Quincy Robinson Park Play Equipment Project

The existing play equipment at Quincy Robinson Park is over 20 years old. It is rusted in many places and some parts are unsafe to use. Over time there have been many repairs and many parts removed. During a recent play ground inspection City staff realized the equipment needed to be completely replaced. The City began to think about how to get this important project done. City Robinson Board and asked for funding assistance for new play equipment. The Board agreed and the project was born. The City looked into various options and found there were just as many opinions as options. What would it look like? What would the children like? The City decided to take the project to the kids in our community. We developed five options and sent ballots to the School District. The vote was held and the kids chose option 4, but there are still some details to work out. What about ADA requirements? There have been many questions about ADA. Will the play equipment meet ADA standards? There are two fronts to consider for ADA access; (1) compliance with the law and (2) a play area that has universal accessibility and full inclusion for children with disabilities. The new play area will have equipment that is in full compliance with the law. The equipment is ADA compliant and engineered wood fiber is approved as an ADA accessible surface. Within the new play area there will be several items that are focused on children with disabilities. The “Cozy Cocoon” is designed to provide a space for children that are on
the Autism spectrum. It is a quiet spot for them to observe things going on around them, it provides
some motion, and also has openings for parents to watch their kids. There is the SpinR, which is a
modern version of the merry go round with seating for children with mobility issues. The seat is
designed with a slight inward slope for stability and there is enough room for a parent or caregiver to sit
with a child. We will also be adding an ADA swing seat, and there are activity items throughout the equipment
that are accessible. Access to the equipment is gained through transfer stations that are set at the proper
height for children that might be in a wheelchair or similar. There will be ADA parking and the existing
ramp from the parking area will be replaced. Lastly, there will be a new ramp into the play area. We
had multiple conversations about surfacing. We considered the potential to do a unitary surface in the
play area. That is a surface that keeps its shape and requires less maintenance. However, the cost for
re-surfacing at this time was just too much. We decided to try to phase the project. Get the equipment now and then apply for a grant to upgrade the surface to a unitary product, such as a soft tile product. The resurfacing may cost upwards of $100,000.

On behalf of the City of Warrenton and the Public Works Department we would like to thank you for your support.