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SUBJECT: WESTWOOD PARK – AIDAN'S PLACE PLAYGROUND REPLACEMENT (PRJ21343) PROJECT – APPROVAL OF FINAL DESIGN

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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the Final Design of the Westwood Park – Aidan's Place Playground Replacement (PRJ21343) Project (Project) as set forth in this Report.

SUMMARY

Westwood Park is located at 1350 South Sepulveda Boulevard in the Westwood community of the City. This approximately 26.70-acre park features three baseball fields, two outdoor basketball courts, two children's play areas, outdoor fitness equipment, a dog park, eight tennis courts, two synthetic multipurpose fields, an indoor gymnasium, and a swimming pool. Approximately 10,963 residents live within a one-half mile walking distance of Westwood Park. Due to the facilities, features, programs, and services it provides, Westwood Park meets the standard for a Community Park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

AIDAN'S PLACE PLAYGROUND

Aidan's Place, which opened in 2001, was the second universally accessible playground developed in the City. Aidan's Place is named for Aidan Gaffney, a young boy who had a rare muscular disorder that left him wheelchair-bound for much of his life and who passed away just before his sixth birthday. Aidan's parents, Nicole and Charlie Gaffney, raised funds for the development of this playground in honor of their son Aidan. The development of Aidan's Place helped to spark an inclusive play movement that has made Los Angeles one of the most playable cities in the world for children of all abilities and has inspired projects across the country, and as far away as Ecuador and South Africa.

The Aidan's Place playground is one of the heaviest utilized, and programmed, playgrounds in the City, providing play and community to hundreds of thousands of children and their families since it opened. Inclusion Matters by Shane's Inspiration, a non-profit organization, holds on-

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going community and education programming events at this site. For example, Inclusion Matters by Shane's Inspiration's "Together, We Are Able" education program, has served approximately 55,000 Los Angeles students from over 250 schools; 70% of which have attended this program at Aidan's Place. The "Together, We Are Able" education program works to eliminate harmful misconceptions regarding disabilities by bringing children with disabilities together with their typically developing peers on the playground to build bridges of friendship and respect. Additionally, My Play Club, a family program of Inclusion Matters by Shane's Inspiration, is also held at Aidan's Place throughout the year and offers community gatherings for families of children of all abilities. A My Play Club event day features a buddy program between a child with a disability and a typically developing friend, creating an opportunity to discover their similarities as they play unencumbered, side-by-side in this uniquely designed playground. There is also face painting, games, crafts, snacks, entertainment and good time sharing.

PROJECT SCOPE

The scope of the Proposed Project includes the demolition and removal of the existing children's play areas and the construction of a new children play areas and equipment in the same location, as well as associated turf, hardscape, landscaping, and irrigation improvements. As previously noted, the playground is 20 years old which is beyond the recommended replacement time frame of 15 years.

On March 5, 2020, the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) approved the scope of the Project and the commitment of Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00) in Park Fees for the Project, (Report No. 20-036).

On September 2, 2021 the Board approved the commitment of an additional Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000.00) in Park Fees to the Project. (Report No. 21-154, Attachment 1). At that same meeting, the Board requested that staff share and present the final design of the Project with the community for additional input and feedback and return to the Board for the approval final design of the Project.

After receiving various comments regarding the Project throughout the design process, some modifications were made to the project design and incorporated in the final design that is the subject of this Report. Those changes are discussed below in the Community Outreach and Input section.

PROJECT DESIGN

The theme for the proposed Project is based around transportation and it is designed to inspire children to imagine how they could journey to the park to enjoy a day at the playground. It will incorporate various story panels to depict Aidan's journey to the park. The overall design will include various themed vehicles, such as a bus, airplane, and boat. The proposed Project will incorporate themed elements referencing a number of iconic Los Angeles destinations, including Union Station, Venice Beach, and Griffith Observatory.

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The proposed Project will include various ground level play elements and play panels, swing set, integrated shade structures, and a large age 5-12 play structure. An existing shaded sand area will be removed and replaced with a ground level play area that will include mounded hills and various ground level climbing and play elements. The sand in this area will be replaced with a pour in place resilient surfacing. However, existing shade structures over this area will remain and will be refurbished as a part of the Project. A small sand area will be included in the Project, but will be relocated to another part of the play area further away from the recreation center building. Additionally, the layout of the Project is designed to take advantage of the natural shade provided by the various mature trees located throughout the existing play area. Finally, it should be noted that the existing zipline element (the “zipkrooz”) and swing set located between Aidan’s Place and the small synthetic field will remain in place and will not be impacted by the Project.

