

# Allen Park Improvement Project Proposal

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June 2023

# Status of Current Allen Park Play Structures

## Safety Assessment Completed in 2013

- Monkey bar rings are supposed to be 6' apart
- Wood chips are supposed to be replaced periodically
- Deteriorating wood and barriers
- Rusting metal
- Summer 2022 - Aged welds had allowed water to leak in. On a 100 degree day in August of 2022, the water inside generated enough steam to put a 2" split.
- Broken Yellow Digger removed in Spring 2023
- Swings are nearing end of life

# Allen Park Subcommittee

- Formed in 2021, by homeowner volunteers to address the need for updating the Allen Park play structures
- Continues to meet on a monthly basis
- Members:
  - Nathan Popovich - Board Member
  - Brian Schanz - Board Member
  - Sean Esterly - Project Manager
  - Melissa Parker - Subcommittee member
  - Rob Porteus - Subcommittee member
- Actions to date:
  - Neighborhood-wide survey on play equipment options and preferences
  - Quotes and conceptual designs received from 5 major vendors in the Pacific Northwest
    - Conceptual designs were aligned with the results of the neighborhood survey
    - Narrowed down to top 2 choices
  - Survey developed for Fairwood Elementary students to select top choice
    - Survey held May 10th, 2023
      - We surveyed 163 kids ranging in age from 5-11 (grades K-4th)
        - Play Creation - received 43 votes
        - Burke, Play That Moves You - received 120 votes

# Play Creation Proposal

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# Play Creation Proposal

- Removal and disposal of current playground equipment, EWF, and border timbers
- Expanding the site from 45' x 56' x 12" to 54' x 93' x 12'
- Installation of 290' of treated wood border timber
- New Equipment
- Installation
- Playground surfacing
- **NOT** included
  - Potential irrigation system modification (PVC pipe, joints, and trenching)
    - Homeowner volunteers will be needed
  - Dumpster required for packaging materials
  - Porta-potty



