



The City of Encinitas:

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN FINAL REPORT

Park Equipment Replacement – Wiro Park Case No. CPP-006911-2024

The Park Equipment Replacement project at Wiro Park consists of the replacement of existing playground equipment with new playground equipment. The project will also replace the playground's sand and poured in place rubber ground cover with an engineered wood mulch. Lastly, the playground's drainage will be investigated for potential improvements.

A neighborhood meeting was held on December 12, 2024, at 6:00 PM at Encinitas City Hall – Poinsettia Room. A letter and vicinity map notifying all property owners and occupants within 500 feet of the project site about the meeting was mailed on November 18, 2024. Additional community groups if applicable were also notified by the request of interested City departments. Of the 69 notices that were mailed out, 2 were returned as undeliverable. The meeting was hosted by Carlos Baldenegro, the project's project manager from the City's Engineering Department CIP Division. Three (3) citizens attended the meeting. Representing the City's Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Department was Edward Drobnicki, Parks and Beach Supervisor. The Engineering Department's design consultant, Michael Baker International, was represented by Jeremy Franzini and Jessica Leyva. After project team introductions, a brief presentation on the proposed project was made by Mr. Franzini. Citizens were encouraged to ask questions at any time during the presentation. After the presentation, there was a question and answer session regarding the details of the proposed project. The meeting ended at 6:30 PM.

The questions, comments, and responses shared during the meeting are as follows:

Citizens asked approximately 8 specific questions during the meeting.

Question No. 1: Is the size of the playground changing?

Response: We are not changing the footprint of the playground. We are only replacing the playground equipment and ground cover. We also want to make the playground accessible to kids of all abilities. Sand is not conducive to this.

Question No. 2: Why no swings?

Response: We didn't include them in our two options because of the size of the playground and how much space they occupy. But these options can easily be modified to include swings.

Question No. 3: Has anyone considered if the mulch will compact after six inches of needles accumulate? I would encourage research on what happens to the mulch if a lot of debris accumulates.

Response: We have not considered this.

Question No. 4: Can a sandbox be installed?

Response: It can be an option. We can place it far from the needles.

Question No. 5: Can the ground cover be anything other than mulch due to the splinter risk?

Response: The engineered wooden mulch is ADA compliant. There isn't much of a splinter risk with this material.

Question No. 6: Can we get swings based on this meeting?

Response: If feedback says to find a way to include swings, we will try. The challenge is that swings need large safety zones. There are swings there now but codes have changed since then.

Question No. 7: Is there a reason for why to focus on kids 5 years and older?

Response: Because making playground equipment for younger kids would make it too small. The industry focus is 2 to 12 years old. In larger parks you can have playground equipment for multiple age groups.

Question No. 8: Does the manufacturer make features to keep from wrapping the swing around the top bar?

Response: We haven't seen any.

The following comments were also received during the meeting:

Comment No. 1: Option 2 can probably be modified so that it has only one acorn so we can add a swing.

Comment No. 2: In Option 2, pine needles will get stuck in the slats of the play structure's roof. A traditional solid roof would be better.

Comment No. 3: Kids like to play in the sand. They will miss it.

Comment No. 4: This park has more debris than others. A rubber surface may be better.

- Sand and rubber can't be used together. The sand wears out the rubber faster.
- Rubber ground cover costs 5-times more than the engineered wooden mulch.
- The engineered wooden mulch is inexpensive to refresh.

Comment No. 5: A lot of people come with their strollers and dogs. They need a place to tie their dog.

Comment No. 6: We need more signs to inform visitors to keep their dogs on their leash.

At the end of the Q&A session, City Staff thanked the citizens who attended for their time and comments. The meeting ended around 6:30 PM. Some questions and comments were received through the City's Engineering Public Notices website. Others were received in-person through a Comment Sheet or via email. Attendees were informed that a report (including the sign-in sheet, comment sheets, and correspondence received) would be prepared and submitted to the Development Services Department. Once approved, a copy of the report will be distributed to all CPP participants.

December 12, 2024

Community Planning Meeting at City of Encinitas – Wiro Park

- General Notes:
 - Park receives a lot of debris from overhead trees (pine needles, spikey balls, etc.)
 - There are four existing swings, which are heavily used
- Option #1:
 - Engineered mulch is a concern. Residents are concerned about how the mulch will interact with debris falling on it.
 - This option is preferred since debris would get stuck in the roof openings on Option #2.
- Other notes:
 - There was a mention of adding sand or a sandbox nearby, although sand and pine needles will continue to mix like in the existing condition.
 - Residents/City would like to fit as many swings as they can.
 - One person mentioned having a place to tie dogs up to.

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PARK EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT WIRO PARK
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Online Comments

ID	Start time	Completion time	Email	Name	Please choose from the two Playground Options being considered to replace the existing playground equipment.	Do you have any comments regarding the information presented about the choice of Playground Options?	(OPTIONAL) NAME - Please provide your contact information in case we need your assistance with evaluating your comments.	(OPTIONAL) PHONE NUMBER - Please provide your contact information in case we need your assistance with evaluating your comments.	(OPTIONAL) EMAIL ADDRESS - Please provide your contact information in case we need your assistance with evaluating your comments.	(OPTIONAL) MAILING ADDRESS - Please provide your contact information in case we need your assistance with evaluating your comments.	Question	Last modified time
1	11/21/24 9:03:11	11/21/24 9:03:39	anonymous			Test			cbrown@encinitasca.gov			
2	11/21/24 9:08:17	11/21/24 9:11:48	anonymous			Test			Cbaldenegro@encinitasca.gov			
3	11/21/24 14:56:56	11/21/24 14:59:54	anonymous		Option 1							
4	11/23/24 9:20:16	11/23/24 9:50:09	anonymous		Option 1	We live across the street and use the park frequently. As a family, we like Option 1-Clubhouse because it seems like it has more options for play and seems slightly larger. The small acorn play space in Option 1 also looks very fun and appropriate for smaller children. The only other comments that my children had was to keep or update the swings, because they all love swinging under the trees at Wiro Park.	Zach Shannon	3104989856	Zach.shannon@gmail.com	2223 El Camino del Norte, Encinitas, CA 92024	11/23/2024	
5	12/12/24 21:34:48	12/12/24 22:10:05	anonymous		Option 1	<p>The playground materials to be chosen should take into consideration the significant debris from the two nearby Torrey Pines (primarily the huge volume of pine needles, but also pollen pods, pollen, and pine cones) and the Tipuana Tipu trees. The pine needles are voluminous, long (10-12 inches), thick, sharp/spikey, and break down very slowly. You may want to research whether the pine needles are compatible with the currently planned engineered wood mulch. A rubberized surface that can be blown off periodically may be a better choice.</p> <p>The existing swings are popular, both with kids and teenagers, and would be missed if not replaced.</p> <p>Kids also like playing in the sand (although the sand collects debris from both the Torrey Pines and the Tipuana Tipu trees). If the existing sand area is removed, would a separate sand box or a smaller sand area be possible?</p> <p>Many people visit the playground area with strollers and dogs, so places to park both would be appreciated.</p>	Jamie Sternberg	760-487-1313	jamie.jo@att.net	760-487-1313	12/12/2024	
6	12/14/24 14:35:27	12/14/24 14:42:44	anonymous			We live 2 houses from the park. I think the engineered mulch plan will be extremely messy with all the leaves, pine needles and cones that fall, not to mention the pets that run through there. The sand is at least easy to rake out debris and the kids bring their dump trucks and sand toys. It's seems people like the swings too. I don't understand a major revamp if is not going to be significantly nicer and takes away aspects that the children enjoy, I wish some effort would be focused on the lawn area that is mud right now and in the summer has sharp weed spurs in it.	Tiffany Pond		Tiffanypond@gmail.com			
7	12/15/24 19:10:36	12/15/24 19:14:03	anonymous		Option 1	I don't like either option! I want poured rubber if possible. If not, I'd prefer sand, not the rubber mulch! I want Swings too! Can you figure that out based on the safety?	Pat Hall	760 994 3514	pathall1@gmail.com	946 Maria lane, Encinitas, CA 92024. (Around the corner from the park)	12/15/2024	
8	12/15/24 19:16:06	12/15/24 19:18:41	anonymous		Option 1	<p>I selected Option 1 but what I really want is full rubber ground cover instead of mulch. If that isn't possible I would like sand.</p> <p>We definitely want swings. That is what kids spend most of their time using.</p>	Steven Hall	7609945055	stevendhall@gmail.com	946 Marisa Lane, Encinitas CA 92024	12/15/2024	
9	12/15/24 19:36:46	12/15/24 19:44:14	anonymous		Option 2	Swings are good for development and active play. If possible find space for them. The option #2 is helpful because it allows multiple play areas which allows for different types of child play. Cleaning the mulch area is very difficult, sand is easier. A flat paved rubber surface might be best or smaller areas of sand with paved rubber.	Trevor	858-774-0158	chiller747@gmail.com	2280 11th St. Encinitas Ca 92024		