The design of the proposed Project accommodates the unique play needs of a wide array of children with disabilities, while offering challenging and engaging play opportunities for a typically developing child such that every child is served within the playground. The design will incorporate state of the art inclusive play equipment including a first of its kind in Los Angeles wheelchair swing, and We-Go-Round merry-go-round for all children, including those who will be able to wheel directly onto the equipment to spin. The design will feature a sensory play area which is designed for children of all abilities, while meeting the specific play needs of children with sensory processing challenges, as well as children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that 1 in every 54 children is diagnosed with ASD. Their play needs include tactile elements, sound and music, quiet play spaces that minimize noise and visual stimulation, rocking and spinning elements, talk tubes, and engaging cause and effect play.

The final design for Aidan’s Place is depicted in Attachment 3.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND INPUT

RAP presented the Project to the Westwood Recreation Center Park Advisory Board (PAB) on April 27, 2021 and on September 22, 2021. Additionally, Inclusion Matters by Shane’s Inspiration presented the project to the Westwood Homeowners Association on June 1, 2021.

The comments and input that RAP received from the community on the Project design included comments on the following project elements:

- Diversity in storyboard graphics
- Theme graphics that included non-Los Angeles elements
- Inclusion of sand play area
- Fencing around the playground
- Safety of various play elements
- Reduction in number of play structures
- Reduction in number of swings
- Net Reduction in Natural Turf Areas

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In response to the various comments received on the Project throughout the design process, some modifications were made to the project design and incorporated in the final design that is the subject of this Report. However, not all the comments and suggestions were incorporated into the final design. Summarized below are the various changes that were made to the project design, as well as comments and responses to those items that are not incorporated into the final design that is the subject of this Report:

- **Diversity in storyboard graphics:** The storyboard graphics that were shared in the initial outreach phases were conceptual. The final storyboard panels and art will reflect the full diversity of the residents of Los Angeles
- **Theme graphics that included non-Los Angeles elements:** The conceptual theme graphics were updated to remove non-Los Angeles elements. For example, the original concept featured a Santa Monica Big Blue Bus, and that has been updated to show and LA City DASH Bus
- **Inclusion of sand play area:** Comments were received about the reduction in size of the sand play area. Staff advised that the removal of existing large sand play area is largely in response to the extensive regular daily maintenance those large sand areas require. In recent years, RAP has made it a priority to reduce or eliminate as many of the sand play areas in its playground as possible in order to reduce the amount of maintenance resources needed to upkeep the playgrounds. It should be noted that the final design for the Project includes a sand play area. The sand play area proposed in the Project final design is smaller than the current sand area and will be located in an area of the park that is shaded by existing trees, will have sand play elements, and will have seat walls nearby so parents and caregivers can sit near children playing in the sand area.
- **Fencing around the playground:** Aiden's Place is not currently fenced off from the rest of the park. Given that, and the ample separation of the playground area from other elements in the park, such as the new synthetic field, RAP did not believe it necessary to add fencing to the new design.
- **Safety of various play elements:** Comments were received about the safety and visibility of various project elements. Specifically concerns were raised about some of the tunnels that were included in the design. In response the tunnel was eliminated from the mounded play area and a slide that is included in the 5-12 play structure was changed from a roller slide to a tunnel slide with transparent panels so parents can see inside the tunnel.
- **Reduction in number of play structures:** Currently Aiden's Place features three play structures that offer opportunities for children to climb and play. The proposed final design for the Project has a large age 5-12 play structure but includes a lot more ground level play features that offer children ample opportunities to climb and play (e.g. the airplane includes wings that children can climb on) and provide greater overall play value than the current design. As previously noted, the Project also includes an area that will have mounded hills and various ground level climbing and play elements including slides, climbing balls, and an activity bridge. Finally, the new age 5-12 play structure will include more play elements and play panels than the current design

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provides and is elevated so that it provides some ground level play panels and activity areas underneath the play structure.