# Buell Recreation Proposal

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3D Designer: Gina Fischer





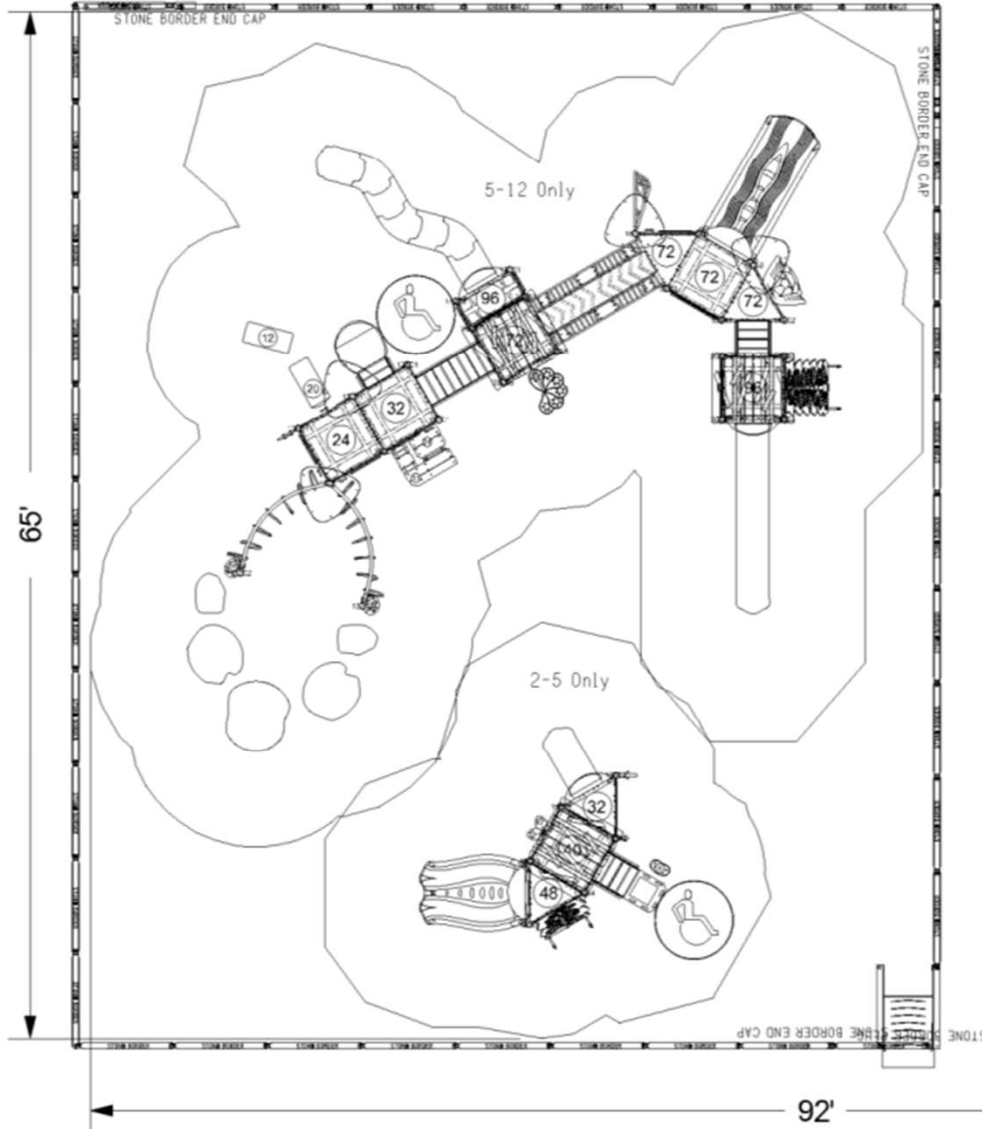




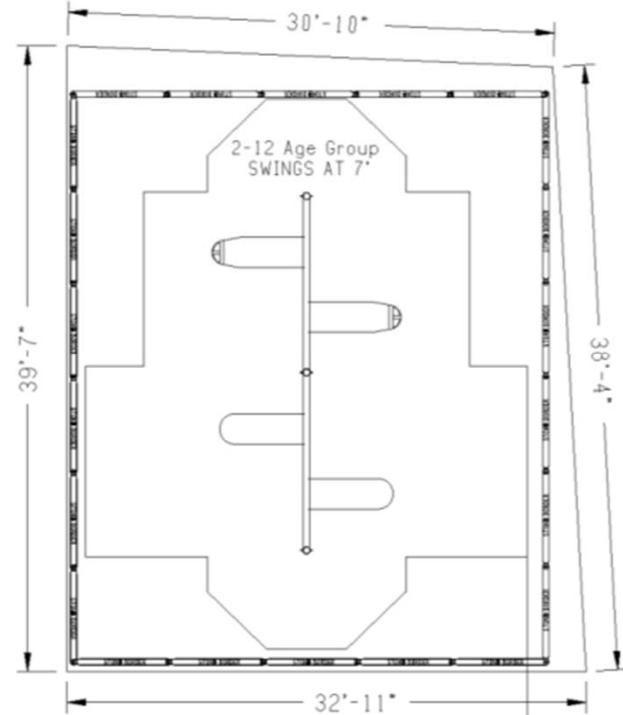




PLAYGROUND AREA: 3600 SQ. FT.



SWINGS AREA: 1080 SQ. FT.



NOTE: ALTHOUGH ALL ATTEMPTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO PROVIDE AN ACCURATE SITE IT MAY NOT TRULY REPRESENT THE AREA WHERE THIS STRUCTURE IS TO BE PLACED.



# Buell Recreation Proposal

- Removal and disposal of current playground equipment, engineered wood fiber (EWF) play chips in both play areas which do not splinter, and border timbers
- New Equipment
- Installation of new 2-5 and 5-12 year old equipment and plastic stone borders around the perimeter with one ADA ramp
- Playground surfacing (construction & layer of materials beneath the EWF)
- NOT included -
  - Potential irrigation system modification (PVC pipe, joints, and trenching)
    - **Homeowner volunteers will be needed**
  - Dumpster required for packaging materials
  - Porta-potty



# Financial Comparison

- Both quotes were within \$20,000 of each other.
- As we all know, over the last few years we have seen costs increase and as a result please consider the following:
  - Equipment quotes may be subject to a slight increase between now and the Spring of 2025, when funds will be available to put a 50% down payment on the equipment.
  - Some of the EWF should be reusable
  - In preparation, an additional 10% will be added to the budget ensure completion with uncertain future economic conditions
- Estimated one time cost per household = \$150-\$200

# Next Steps and Timeline

## Communications

- Information will be included in the annual newsletter mailed out to all homeowners
- A table will be set up at the first two concerts in August displaying pictures of the two options and cost to get homeowner input and comments and collecting volunteer contact information

## Funding

- This project will be funded with a special assessment added as a separate line item to the 2023-2024 budget
  - Payment can be made in full with January dues
  - Two payments of ½ the amount can be made with dues in January and July
  - Failure to pay special assessment and regular assessment payments on time will be subject to current FGHA payment policies
- A 50% down payment is required to secure the equipment
- Any remaining funds will be placed in an account for future play equipment replacement
- The cost difference between the Playcreation and Buell quotes was negligible
  - We are not disclosing the full quote amounts at this time as they are subject to change and disclosing may impact our ability to negotiate
- We will disclose the cost before any deposits are made
- Volunteer involvement can reduce some of these costs

## Replacement of Equipment

- Construction targeted for Fall of 2024