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10	12/16/24 11:11:24	12/16/24 11:18:46	anonymous	Option 1	<p>I don't think having the little "leaf" looking toy to crawl under is beneficial - I feel like that could be removed and the swings would be of much great value and enjoyment for all ages of kids (swings like Wiro Park currently has, 2 long chained swings and 2 child bucket seats.</p> <p>SAND - a much more enjoyable surface to play in than the manufactured "tanbark" - also, much easier to rake and keep clean with the number of pine trees and oak trees in the park.</p> <p>If you have to have enjoy space for the jungle gym, I'd suggest Playground Option 2 if you could put the swings over on the grass area of the park - lots of room over there!</p> <p>It would be wonderful if the city would send a notification to residents surrounding the park in a much great radius than 500 ft! We have 1/2 acre plus sized lots all around Wiro Park and neighbors walk and drive to this park all the way from homes down Lone Jack Rd, 11th Street, Marisa Lane, and even from the Village Park area because there is a walk through off Mountain Vista onto 11th Street.</p>	Kristi Clark	7604361765	clarktwn@roadrunner.com	934 Marisa Lane	12/16/2024
11	12/16/24 19:02:26	12/16/24 19:08:34	anonymous	Option 1	<p>The lack of swings is going to be a problem. We live next-door to the park, and every time we look over the fence, the only equipment being used are the swings. The swings are used by babies, toddlers, teenagers, AND adults. The play structure is nearly almost empty. I understand the swings take up a lot of space due to the necessity of surrounding open space, but if this was just a park full of swings, it would be the most popular park in the city.</p> <p>The sand is also a popular option with the kids.</p> <p>As I'm sure you know, this is the only Encinitas city park that is also publicly funded by the surrounding 19 homes. Given that we pay significant amount for this park, I would hope that our opinions matter.</p> <p>Thank you</p>	Jill Candelaria	760-415-8626	Jillc1@roadrunner.com	2228 El Camino del Norte	
12	12/16/24 20:29:01	12/16/24 20:45:27	anonymous	Option 1	<p>Living right next door to the park for the past 31 years, raising my young children and now my grandson, the most used equipment are the swings, the sand with their buckets and then the slides. I see that the swings are the most popular with young and old alike.</p> <p>The presentation says the sand deteriorates the rubber material, but if maintenance blows off the sand on a more regular basis, that would preserve the rubber material.</p> <p>If you wanted more input on the park, you should have sent out these notices for the 19 homes that pay for the maintenance and use the park. I'm sorry we couldn't come to the meeting, as we were out of town. Please see if you can work in the swings. Most popular feature at the park. If you do away with the sand, you may want to reinstall the water fountain. It used to be there, but was removed due to the kids putting sand in there.</p>	Ann Leon	760-803-8192	ann@execdynamics.com	2236 El Camino del Norte, Encinitas	12/16/2024

Carlos Baldenegro

From: Carlos Baldenegro
Sent: Wednesday, December 18, 2024 8:32 AM
To: Amy McCord
Subject: RE: Wiro Park

Categories: CP23D Park Equipment Replacement

Good morning, Amy! Thank you for reaching out with your comments. I will document them for the project.

We're looking into modifying the equipment layouts to include swings. Unfortunately, swings do require large "use zones" in front and behind that can't be occupied by other equipment or even other equipment's use zones. For swings, the use zone in front and behind must be twice as wide from the central support as the central support is tall. This can take up a substantial portion of the playground's existing footprint. However, we are checking if we can reduce the number of other equipment and maybe rotate to fit some swings in. It's a work in progress.

We also received similar comments regarding the choice of engineered wood mulch for this park. We're looking into possibly going with a full poured in place rubber ground cover. However, note that the cost of the rubber ground cover is five times that of the mulch.

I'll pass on your concerns regarding the condition of the turf within the park to staff from our Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Department.

Thanks again for your comments, Amy!

~Carlos B.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Amy McCord <amyhmccord@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 17, 2024 7:08 PM
To: Carlos Baldenegro <cbaldenegro@encinitasca.gov>
Subject: Wiro Park

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Hello Carlos,

I live near the park and go there nearly everyday with my dog.

I am in favor of keeping the swings. Swinging may be what many kids like the most.

For the reason already mentioned, it does not sound like the engineered wood mulch is a good option: pine needles and other debris will collect there and will be very difficult to remove.

For the past few weeks, the lawn at Wiro has been a muddy mess. The green belt in Village Park has such nice and very large areas of manicured turf. I don't understand why the lawn at Wiro is so difficult to maintain. I know the residents who pay for the park are very frustrated.

It's too bad the CPP was so limited. There are 4 homes between my house and the park, yet I was not informed.

Thank you for working to make things better.

Amy McCord

Carlos Baldenegro

From: David Norgard
Sent: Tuesday, April 15, 2025 2:24 PM
To: Carlos Baldenegro
Subject: FW: Proposed changes for Wiro Park Playground

Categories: CP23D Park Equipment Replacement

Hi Carlos,

I reached out to Amy. Please see below, she has questions about how many people were notified for the CPP.



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From: Amy McCord <amyhmcord@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 15, 2025 2:23 PM
To: David Norgard <dnorgard@encinitasca.gov>
Subject: Re: Proposed changes for Wiro Park Playground

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Thank you David for your response.

Just to be clear, 4 swings already exist and fit well into the current playground space at Wiro Park.

How many neighbors were notified about the CPP and how many attended the meeting? My friend Annie lives about 40' from the playground. She did not receive notification of the meeting.

All the neighbors I have spoken with prioritize 4 swings, sand, solid roof tops over raised platforms, and safe handrails for stairs and elevated areas.