- **Reduction in number of swings:** Within the Project site are two swing areas. One swing area is configured with two bucket swings and two accessible high back swings and the other swing area is configured with two belt swings. It should again be noted that there is also another swing area by the zipline element (which, as previously noted, is immediately adjacent to the Project site and will not be impacted by the Project) that is configured with two belt and two accessible high back swings. The Project final design will feature one swing area that will be configured with two bucket swings and a “Friendship swing” (which has with two seats that face each other) in its own bay next to the two bucket swings. The swing area that is configured with two bucket and two accessible high back swings is not proposed to be replaced in the final design in order to add other play equipment instead of repeating a swing configuration similar to one that is already available adjacent to the Project site.
- **Loss of Natural Turf Areas:** As previously noted, the proposed Project will be located in the same footprint as the current playground. Implementation of the Project as designed will not result in a net reduction in the amount of turf area within the Project footprint.

PROJECT FUNDING

The Board has previously approved the commitment of One Million, Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,350,000.00) in Park Fees for this Project. In addition to the committed Park Fees, Inclusion Matters by Shane's Inspiration has committed to raise and provide additional funding for the Project. Inclusion Matters by Shane's Inspiration will raise the additional Two Hundred Thousand (\$200,000.00) in funding necessary to meet the Project's total overall budget of One Million, Five Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,550,000.00).

FUNDING SOURCE MATRIX

Source	Fund/Dept/Acct	Amount	Percentage
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	\$1,350,000.00	87%
Inclusion Matters Contribution	N/A	\$200,000.00	13%
Total		\$1,550,000.00	100%

TREES AND SHADE

The approval of this Project will have no impact on existing trees at Westwood Park. The Project design will include integrated shade structures that will provide additional shade to the playground.

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

On September 2, 2021, the Board for Recreation and Parks Commissioners approved the proposed Project and determined that it is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(11d) [Demolition of accessory structures], Class 4(3) [New landscaping], Class 4(12) [Minor trenching and backfilling] and Class 11(6) [Installation of accessory structures to institutional facilities] of City CEQA Guidelines as well as to Article 19 Sections 15301(I4), 15304(b) 15304(f) and 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines. A Notice of Exemption (NOE) was filed with the Los Angeles County Clerk on September 16, 2021. Since the project approval date, no new information on the site or on potential environmental impacts have emerged. Further, RAP staff has determined that the changes to the project scope that is reflected in the final plan submitted for approval under this Report is not significantly different from the project plans as previously approved by the Board as to warrant a new CEQA determination. Therefore no additional CEQA determination is necessary at this time.

FISCAL IMPACT

The approval of the design of the Project will have no fiscal impact on RAP's General Fund.

The estimated costs for the design, development, and construction of the proposed Project is anticipated to be funded by Park Fees or funding sources other than the RAP's General Fund. The maintenance of the proposed park improvements can be performed by current staff with minimal impact to existing maintenance service at this facility.

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVES AND GOALS

Approval of this Board Report advances RAP's Strategic Plan by supporting:

Goal No. 1: Provide Safe and Accessible Parks

Outcome No. 2: Safe and welcoming environments at all parks

Goal No. 2: Offer Affordable & Equitable Recreation Programming

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Result: The renovation of the existing playground will provide additional recreational opportunities for recreational activity for young Angelenos of all ages and abilities.

This Report was prepared by Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch.

LIST OF ATTACHMENT

- 1) Attachment No. 1 – Board Report No. 21-154
- 2) Attachment No. 2 – Project Design

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SUBJECT: WESTWOOD PARK – AIDAN'S PLACE PLAYGROUND REPLACEMENT (PRJ21343) PROJECT – COMMITMENT OF PARK FEES – CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 1(11d) [DEMOLITION OF ACCESSORY STRUCTURES], CLASS 4(3) [NEW LANDSCAPING], CLASS 4(12) [MINOR TRENCHING AND BACKFILLING] AND CLASS 11(6) [INSTALLATION OF ACCESSORY STRUCTURES TO INSTITUTIONAL FACILITIES] OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES AS WELL AS TO ARTICLE 19 SECTIONS 15301(I4), 15304(b) 15304(f) AND 15311 OF CALIFORNIA CEQA GUIDELINES

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General Manager

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RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. Authorize Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) staff to commit from the following fund and work order numbers, a maximum of Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000) in Park Fees, for the Westwood Park – Aidan’s Place Playground Replacement (PRJ21343) Project (Project):

FUNDING SOURCE	FUND/DEPT./ACCT. NO.	WORK ORDER NO.
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	QM170851
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	QT061958

- 2. Determine that the proposed action is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(11d) [Demolition of accessory structures], Class 4(3) [New landscaping], Class 4(12) [Minor trenching and backfilling] and Class 11(6) [Installation of accessory structures to institutional facilities] of City CEQA Guidelines as well as to Article 19 Sections 15301(I4), 15304(b) 15304(f) and 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines, and direct RAP staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE) with the Los Angeles County Clerk;

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3. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee or designee to prepare a check to the Los Angeles County clerk in the amount of \$75.00 for the purpose of filing an NOE; and
4. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee to make technical corrections to carry out the intent of this Report.

