

FY 2023-2024 BUDGET QUESTION
Response to Request for Information

DEPARTMENT(S): Parks and Recreation Department

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REQUEST: Is there funding allocated for a Play for All Abilities Park in District 6 in the Proposed FY 2023-24 budget? If so, how much and please outline the costs associated with building the park.

RESPONSE:

There is no new capital funding appropriated in the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Proposed Budget to support the design and construction of a Play for All Abilities Park in District 6. The preliminary budget estimate for the All-Abilities playground at Springwoods Neighborhood Park was between \$3 and \$4M (see [memo - staff response February 8, 2023](#)).

To date, PARD has identified around \$200,000 in existing Parkland Dedication Fees to contribute to the project. Future funding sources may include a combination of future Parks Bond Funds, Council allocated General Fund dollars, grants, and private or partner funding. It is unlikely that sufficient funding will be available to begin the project prior to another General Obligation Bond Program.

PARD anticipates that due to recent legislation, Parkland Dedication Fees will be quite limited, at least in the short-term. The adopted bill defers the Parkland Dedication fee collection to time of certificate of occupancy, which will result in a multiple year lag in fee collection until the projects approved today go through construction and receive their certificate of occupancy. Additionally, when fees are eventually collected, PARD estimates the new fees will be significantly lower than the fees collected today.