



STAFF REPORT

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Discussion

TO: PARKS COMMISSION
AGENDA ITEM: Kleis Park Playground Replacement
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BACKGROUND:

The Kleis Park play set was originally installed in 1993 and has exceeded its lifespan. Parks Commissioners reviewed the park and playground set in 2022 and made recommendations for replacement of the structure.

In June of 2019 a tree limb from a nearby oak tree fell on the swing causing half of the swing to be removed, leaving only part of its original structure. In the summer of 2022, staff removed the remaining part of the swing due to safety concerns. Since the removal of the swing, park users have requested and inquired about a replacement swing at the park. In a Parks Commission meeting in September 2022, staff recommended the replacement of the swing set in 2023, however this was delayed in order to place the item in the city's capital improvement plan.

ISSUE BEFORE THE PARKS COMMISSION:

Does the Parks Commission agree with proposed outline and upgrades staff has presented?

PROPOSAL DETAILS/ANALYSIS:

Less than 10% of those that participated in the Parks Master Plan survey have visited Kleis Park in the past. Kleis Park is classified as a neighborhood park in the master plan. Conditions of a neighborhood park include 1/4 - 1/2 mile radius to surrounding residents, accessible to nearby residents with a safe environment with walking and biking access, provides active recreation / information gathering spaces and offers fields for practice or youth games.

Staff recommends installing a playset to include a swing with play features for children for ages 5-12, incorporating concrete border around the playset and swing and use safety chips within the constructed area. In addition, staff recommends adding an additional bench and shade structure to the area along with adding 4-5 new trees to the park.

Kleis Park provides an open area to implement a new playground structure. Staff suggest moving the playset near the East side of the property for better visibility, potential shade and trail access. Staff is recommending the construction of an asphalt trail from 53rd St. N to the play structure. The base of the trail would be constructed by staff with a contractor providing the bituminous.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Fiscal impacts are outlined in the 2025-2034 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). CIP items are funded through the Parks Dedication Fund while future Operations and Maintenance items are funded through the Public Works Budget. The current CIP has \$65,000 assigned to this playset.

ATTACHMENT:

- Kleis Park Map
- Kleis Playground Set

KLEIS PARK

6.94 acres
Jamaica Blvd N & 53rd St N