SUMMARY

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PROJECT SCOPE

The scope of the Project, which was previously approved by the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board), on March 05, 2020, includes the demolition and removal of the existing children's play areas and the construction of a new children play areas and equipment in the same location, as well as associated turf, hardscape, landscaping, and irrigation improvements. (Report No. 20-036, Attachment 1).

RAP staff has determined that additional funding will be necessary to complete the Project.

There are several reasons for the need for additional funding. Originally it was anticipated that only a portion of the play area would need to be renovated. However, after additional review and further development of the Project concept and various design options, RAP staff determined that a more comprehensive renovation and update of Aidan's Place would be most beneficial for the community. Additionally, RAP staff identified some additional modifications to the design concept, including integrated shade structures. Finally, increases in the costs and prices of materials, such as steel, impact the overall Project budget. The updated Project concept and design is depicted in Attachment 2.

The design for Aiden's Place will incorporate state of the art inclusive play equipment including a first of its kind in Los Angeles wheelchair swing, a We-Go-Round merry-go-round for all children, including those who will be able to wheel directly onto the equipment to spin. One advantage of this unique design is that it accommodates the unique play needs of a wide array of children with disabilities, while offering challenging and engaging play opportunities for a typically developing child such that every child is served within the playground. Additionally, the new playground will feature a sensory play area which is designed for children of all abilities, while meeting the specific play needs of children with sensory processing challenges, as well as children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that 1 in every 54 children is diagnosed with ASD. Their play needs include tactile elements, sound and music, quiet play spaces that minimize noise and visual stimulation, rocking and spinning elements, talk tubes, and engaging cause and effect play.

The total Project cost is currently estimated at One Million, Five Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$1,550,000.00).

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

RAP presented the proposed Project to the Westwood Recreation Center Park Advisory Board (PAB) on April 27, 2021. The goal of the meeting was to share the Project concept with the community in order to get input and feedback on the proposed Project design.

At that PAB meeting, RAP presented on the history and background of the current Aiden's Place, the overall scope proposed Project, and the project concept and the proposed project elements. Both the PAB members and the community had an opportunity to ask questions on the Project design and to provide their input and suggestions.

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PROJECT FUNDING

The Board has previously approved the commitment of Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00) in Park Fees for the Project (Report No. 20-036).

Upon approval of this Report, an additional Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000.00) in Park Fees can be committed to the Project.

These Park Fees were collected within five (5) miles of Westwood Park, which is the standard distance for the allocation of the Park Fees for community recreational facilities pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 12.33 E.3.

The total amount of Park Fee funding available for the Project, including previously committed funds, is One Million Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,350,000.00)

In addition to the proposed allocation of Park Fees, Inclusion Matters by Shane's Inspiration has committed to raise and provide additional funding for the Project. Inclusion Matters by Shane's Inspiration will raise the additional Two Hundred Thousand (\$200,000.00) in funding necessary to meet the Project's total overall budget of One Million, Five Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$1,550,000.00).

FUNDING SOURCE MATRIX

Source	Fund/Dept/Acct	Amount	Percentage
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	\$1,350,000.00	87%
Donation	N/A	\$200,000.00	13%
Total		\$1,550,000.00	100%

PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

RAP staff has determined that sufficient funding has been identified for the construction of the proposed Project. Construction of the Project is anticipated to begin in January 2022.

TREES AND SHADE

The approval of this Project will have no impact on existing trees at Westwood Park, but the integrated shade structures will provide additional shade to the playground.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed Project consists of demolition of an existing accessory structure as well as new landscaping and irrigation improvements and of installation of new accessory structures to institutional facilities. Therefore, as the project has a larger footprint than the project approved with BR 20-036, Staff recommends that the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) determine that it is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California

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Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(11d), Class 4(3), Class 4(12) and Class 11(6) of City CEQA Guidelines, as well as to Article 19 Sections 15301(l4), 15304(b), 15304(f) and 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines RAP staff will file an NOE with the Los Angeles County Clerk upon the Board's approval.