Thank you,
Amy

On Apr 15, 2025, at 1:40 PM, David Norgard <dnorgard@encinitasca.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon Amy,
Thank you for reaching out to express your interest and input on the design of the Wiro Park Playground. The nature based theme of the playground reflects comments that we received during the CPP meeting to gather community feedback. Each play element must meet ANSI and CPSI safety standards before and after installation. We are forwarding your comments to the designer so that they can check the required equipment offsets and the size of the playground to determine if a larger 4 swing set can be accommodated. As you know we will be discussing at the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting this evening, please feel free to attend and provide feedback to the Commission and design team.

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From: Amy McCord <amyhmccord@gmail.com>

Sent: Saturday, April 12, 2025 1:37 PM

To: Bruce Ehlers <behlers@encinitasca.gov>; Jennifer Campbell <jcampbell@encinitasca.gov>; David Norgard <dnorgard@encinitasca.gov>; Dave Knopp <dknopp@encinitasca.gov>; Marco San Antonio <msanantonio@encinitasca.gov>; johara@encinitasca.gov; Luke Shaffer <lshaffer@encinitasca.gov>; Joy

Lyndes <jlyndes@encinitasca.gov>

Subject: Proposed changes for Wiro Park Playground

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To all City staff members considering proposed changes for Wiro Park:

Thank you for recognizing that some of the beloved parks around Encinitas have been well used and may be in need of equipment replacement.

I live 4 houses away from the gem that is Wiro Park. I have gone there nearly every day with my dog for the last five years. I see the playground everyday and I know many children who love going there. We are very grateful to the neighbors who are required to pay an annual assessment for the park. I hope that all of those neighbors have been personally notified by the city and have shared their opinions. Annie and Rick Leon, Jill and Tom Candelaria, and Jamie and Wayne Knorek all live adjacent to the park. I know Jamie and Wayne spoke at the last meeting and stated the importance of keeping at least **4 swings** (2 for young toddlers and 2 for school age children). The swings are frequently in use and are the **favorite** item on the playground.

The play structures being proposed for Glen Park and Orpheus Park are in line with what I would expect to see. They are attractive with lots of safe climbing options, covered areas, and they seem to offer inventive ways to play on the proposed equipment.

I feel completely different about what is planned for Wiro Park.

First the positives: the curving slide looks solid and seems like it would be fun. The raised platform areas are covered with solid roofs which is an improvement over the first plan. Most of the raised platform areas have railings along the sides.

And now the negatives: I realize aesthetics are subjective, but my background in Product Design and Human Factors compels me to speak out against this proposal. The fake-log stairs are narrow and there is no hand rail of any sort. How can that meet safety standards? Imagine being a parent with your toddler - every time they want to climb the notched-out log with no hand rail, you would feel the need to be there to keep them from falling off. The large plastic acorns and phony logs scattered on the ground seem like nothing more than unattractive tripping hazards. How are those meant to be fun? The proposed "swing set" is ugly and unsatisfactory. Kids like to swing next to each other so they can talk with friends. There should absolutely be 2 swings for babies/toddlers and at least 2 for children over ~ 4 and they shouldn't be separated by a vertical column of rough plastic that looks like a strange tree stump.

I've spoken with many people who would be happy with a refreshed swing set for 4, new clean sand, and some sort of safe / attractive climbing structure with covered raised platforms and a fun slide.

Playground equipment is no doubt expensive. Please do not saddle Wiro Park with equipment lacking in safety, fun factor, and appeal.

I welcome your response.

Best regards,

Amy McCord

Carlos Baldenegro

From: Robert Sanchez
Sent: Thursday, May 1, 2025 3:24 PM
To: amyhmccord@gmail.com
Cc: David Norgard; Carlos Baldenegro; Matthew Widelski
Subject: RE: WIRO Park

Categories: CP23D Park Equipment Replacement

Hello Amy,

Thank you for reaching out; we truly value community input on our projects!

Apologies for the delay in responding. It appears your original message contained a typo in my email address, so I didn't receive it when it was first sent.

I understand there was some confusion surrounding the original letters sent to notify residents about the CPP meeting. Unfortunately, that led to low attendance at the initial meeting and resulted in additional feedback during the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting. We appreciate your comments and have shared them with our Designer, who is currently exploring options to revise the swing design in a way that better aligns with community preferences.

We're also in the process of organizing a "Coffee with the Parks and Recreation Director" event later this month, and we'll do our best to ensure the entire community is invited. Please keep an eye out for that announcement.

Thank you again for your engagement.

Best regards,



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From: Carlos Baldenegro <cbaldenegro@encinitasca.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 1, 2025 3:01 PM
To: Robert Sanchez <rsanchez@encinitasca.gov>
Subject: FW: WIRO Park

FYI

From: Amy McCord <amyhmccord@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 19, 2025 2:05 PM

To: David Norgard <dnorgard@encinitasca.gov>; Carlos Baldenegro <cbaldenegro@encinitasca.gov>; Matthew Widelski <Mwidelski@encinitasca.gov>; rsanchez@encinitasca.gov; gcapielo@encinitasca.gov; kevers@encinitasca.gov; mquinn@encinitasca.gov; jvanderauwera@encinitasca.gov; bkimball@encinitasca.gov; ccomorat@encinitasca.gov; rridder@encinitasca.gov
Cc: Bruce Ehlers <behlers@encinitasca.gov>
Subject: WIRO Park

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Parks and Rec Commissioners and Project Engineers:

Thank you for holding the meeting last Tuesday to discuss plans for using a grant toward playground improvements at 3 parks. It's wonderful news that the city has qualified for grant funding and too bad that so much time has passed since the poorly attended CPP for Wiro Park.

I am looking at the city's list of 28 homes that were reportedly notified about the CPP. Wiro Park was built for two housing developments comprised of 58 homes. Of those 58, only 18 are on the list of people notified. As you learned the other night, 19 homes have been assessed for the past the 30 years (roughly \$340,000). The Knoreks, Leons, and Candelarias (all original owners assessed from the beginning) have given their strong opinions about our need to keep 4 swings. Since the new swings you propose are not acceptable to the neighborhood, can you simply refurbish the existing swings, thereby avoiding changes imposed by the new code?

It's unfortunate that so many people in our neighborhood were uninformed about your plans. I live on 11th Street, closer to the park than the two homes on 11th Street that may have been notified (both of those homes are occupied by renters). I was not notified. The poor representation at the CPP may have been partly due to the timing in mid-December. Our neighborhood is known for holiday decorations over and above. Speaking for myself, the month of December is so busy, many things have to go by the wayside.

Last Sunday I heard through the grapevine that there was going to be a meeting Tuesday April 15th. I didn't know anything about the meeting - I assumed the start time was like Council Meetings, 6pm. When I came in at 6:15, you were voting to accept the plans with one variation: change the 2 swings to one infant swing and one for larger children. This is the worst possible option. The fun in swinging is being with friends. That's why keeping 2 of the belt type swings is important and it's really nice for two Moms to be able to swing their infants/toddlers while they visit.

Annie Leon attended the Tuesday meeting. Wednesday she was at The Bridges Country Club and took the photo below of their swings. We like the simplicity and functionality, though the triangular legs of our current swing set make it more structurally sound.

