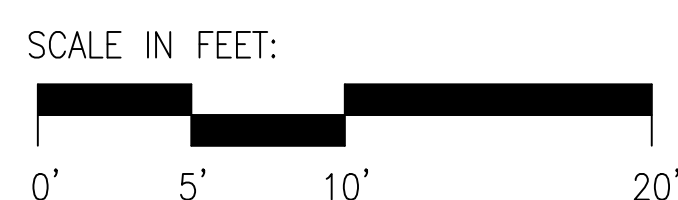
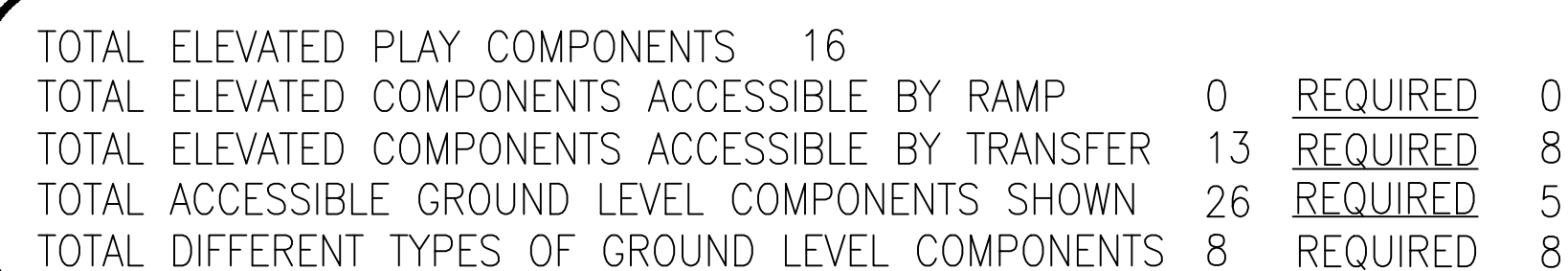
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