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MEMORANDUM

TO: Eileen M. Donoghue, City Manager *EMD*

FROM: James Donison, DPW Commissioner
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SUBJECT: COUNCIL MOTION OF 4/10/18 BY COUNCILOR MERCIER
REQUEST CITY MANAGER FIND WAYS AND MEANS TO CREATE A
CHILDRENS NEIGHBORHOOD PLAYGROUND NEXT TO 517 MOODY
STREET ON CITY PROPERTY IN THE ACRE SECTION OF THE CITY

COUNCIL MOTION OF 4/10/18 BY COUNCILOR NUON
REQUEST CITY MANAGER DIRECT THE PARKS DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL
SWINGS AND SLIDES ON CITY PARK LOCATED NEXT TO ST. JOSEPH'S
APARTMENTS AT 511 MOODY STREET

COUNCIL MOTION OF 4/10/18 BY COUNCILOR KENNEDY
REQUEST CITY MANAGER TO INITIATE A PLAN TO UPGRADE AND
IMPROVE THE PUBLIC PARK ON MOODY STREET

The Department of Planning and Development (DPD) and Department of Public Works (DPW) have reviewed existing conditions at the Moody Street Park and met on site with a playground company representative to gather information about options for park improvements. DPD and DPW staff understand the City Council heard from neighborhood children about their interest in seeing new equipment installed at the park at the annual Coalition for a Better Acre (CBA) Donuts with Delegates event. The park currently includes a frequently used regulation size basketball court, one large climbing play structure for children ages 5-12, and seating. The existing playground equipment was installed after a public process including many neighborhood children in 2008, the existing equipment is in excellent condition.

During a site meeting DPD and DPW staff met with a playground equipment representative to measure the available space at the playground. Due to very specific playground guidelines for fall zones the area available at the playground is quite limited for new equipment. Each piece of equipment that will be climbed on (regardless of height off the ground) requires a six-foot fall zone in all directions plus the space required by the equipment itself. Swings require a more stringent fall zone area, which is double the height of the swing; this requirement means we cannot fit swings anywhere at this location.

With the assistance of the playground representative and after extensive measurements at the site we have determined that new park features including a slide (for ages 2-12) and four interactive panels can be added to the park. The cost proposal for the slide and activity panels is \$15,000, this price includes installation costs. Minor changes to the existing fence at the park would be required. These changes would include a new post and the installation of a double drive entry gate. DPW has met with a fencing contractor to get a price quote for this work. Future CDBG funding could be used to support this park improvement project.

DPD & DPW staff will reach out to the CBA to organize a meeting and further explain the existing limitations of the site. At that meeting city staff will bring visual images of the equipment that can fit within the boundary of the park and meet all fall zone requirements.

Examples of new play equipment:



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