The other photos below show the area surrounding the current Wiro playground. There is plenty of space to expand the overall play area but even if you are forced to keep the current footprint, there is space for a slightly scaled back set of 4 swings. The footprint of the climbing structure can be reduced by eliminating the log and acorns (please). It can be positioned perpendicular to the swings so there is

adequate clearance for the swings. There are definitely ways to satisfy our priority of maintaining 4 swings.

Thank you for listening.

Best regards,
Amy McCord









Carlos Baldenegro

From: Jessica Dacher <jessie@jumbojessie.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 21, 2024 7:07 PM
To: Carlos Baldenegro
Subject: Re: Wiro Playground

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Thank you, Carlos! That is all great to know!

Best Wishes,
Jessie

> On Nov 21, 2024, at 6:34 PM, Carlos Baldenegro <cbaldenegro@encinitasca.gov> wrote:

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> Hi, Jessica! Thank you for reaching out. I'm sorry to hear the online version of our comment form was not working for you. To investigate, my colleague and I tested the online form today and it worked for us, both on a PC using the Chrome browser and, on my phone, using the Safari browser. But no worries, I will document your comments from this email for the project.

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> As to the project itself, out Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Department has targeted three parks for playground equipment replacement because the equipment is too costly to maintain due to its age. In addition, Parks staff have mentioned to me numerous times is that they need to remove the sand too because it destroys the poured in place rubber ground cover. Thus, we will be replacing both with an engineered wood mulch. I also want to let you know that the project is primarily being funded by a grant from the California Department of Parks and Recreation.

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> I will make a note of your preference for swings too.

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> Thank you again for reaching out.

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> ~Carlos B.

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Jessica Dacher <jessie@jumbojessie.com>

> Sent: Wednesday, November 20, 2024 9:14 PM

> To: Carlos Baldenegro <cbaldenegro@encinitasca.gov>

> Subject: Wiro Playground

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> Dear Mr. Baldenegro,

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> I just received noticed of the proposed playground equipment at Wiro part and tried to give digital feedback, but was unable to leave a comment.

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> I live two blocks from Wiro and enjoy visiting it weekly. It is cute little vintage playground. However, unless the equipment is no longer safe I don't see the reason for replacement. If the sand needs to be replaced is there can it be done without updating the structure itself? There are many other pressing needs the city needs to prioritize especially with Measure K not passing.

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> If the city does move forward, I'd prefer whichever design allows roo

Carlos Baldenegro

From: David Norgard
Sent: Tuesday, April 15, 2025 10:13 AM
To: Carlos Baldenegro
Subject: FW: Wiro Park Playground proposed changes

Categories: CP23D Park Equipment Replacement

FYI we have received a couple of similar emails. Please let MBI know and have them be prepared to speak to whether a larger set of swings would fit, as well as feedback from the CPP.



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Subject: Wiro Park Playground proposed changes

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Dear City Council and Staff Members,

This letter is in response to the proposed Wiro Park remodel. While I appreciate the city's willingness to update the current structures, I feel the current proposal misses the mark as to what the community enjoys. We live adjacent

to the park and use it daily. Our kids grew up using the present equipment and now we take our grandkids there multiples times weekly, By far the most popular area of the park is the swings. The infants daily enjoy the bucket swings while older children and adults frequently use the other two standard swings. I have noted that the new proposal does include two swings, but it sorely lacks the usability of having both bucket and standard types, I've included a picture of what is presently at the park. PLEASE try to replicate this. Kids, adults and babies like to swing TOGETHER- I have faith that you can make this change.

The proposed climbing structure and slides are nice although the log like stairs without rails leading up to one side are dangerous. Also, I understand that the fake acorns and logs are used to convey a woodsy feeling consistent with our area, but they seem useless as a toy for kids. Perhaps replacing those with a small stagecoach climb- on toy similar to the VW bus toy used at Orpheus Park could be an option? Or maybe adding a sand area similar to what is at Sun Vista Park? (Playing in the sand is the 2nd most popular activity at our park) I know you are working with a small footprint and that the city doesn't plan to enlarge our park, but the current proposal seems weak.

The 19 homes surrounding Wiro Park have been paying a yearly assessment to support this park. As far as I know we are the only private Encinitas citizens that help fund a public park- something that we have accepted because we also love and use this gem. However, remaking the park to bring LESS enjoyment to the neighborhood residents seems uncaring and frankly rude.

I sincerely hope you give this park some further thought.

Thank you,

Jill Candelaria



Carlos Baldenegro

From: Carlos Baldenegro
Sent: Friday, December 13, 2024 6:06 PM
To: Kristi Clark; Joe Adelizzi; Margaret Adelizzi; Katherine Anderson; Michele Baratta-detwiler; Hiam Baum; Shira Brockett; Tyler Brockett; Jill Candelaria; Tom Candelaria; Sheila Casinelli; Christine Liashek Castellani; Blair Clabes; Paul Clark; Lissy Conductor; Gail Covitt; Marc Covitt; Patrick De Los Reyes; Katie Dehmel; Andy Detwiler; Dave Duenas; Cindy Fisher; Jon Fisher; Darlene Flanigan; Rhonda Graves; Walter Guo; Pat Hall; Gina Hansen; Kindall Hetzler; Larysa Houbeck; Steven Houbeck; Chelsea Humkey; Rob Humkey; Mitch Johnson; Katharine Keen; Becky Keenan; Sean Keenan; Stephen Kempiak; Wayne & Jamie Knorek; Glenn Kovary; Kate Kovary; Casey & Dan Ladd; Annie Leon; Gina Lindell; Isabelle Linder; Steve Lipinsky; Leigh MacConell; Jenni Maksim; Jessica Mas; Amy McCord; Ken McCord; Sarah & Josh Morgan; Barbara Nappi; Mike Nappi; Dirk & Andrea Needham; Rachel Norton; Vicky Nye; Sammy Omari; Brian Pond; Tiffany Pond; Kevin Quellmalz; Nancy Rogers; Chris Root; Katelyn Root; Dana Saraceno; Tracy Saraceno; Cheri Schroeder; Berit Schulz; Torsten Schulz; Barb Spiro; Chris Strachan; Kalee Strachan; Rachel & Tom Tarrant; Randy Ullrich; Wendy Ullrich; Cindy Vaithianathan; Trevor Vaithianathan; Kristen Wade Kempiak; Lisa Wagner Johnson; Brandon Walsh; Catrin Walsh; Alex Zirpolo; Valerie Zirpolo
Subject: RE: Wiro Park - City of Encinitas is making changes!
Categories: CP23D Park Equipment Replacement

This is awesome, Kristi!! Thank you so much for extending my reach to advertise this project. You did a great job passing on the information from our conversation and your own research. Our goal for these meetings is to obtain resident input so we can have a good design starting point.

I do want to correct one thing. The City's original plan is to replace the sand and poured in place rubber ground cover with an engineered WOOD mulch, more technically called engineered wood fiber (EWF), because it meets both fall and ADA requirements. The sand and the rubber surfaces are just not compatible. The sand is prematurely wearing out the expensive rubber surfacing. But what we heard from Wayne, Jamie, and Rhonda at the meeting was that the needles are going to muck up the mulch. So, maybe a fully rubberized surface is a better choice. This is a perfect example of why we NEED your input, to provide us insights on what you see at this park every day and how you use it so our design can reflect what you will enjoy.