FISCAL IMPACT

The approval of this commitment of Park Fees will have no fiscal impact on RAP's General Fund.

The estimated costs for the design, development, and construction of the proposed park improvements are anticipated to be funded by Park Fees or funding sources other than the RAP's General Fund. The maintenance of the proposed park improvements can be performed by current staff with minimal impact to existing maintenance service at this facility.

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVES AND GOALS

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LIST OF ATTACHMENT

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Attachment No. 2 – Project Concept

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V. Israel _____

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General Manager

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Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the scope of work for the Westwood Park – Aidan’s Place Playground Replacement (PRJ21343) Project (Project), as described in the Summary of this Report;
2. Authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) staff to commit from the following fund and work order numbers, a maximum of Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00) in Park Fees, for the Project:

<u>FUNDING SOURCE</u>	<u>FUND/DEPT./ACCT. NO.</u>	<u>WORK ORDER NO.</u>
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	QT061958

3. Find that the proposed Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 2 [Replacement of existing structures where the new structure will be located in the same site and will have the same purpose and capacity], Class 4(3) [New landscaping] and Class 4(12) [Minor trenching and backfilling], of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19 Sections 15302, 15304(b) and 15304(f) of California CEQA Guidelines, and direct RAP staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE) with the Los Angeles County Clerk;

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4. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee to prepare a check to the Los Angeles County Clerk in the amount of \$75.00 for the purpose of filing an NOE; and,
5. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

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PROJECT SCOPE

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Aidan's Place was developed by RAP in partnership with the Gaffney Family and Inclusion Matters by Shane's Inspiration. Aiden's parents, Nicole and Charlie Gaffney, helped raised funds for the development of this playground in honor of their son. The total cost to develop Aiden's place was approximately One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00). Aiden's Place was gifted to RAP by the Gaffney Family and Inclusion Matters by Shane's Inspiration.

The scope of work for the proposed Project includes the demolition and removal of the existing children's play areas and the construction of a new children play area and equipment in the same location, as well as associated turf, hardscape, landscaping, and irrigation improvements.

PROJECT FUNDING

Upon approval of this Report, Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00) in Park Fees can be committed to the Project.

These Park Fees were collected within five (5) miles of Westwood Park, which is the standard distance for the allocation of the Park Fees for community recreational facilities pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 12.33 E.3.

The total amount of funding available for the Project is Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00).

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FUNDING SOURCE MATRIX

Source	Fund/Dept/Acct	Amount	Percentage
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	\$750,000.00	100%
Total		\$750,000.00	100%

PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

Staff has determined that sufficient funding has been identified and construction of the proposed Project is anticipated to begin in May 2020.

TREES AND SHADE

The approval of this proposed Project will have no impact on existing trees or shade at Westwood Park.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed Project consists of replacement of existing structures where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and have the same purpose and capacity as well as of new landscaping and irrigation improvements. Therefore, RAP staff recommends that the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) determines that it is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 2, Class 4(3) and Class 4(12) of City CEQA Guidelines, and Article 19 Sections 15302, 15304(b) and 15304(f) of California CEQA Guidelines.

FISCAL IMPACT

The approval of this commitment of Park Fees will have no fiscal impact on RAP's General Fund.

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Result: The renovation of the existing playground will provide additional recreational opportunities for recreational activity for young Angelenos of all ages and abilities.

