




MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council Members

THROUGH: Stephanie Hayden-Howard, LMSW, Assistant City Manager

FROM: Kimberly McNeeley, M.Ed., CPRP, Director
Austin Parks and Recreation Department 

DATE: December 28, 2023

SUBJECT: **Update on Play for All Abilities Playground at Springwoods Neighborhood Park (No. 20230831-083)**

We wanted to share an update on the Parks and Recreation Department's (PAR) progress in response to [Resolution No. 20230831-083](#), which directed the City Manager to determine the necessary resources and costs associated with the completion of a Play for All Abilities Playground at Springwoods Neighborhood Park, including potential design, construction, and ongoing maintenance expenses.

PAR developed a conceptual plan for a Play for All Abilities Playground at the Park with a preliminary budget estimate between \$3 to \$4 million depending on the project's scope. The annual maintenance cost is currently estimated at \$75,000. PAR identified and set aside \$224,467 of Parkland Dedication funding towards the project with the hopes of leveraging future additional public and private funding.

PAR continues to consult with partner organizations about the project. To further identify potential funding and innovative financial models as utilized by the City of Round Rock for its Play for All Park, PAR will issue a Request for Interest (RFI) in Spring of 2024. Through the RFI, PAR hopes to generate interest and determine if a partner entity can leverage public funds for vision implementation. PAR will provide another progress update by June 1, 2024.

For additional information, please contact Ricardo Soliz, Park Planning Division Manager, at Ricardo.Soliz@austintexas.gov or (512) 974-9452.

Should you have any other questions, please contact my office at (512) 974-6717.

cc: Jesús Garza, Interim City Manager