I do want to provide a little information on the swings. Residents at all three meetings for each of the three parks in my Playground Equipment Replacement project said they'd like to see swings in the layout options. But be aware that the Use Zones for swings that our landscape architect consultant mentioned are a real hurdle. I confirmed that for both in front and behind the swings the use zones extend twice as far from the main support bar as it is tall. And the use zone for any other playground equipment CANNOT overlap with the front and back use zones for swings. The use zones on the sides of swings can be overlapped. Another aspect of this project is that we are not changing the existing footprint of each park's playground. Thus, we're going to go back and play around with some swing use zone polygons to see where we can fit them within these existing playground areas and still get in other equipment.

I did find a resource from the US Consumer Product Safety Commission called the **Public Playground Safety Handbook**. I was able to quickly skim it to find the use zones for swings and other equipment. There's even a section on EWF. You can find this document at this **Playground Equipment** webpage within the commission's website near the bottom under **Additional Information**:

I will be keeping the Wiro Park comment form Kristi mentioned open at least until next Thursday. So, please feel free to provide your comments. Yes, the first question in the form asks to choose between the two Options in the PowerPoint presentation. But the second question is geared for submitting free-flowing feedback.

Thanks again, Kristi! Have a nice weekend.

~Carlos B.



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From: Kristi Clark <clarktwn@roadrunner.com>

Sent: Friday, December 13, 2024 3:51 PM

To: Joe Adelizzi <jadelizzi@josephadelizzi.com>; Margaret Adelizzi <madelizzi56@gmail.com>; Katherine Anderson <Katherine1209A@aol.com>; Michele Baratta-detwiler <bellabranchtv@gmail.com>; Hiam Baum <Hiamkbaum@gmail.com>; Shira Brockett <shira.brockett@gmail.com>; Tyler Brockett <akshon1@gmail.com>; Jill Candelaria <jillc1@roadrunner.com>; Tom Candelaria <Candelariatom@gmail.com>; Sheila Casinelli <dmcasinelli@gmail.com>; Christine Liashek Castellani <cliashek@gmail.com>; Blair Clabes <clabes@juno.com>; Kristi Clark <clarktwn@roadrunner.com>; Paul Clark <934pc@roadrunner.com>; Lissy Conductor <lissy.conductor@gmail.com>; Gail Covitt <gcovitt@aol.com>; Marc Covitt <mcovitt@gmail.com>; Patrick De Los Reyes <patrick@chefdlr.com>; Katie Dehmel <bogott9@yahoo.com>; Andy Detwiler <andy@gobigprinting.com>; Dave Duenas <d2duenas@gmail.com>; Cindy Fisher <cindyjessupfisher@gmail.com>; Jon Fisher <wtchdr67@gmail.com>; Darlene Flanigan <Darlene.Flanigan@hotmail.com>; Rhonda Graves <rhondag2@cox.net>; Walter Guo <guoweijun3939@126.com>; Pat Hall <pathall1@gmail.com>; Gina Hansen <ginahansens@hotmail.com>; Kindall Hetzler <kindalllee@hotmail.com>; Larysa Houbeck <larysataylor@yahoo.com>; Steven Houbeck <houbecklaw@gmail.com>; Chelsea Humkey <chelseahumkey@gmail.com>; Rob Humkey <rhumkey@gmail.com>; Mitch Johnson <mitalejo@gmail.com>; Katharine Keen <kkeen1@gmail.com>; Becky Keenan <bluekeenan@yahoo.com>; Sean Keenan <sean_m_keenan@hotmail.com>; Stephen Kempiak <kempiak@gmail.com>; Wayne & Jamie Knorek <wknorek@att.net>; Glenn Kovary <g.kovary@gmail.com>; Kate Kovary <kate.kovary@gmail.com>; Casey & Dan Ladd <caseyladd1@gmail.com>; Annie Leon <awllvestennis@aol.com>; Gina Lindell <gina.lindell@gmail.com>; Isabelle Linder <isabelle.linder@gmail.com>; Steve Lipinsky <accesstoacting@msn.com>; Leigh MacConell <lmacconell@gmail.com>; Jenni Maksim <jnerwin@gmail.com>; Jessica Mas <jessica.g.mas@gmail.com>; Amy McCord <amyhmccord@gmail.com>; Ken McCord <mccordk@gmail.com>; Sarah & Josh Morgan <SarahMorgan4@yahoo.com>; Barbara Nappi <annanappi4@gmail.com>; Mike Nappi <mnappi@hotmail.com>; Dirk & Andrea Needham <dirkandandrea@roadrunner.com>; Rachel Norton <rachelnorton44@hotmail.com>; Vicky Nye <oakmont19@yahoo.com>; Sammy Omari <omari.sammy@gmail.com>; Brian Pond <tiffanypond@gmail.com>; Tiffany Pond <tiffanypond@gmail.com>; Kevin Quellmalz <kevinquellmalz@gmail.com>; Nancy Rogers <nrogers49@aol.com>; Chris Root <chris.d.root@gmail.com>; Katelyn Root <katelyn.m.root@gmail.com>; Dana Saraceno <extrmdana@sbcglobal.net>; Tracy Saraceno <Tracysaraceno@gmail.com>; Cheri Schroeder <kurtntcheri@roadrunner.com>; Berit Schulz <berit.schulz@gmail.com>; Torsten Schulz <torsten.schulz@gmail.com>; Barb Spiro <bspiro1987@aol.com>; Chris Strachan <chris.strachan@marshmma.com>; Kalee Strachan

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Cc: Carlos Baldenegro <cbaldenegro@encinitasca.gov>
Subject: Wiro Park - City of Encinitas is making changes!

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Hello Neighbors - Happy Holiday's, the lights look amazing this year.

I just found out today that the city of Encinitas held a CPP, citizens participation plan, meeting, yesterday, Thursday 12 December, regarding the improvements they are planning for Wiro Park. Unfortunately the city is only required to send a notice to residence within a 500 foot radius of any proposed City planning events and our neighborhood only had 3 people attend this meeting (3 people total came to the meeting). Thank you Wayne and Jamie (and who ever else attended) for having a discussion with Alex Zirpolo today about the changes that were discussed and for Alex passing that information along to me.

I have enjoyed Wiro Park for 30 years, some of our neighbors have been enjoying it longer - and I know WE ALL LOVE WIRO PARK! I feel compelled to forward all of you the PowerPoint presentation and the information for you to participate in any changes that could happen at Wiro park. I've attached a link below and I have spoken with Carlos Baldenegro at the Encinitas engineering department who said we had an additional week to provide written input.

It is being purposed, and you will see in the power point slides, to remove the swings and the current play structure and replace them with a different playset/slide (NO SWINGS!!!). Also, to replace the sand with engineered rubberized mulch. I'm in favor of keeping the swings and the sand, if you are or aren't, providing input to any changes at the park is so very important for your children, grandchildren, and the adults and dogs that use the park daily.

Carlos Baldenegro cbaldenegro@encinitasca.ca also explained that they might consider changing the engineered mulch to the poured rubber accessibility type surface since we have so many pine trees that drop large amounts of pine needles as well as the other trees and their foliage that would be difficult to remove from the mulch (unlike how they can rake the sand to remove the landscape waste now). This project is currently "grant funded" and to put in the poured rubber surface it would cost 5x as much as the rubberized mulch.