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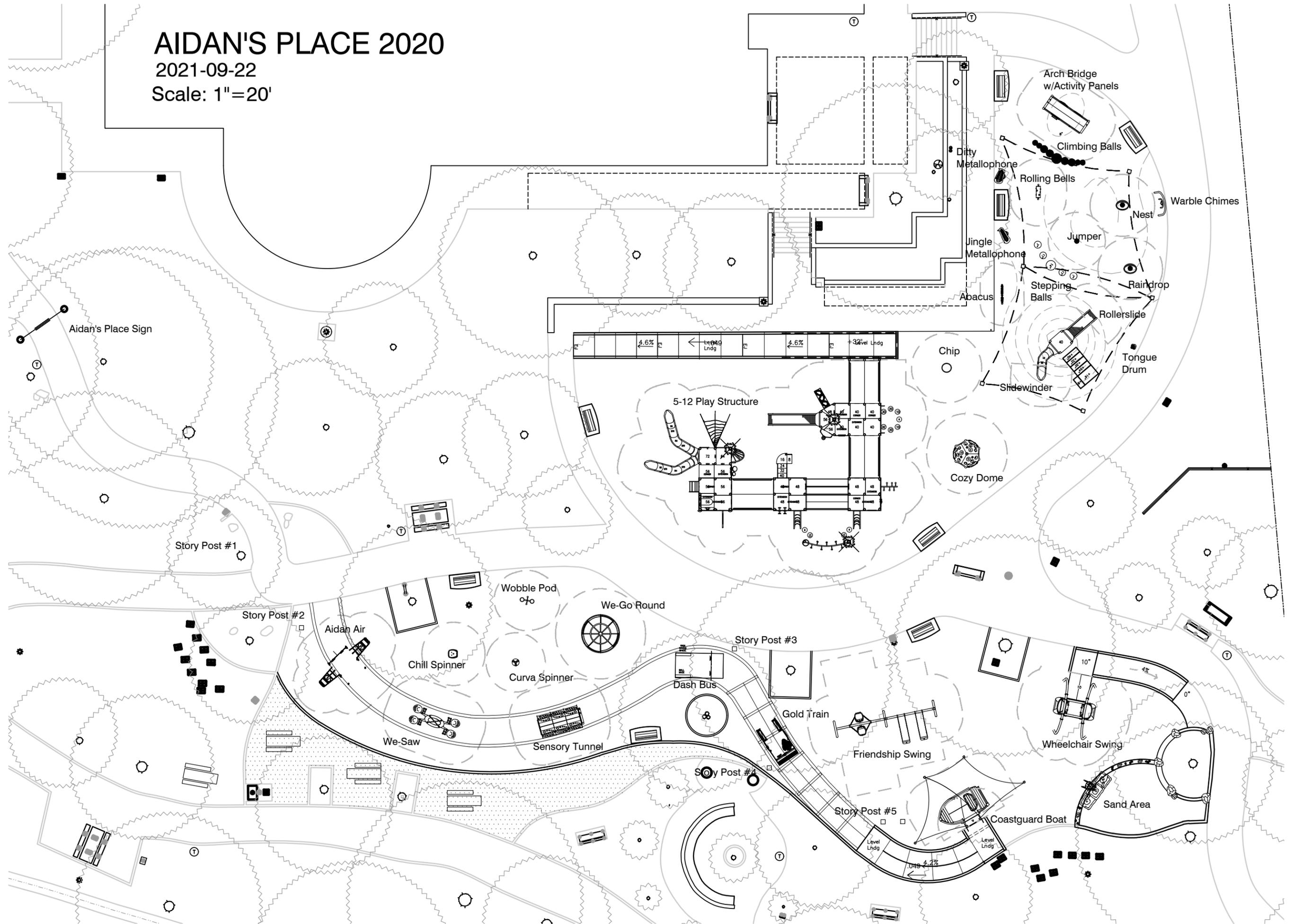
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Scale: 1"=20'





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Let's travel!
Where do you want to fly to today?

Aidan Air



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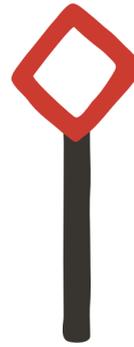
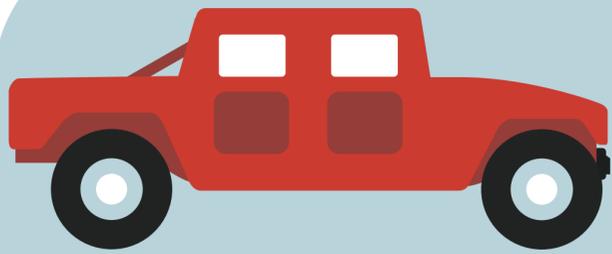
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Aidan's Place
CUSTOM PB PANEL SIZE
SIZE: 36.625" x 40.75"



Aidan is looking forward to enjoying a day in the park. There are many fun ways for him to get there, but with so many options, he decides to check them all out before deciding!



Aidan sees many car styles, all fun and convenient, but he likes the Humvee the best. They are large and powerful, and they can take you off-road into rugged terrain. They are fun to drive and cool to ride. Aidan imagines himself driving one to the park, but then he sees.....

