

## Legislation Text

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**SUBJECT:**

Presentation on 2019 Bond Project for all ability inclusive play equipment.

**BACKGROUND / RATIONALE:**

Staff has worked with community members on a plan for adding inclusive play equipment to existing parks as part of the 2019 Bond Program. The funding will be focused on two parks: Morningside Park and Landa Park.

Morningside Park, developed with 2013 Bond funding, was constructed with Phase 1 amenities leaving ample room for additional play equipment. Inclusive equipment identified for this location includes a 5-12-year-old play structure, swings, merry-go-all, inclusive zip line, and activated pathways (trails/sidewalk) to make the ADA route an active and exciting route.

The City applied for the 2019 Texas Recreation And Park Society Statewide Program matching funds through GameTime, a PlayCore partner. As a recipient we are entitled to a 1 to 1 matching grant for a qualifying playground system, with a minimum of \$60,000 list price. A playground system with various activities will be the best value for creating an inclusive play environment and maximize local dollars. In addition to the matching grant the playground site will be designated as a National Demonstration Site for Inclusive Play. This grant will be applied to the playground structure proposed for Morningside Elementary.

The Landa Park portion of the equipment purchase will include a new “musical” trail connecting to the existing playground area. The new musical trail will create an inclusive experience joining nature, music and fun.

In addition to the musical instruments, multi-generational swings will be added to Landa Park.

These plans have been reviewed by our stakeholders and they are supportive of the concepts.

**ADDRESSES A NEED/ISSUE IN A CITY PLAN OR COUNCIL PRIORITY:**

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**FISCAL IMPACT:**

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**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board recommended approval of this concept at their meeting on July 16, 2019.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

N/A