This project will be moving through the City of Encinitas, right now with Engineering, then on to Parks & Rec Department, then the City Planning Department, and then on to City Council . . .

Please, please, please take a few minutes now, or within the next few days, to please review the slide presentation, respond to the Comment Feedback Form, and write a note to Carlos about what you'd like to see happen at Wiro Park.

This is the link to the City of Encinitas Engineering Public Notice page, please scroll down to their “Upcoming CPP/Neighborhood/Public Meetings” heading to the Wiro Park Playground Equipment Replacement notice and see the link for: Project Information, Public Notice, Comment Feedback Form, and the Powerpoint Presentation pdf. Unfortunately I feel like the “comment feedback form” pushes you to make “choices” of what is being offered instead of allowing you to make suggestions. Writing a note to Carlos Baldenegro will also be very beneficial.

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Thanks for taking the time to look out for our wonderful neighborhood park.

Sincerely,
Kristi Clark
clarktw@roadrunner.com

PS: If you notice I have missed anybody in our group message, please forward this note or provide me with their email.
PSS: You are welcome to send this to ANY Encinitas resident for additional support in making sure that Wiro Park is protected and updated in a manner we all support.

Carlos Baldenegro

From: clarktn@roadrunner.com
Sent: Monday, April 14, 2025 5:50 PM
To: Amy McCord
Cc: Carlos Baldenegro
Subject: Re: New Park equipment and design at Wiro Park - please attend the meeting or send in input

Categories: CP23D Park Equipment Replacement

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Hi Amy - Carlos can be emailed at Carlos Baldenegro cbaldenegro@encinitasca.gov

Kristi

On Apr 14, 2025, at 3:06 PM, Amy McCord <amyhmccord@gmail.com> wrote:

Thanks Kristi. I'm not sure either if I can get to the meeting. My letter was pretty scathing. I sent it to the parks people, Bruce, and council members. Can you please give me Carlos' email address so I can send to him too?

That horrible weed at the park is now also in my lawn 🙄 it comes in the spring and develops a horrible spiky ball that feels like needles underfoot. The Parks and Rec guy has the lawn sprayed once or twice a year, but that is a temporary fix.

On Apr 13, 2025, at 5:29 PM, clarktn@roadrunner.com wrote:

Hi Amy - I soooooo agree with you! I'm hoping to attend the meeting (I might have to fly to San Jose Tues & Wed) - I will send a letter as well. The other thing I want to ask them to work on is the grass - what is the little thorn that the dogs hate walking on that grass and my grandkids can't run around barefoot either, it's terrible, they really need to replace the grass.

The equipment replacement is so "dumb downed" - I understand the issue with space around the swings, so put the swings out on the grass area, there is plenty of space at this park for better, more usable equipment.

I will be super sorry to see the sand leave - it looks like they won't be trying to put in the rubber/fake mulch but will have the whole playground as sand

or rubber - I can't really tell from the pictures they sent.. I told Carlos B back in December that with the amount of trees and type surrounding the playground that they would never be able to clean out the oak leaves and pine needles if they use fake mulch (I have experience with what Amber had in her backyard for my grandkids years ago and cleaning that product is awful).

I am really disappointed in Carlos Baldenegro - if he is still the P&R commissioner or supervisor, I can't tell - he never let us know of any additional meetings or discussions for what was going to happen at the park, this is the first item I have discovered and I try to always read the agendas for the City meetings.

Thanks for sending a letter

Kristi

PS: I updated Jamie & Wayne's information for our group emails

On Apr 13, 2025, at 3:45 PM, Amy McCord
<amyhmccord@gmail.com> wrote:

Thank you Kristi. I sent a letter telling the decision makers why I think the proposed equipment fails in a number of ways. I sure hope neighbors send in their opinions. It's too bad that apathy often prevails.
Amy

On Apr 10, 2025, at 8:20 PM, Kristi Clark
<clarktn@roadrunner.com> wrote:

Hello Olivenhain Hills Neighbors & Carlos Baldenegro with the City of Encinitas & P&R Commission - on Tuesday, April 15 the Parks & Recreation Commission will be holding their regular session meeting at 5:30 pm - any input from our neighborhood regarding the design for the new park equipment at Wiro Park and what they are doing to the park should be submitted to the P&R Commission prior to Tuesday or please attend the meeting and speak regarding item #8A

The P&RC recommends "approve the playground replacement project concepts for Wiro Park (and 2 others). Since the email I sent

to you all on December 13, 2024 I have not seen any invitation from the city or developer doing the work to discuss what changes they want to make at Wiro Park - no additional input was asked for (yes, they have a 500 ft notice but we asked to be included).

I do see that they have incorporated replacing the swings with new swings (only 2). If we want more done at this park we have to ask for it. I know parents, kids, grandparents of this great neighborhood want to provide input for what happens at our awesome little neighborhood park - please plan to attend or send information to the above cc'd email address to be heard.

Below is a link to the agenda and you can look at the project plans

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Sincerely,
Kristi Clark

Carlos Baldenegro

From: Kristi Clark <clarktwn@roadrunner.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 23, 2025 4:29 PM
To: Robert Sanchez; Carlos Baldenegro; David Norgard
Cc: Amy McCord; Wagner Johnson Lisa; Tom Candelaria
Subject: Wiro Park "Coffee with Parks & Rec Director"

Categories: CP23D Park Equipment Replacement

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Hello David, Robert, & Carlos (and a few of my neighbors) -

I just got to catch up with Carlos about new information regarding Wiro Park and heard there is going to be a "Coffee with P&R Director" coming up on May 17 at 9 a.m. at Wiro Park thank you!!!

David, if you could please add me to your "invitation" list, I will get your invitation out to all of our neighbors in the Olivenhain Hills area that are not within the 500 ft notification zone that will receive your invitation. That area would include the houses on 11th Street, Marisa Lane, and Marisa Ct - we did not receive anything for the CPP meeting held in December and really want to be part of the planning for the new equipment and layout at Wiro Park.

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Thank you in advance for including me in any notices you will be sending to my wonderful neighbors in preparation of spending time with you on May 17 at the park.

Sincerely,

Kristi Clark
934 Marisa Lane
clarktwn@roadrunner.com



Carlos Baldenegro

From: David Norgard
Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2025 7:22 AM
To: Kristi Clark
Cc: Robert Sanchez; Carlos Baldenegro; Amy McCord; Wagner Johnson Lisa; Tom Candelaria
Subject: Re: Wiro Park "Coffee with Parks & Rec Director"

Categories: CP23D Park Equipment Replacement

Good morning Kristi,

Thank you so much for reaching out, it is great to hear your enthusiasm for Wiro park. We have heard from so many folks that we have decided the best way to get everyone's input is to hold another CPP meeting. Details are being finalized, and we appreciate your help spreading the word. We will have staff and our designer there to engage with the community. More to come, Best, David

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> On Apr 23, 2025, at 4:31 PM, Kristi Clark <clarktwn@roadrunner.com> wrote:

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Carlos Baldenegro

From: Carlos Baldenegro
Sent: Thursday, February 13, 2025 3:55 PM
To: Lisa Johnson
Subject: RE: Wiro Park

Categories: CP23D Park Equipment Replacement

Hi, Lisa! All is well with some much-needed rain. We met internally to discuss the comments we received during the project's neighborhood meeting. We determined that we will be making some changes to the equipment choices and layout as well as look into options for ground cover. We sent some preliminary information to the park equipment manufacturer and are awaiting the results. Unfortunately, all interactions with the manufacturer take time due to the high demand for their products.

