

Over the last two years Recreation and Facilities staff has been doing our best to keep the playground, up, operational and most importantly safe for our participants. However, in 2013 there were items that were noted during inspections that were starting to fail and would need the attention of a professional playground company to resolve.

Recreation staff worked with our Capital Improvements department to determine whether these repairs could be completed through simple repairs or replacement of features. We discussed with many playground companies the areas of concern and none of them were willing or able to simply fix the concerns.

It was at this time that it was decided that we needed to look at replacing the playground with a new indoor playground. We put out a survey and received a massive amount of responses. These responses were all used when developing the bid we sent out. We also asked in the bid for the companies to consider the option of retrofitting the current structure to resolve the issues and bring the structure up to ADA compliance, as certain features were no longer in compliance.

We received four submittals and after review of the bids, it was determined that no one was able to retrofit the current structure, and we would need to replace it. We worked with the company to develop an energetic, interactive, engaging and safe new playground.

We are extremely excited to share this new asset of the Paul Derda Recreation Center with all of you. We hope to see you all here this afternoon, Friday September 26th at 4pm, and in the coming months playing and enjoying this new playground experience.

Regards,

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