Thanks again for your questions and comments, Lisa!

~Carlos B.

From: Lisa Johnson <lisastarrjohnson@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 13, 2025 2:56 PM
To: Carlos Baldenegro <cbaldenegro@encinitasca.gov>
Subject: Re: Wiro Park

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Hi Carlos,

Hope all is well. Just wanted to check in and see if possible to get an update on the Wiro Park project.

Thank you!

Lisa

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 17, 2024, at 2:38 PM, Carlos Baldenegro <cbaldenegro@encinitasca.gov> wrote:

Hi, Lisa! You don't need to fill out the online comment form. I will document your comments and questions in your emails for the project.

Regarding the park's replacement ground cover, we agree with you that a poured in place rubber product seems to be the best solution. We will be bringing this back to our Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department for their consideration. And if we can fit in swings, we will try to have at

least one for younger kids/babies and another for older kids. We want to have other playground equipment at the park too.

Lastly, the next opportunity residents will have to comment on the project is when it comes before the City's Parks and Recreation Commission. However, depending on final permitting requirements, the project may or may not need to go before the Planning Commission. These types of projects tend to be considered maintenance, which are exempt from environmental permitting but possibly not design review. However, you will be able to comment on the project one last time when it comes before City Council, who will make the final decision on what gets constructed.

Thank you, Lisa!

~Carlos B.

From: Lisa Johnson <lisastarrjohnson@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 17, 2024 1:51 PM
To: Carlos Baldenegro <cbaldenegro@encinitasca.gov>
Subject: Re: Wiro Park

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Thank you Carlos. Do I need to fill out the form as well or is this sufficient?

I do feel strongly that poured in place rubber ground would be a more practical/safer/better choice than the mulch.

I understand swings were a topic of conversation at the meeting. Can I specifically note that ideally a new option with swings would include swings for younger kids/babies (that look sort of like the below) in addition to the more standard size swings?

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Lastly, if there are additional meetings regarding the playground(s) that you would like to have community input during/involvement with, definitely let me know.

Thanks again,

Lisa

On Thu, Dec 12, 2024 at 5:17 PM Carlos Baldenegro <cbaldenegro@encinitasca.gov> wrote:

Hi, Lisa! Thanks again for your questions and comments. Other residents have brought up the possibility for us going with a poured in place ground cover and the ages we are targeting for the playground equipment at two other meetings I've held for other parks. Swings have come up a lot too. This is great feedback!

The options we have prepared are based on what's out there now, the need to reduce

maintenance costs (old equipment; mulch vs sand/rubber), and the desire to provide refreshed modern equipment. But this is why we're holding these neighborhood meetings - to hopefully get as much resident input as possible to help guide our design decisions. We will take all this information and use it to come up with a design starting point. Residents will have more opportunities to provide comment as we work our way with our designs through the Parks and Recreation Commission, the Planning Commission, and eventually City Council.

I am documenting your comments regarding switching to a poured in place rubber ground cover instead of the engineering wood mulch, targeting younger kids for the new playground equipment, and swings!

Thank you.

~Carlos B.

-----Original Message-----

From: Lisa Johnson <lisastarrjohnson@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, December 12, 2024 12:00 PM

To: Carlos Baldenegro <cbaldenegro@encinitasca.gov>

Subject: Re: Wiro Park

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Hi Carlos,

Thank you so much for the additional information. I really appreciate it. I truly wish I could make the meeting but such is life!

I'm really concerned with the notion of mulch being the base. I understand the reasoning behind changing it from a combination of sand and rubber ground, but why not for example just do the rubber ground throughout? The mulch seems to pose a significant safety concern, some of which include splinters, eating, choking, etc. What is the process for additional consideration/feedback on this?

I also saw in the drawings a sign that mentions ages 5-12. Is this playground only intended for those ages? Is there a play space for younger children, including those that are preschool age? This seems necessary regardless, and especially knowing there is no public TK program in the Encinitas school district (meaning young kids are that much more likely to be at this playground regularly).

Do neither of the options include swings?

Thanks again,

Lisa

Sent from my iPhone

> On Dec 11, 2024, at 3:18 PM, Carlos Baldenegro <cbaldenegro@encinitasca.gov> wrote:

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> Hi, Lisa! Thank you for reaching out with your comments and questions. Sorry to hear you will not be able to make it to the neighborhood meeting. And unfortunately, we are not recording these meetings. However, no worries, I will document your email with your comments and questions for the project. Note also that this meeting is only to obtain input on the two options we are presenting for replacing this park's playground equipment. There are no final decisions being made here, just a way forward to begin design. The project will eventually come before both the Planning Commission and City Council for approval, at which time residents like yourself will have more opportunities to weigh in on the design.

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> As to your specific questions, here are some quick answers. The Engineering Department posts its public notices on the City's website. Follow this link to go directly there.

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> <https://www.encinitasca.gov/government/public-notices/engineering-public-notices>

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> There you will find a link to the Wiro Park Playground Equipment Replacement project's webpage, the notice you received in the mail, an online comment feedback form, and the same PowerPoint presentation in PDF form that will be shown at the neighborhood meeting. The presentation shows the two playground equipment options we've come up with for initial consideration. They are not set in stone.

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> Lastly, yes, the City is planning on replacing the sand and the poured in place rubber ground cover with an engineered wood mulch. There are numerous reasons for this proposed change. The first is that these two materials just shouldn't mix. The sand is so abrasive that it is prematurely destroying the rubber ground cover, which is an expensive material. The result is that the rubber looks bad and is expensive to repair. The sand also tends to find its way into water fountains and drains. The fountains tend to be very expensive to repair or replace too. Thus, our Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Department has elected to use an engineered wood mulch ground cover as an alternative to the sand and rubber. The mulch is considered ADA compliant and can be easily maintained/refreshed. We are proposing this change at two other parks within the City associated with this project - Glen and Orpheus Parks. You will find their information at the same link above.

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> Thanks again for your comments and questions, Lisa!

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> ~Carlos B.

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Lisa Johnson <lisastarrjohnson@gmail.com>

> Sent: Wednesday, December 11, 2024 12:13 PM

> To: Carlos Baldenegro <cbaldenegro@encinitasca.gov>

> Subject: Wiro Park
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> Hi Carlos,
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> I received the letter regarding Wiro Park. I live in the aRea and am very excited for and interested in learning more about the updates to the park.
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From: Lisa Johnson <lisastarrjohnson@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 17, 2024 2:19 PM
To: Carlos Baldenegro
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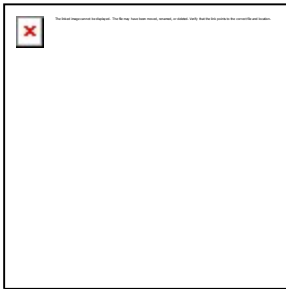
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Sent: Wednesday, April 23, 2025 1:51 PM
To: Robert Sanchez
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Subject: Re: Wiro Park

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Hi Robert,

My apologies for missing your email Monday. Thank you very much for the follow up. Do you know what the timeline is likely to be for the next steps?

Thanks again,

Lisa

On Wed, Apr 23, 2025 at 7:22 AM Robert Sanchez <rsanchez@encinitasca.gov> wrote:
Good morning Lisa,

Maybe my response to you didn't make it. I attached it to this email for reference. I have forwarded your, and the rest of the community's, comments to the City's Parks department to determine the next steps to ensure the project can be completed within the constraints of the grant. After our meeting, I asked our designer to investigate possible options to try to fit additional swings in the playground and if they can't fit, I asked him to provide an exhibit showing the safety limits for the swings. I will reach back out to you once we decide with Parks and the Designer on options that we have.

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Please confirm receipt of this email.

Thank you,
Robert

-----Original Message-----

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Sent: Tuesday, April 22, 2025 6:26 PM
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Hi Robert and Carlos, just wanted to check in on this. Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Apr 21, 2025, at 9:35 AM, Lisa Johnson <lisastarrjohnson@gmail.com> wrote:

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> Hi Robert,

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> Thank for again for your time following last week's meeting. I wanted to follow up regarding the park as I'm not clear what happens next.

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> What happens next?

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On Dec 13, 2024, at 6:06 PM, Carlos Baldenegro <cbaldenegro@encinitasca.gov> wrote:

maybe a fully rubberized surface is a better choice. This is a perfect example of why we NEED your input, to provide us insights on what you see at this park every day and how you use it so our design can reflect what you will enjoy.

I do want to provide a little information on the swings. Residents at all three meetings for each of the three parks in my Playground Equipment Replacement project said they'd like to see swings in the layout options. But be aware that the Use Zones for swings that our landscape architect consultant mentioned are a real hurdle. I confirmed that for both in front and behind the swings the use zones extend twice as far from the main support bar as it is tall. And the use zone for any other playground equipment CANNOT overlap with the front and back use zones for swings. The use zones on the sides of swings can be overlapped. Another aspect of this project is that we are not changing the existing footprint of each park's playground. Thus, we're going to go back and play around with some swing use zone polygons to see where we can fit them within these existing playground areas and still get in other equipment.

Carlos Baldenegro

From: Carlos Baldenegro
Sent: Tuesday, December 17, 2024 4:35 PM
To: Tom Candelaria
Subject: RE: Wiro Park Revitalization

Categories: CP23D Park Equipment Replacement

Hi, Tom! I too was bummed about these use zones. It partially explained why our consultant and the park equipment manufacturer had put together the layouts the way they did. They looked a little sparse, but we always have financial constraints too.

So, I wanted to see if I could find the details on the use zones for myself. I found on the US Consumer Product Safety Commission's website a couple of webpages on playground equipment:

[https://www.cpsc.gov/Business--Manufacturing/Business-Education/FAQ?p=3003&tid\[3013\]=3013](https://www.cpsc.gov/Business--Manufacturing/Business-Education/FAQ?p=3003&tid[3013]=3013)
<https://www.cpsc.gov/Business--Manufacturing/Business-Education/Business-Guidance/Playground-Equipment>

Of particular help was a Public Playground Safety Handbook I found in these webpages.

<https://www.cpsc.gov/s3fs-public/325.pdf>

In this Handbook, I quickly found **Section 5.3.8 Swings** on Page 37, which discusses this mainstay of playground equipment. Section 5.3.8.3 discusses single-axis swings, the typical kind found in playgrounds, and Section 5.3.8.3.3 discusses their use zones. The diagrams are very helpful for visualizing these use zones. It becomes an exercise of playing around with swing use zone polygons to see how they fit with the use zones of other equipment within the existing playground's footprint.

I'm hoping we have some updated layouts by January 2025 to present to our Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department for an ok to proceed with design.

Thanks again for your comments, Tom!

~Carlos B.

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What grandfather clause covers older in place park structures? These zones didn't exist before the park creation. I understand the Ada compliance issue for the surface. I feel like the "use zones" is a creation by lawyers. I've never heard anything like that before.

On Tue, Dec 17, 2024 at 2:22 PM Carlos Baldenegro <cbaldenegro@encinitasca.gov> wrote:

Hi, Tom! Thank you for reaching out with your comments on this project. I hear and understand your concerns regarding the swings. The Wiro Park Neighborhood Meeting was the last of three held for the three parks in my Playground Equipment Replacement project that will have their playground equipment and ground cover replaced. At all three meetings residents expressed their wish that we try to preserve the swings, especially since some of the playground equipment layout options did not include them. Rest assured that these layouts are just a starting point. Our consultant and I will go back and see if we can incorporate swings and other recommendations provided by residents into the layouts before initiating design.

At all three parks we are planning on replacing the sand and the poured in place rubber ground cover. These two materials are just not compatible together, with the sand causing the rubber to prematurely wear out. In their place we are planning to incorporate an engineered wooden mulch. It both meets fall protection requirements and is ADA compliant, which is what the rubber surfacing was for. However, we did hear from residents at the Wiro Park Neighborhood Meeting that the mulch will most likely get full of pine needles, which will be hard to remove. Thus, residents recommended the playground be fully covered with the poured in place rubber ground cover. We will be looking into this possibility. But note that the rubber surfacing costs five times that of the wooden mulch. And we're trying to improve on the playground's accessibility. Sand alone does not meet this requirement.

I do also want to bring to your attention a general constraint we are under when it comes to swings. They require large "use zones" to be incorporated into playground equipment layouts. Use zones are required safety clearances that must be free of other equipment or even other equipment's use zones. The use zone for swings extends in front and behind a distance twice as long as the central support bar is tall and can't be shared with other use zones. Thus, swings require a lot of space. However, we think we might be able to fit them in if we reduce the size of the other equipment or rotate it.

Thanks again for your comments, Tom! I will be preserving them for this park.

~Carlos B.



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Hello Carlos my name is Tom Candelaria and I have lived next to the lawn side at Wiro Park since the park was built in 1993. Our family has enjoyed the park lawn and swings for over 30 years now and recently our grandchildren have begun enjoying it along with the neighborhood grand children. What a blessing it has been to not only live in such proximity to the peaceful little area, but to share stewardship of it along with the other 18 families who pay our \$600 a year special Wiro tax assessment towards its maintenance.

This assessment has allowed me to give my input to its beautification as well as rodent control when needed. The local families gather there on a daily basis to run our dogs and watch kids playing on the swings. It is truly a community builder on every front.

Why the recent “upgrade” should eliminate swings is questionable. Swings are an integral part of going to any park; like swimming in the ocean is to the beach. Eliminating the swings will drive people AWAY from using the park. That is so obvious that there doesn’t need to be a study done to figure it out.

Please just be prudent in these times of fiscal responsibility, and just upgrade the climbing/slide structure only. The sand is perfect for the area as it doesn’t hold the debris from the surrounding trees and animals. You can place a plastic border along the rubberized ADA path to keep sand from rubbing up against it if needed to preserve it longer. By the way, that pathway has been there for close to 20 years and it looks great too.

Parks without swings are empty space since there’s a loss of the focal point to playing there. Please keep the same elements in place that have been there since it was developed by the surrounding 19 homes acting as stewards for its continued use.

Thanks for your attention to this matter Carlos. I would look forward to meeting you if you plan to attend a park walk through in the near future as well.

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