



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 16, 2023

TO: Parks and Recreation Board

FROM: Gina Dulay, Deputy Director, Parks and Recreation Department

SUBJECT: Status of Playground Structure Replacement - Dennis V. Allen Park

On November 8, 2021 Dennis V. Allen (DVA) playground structure was devastated by vandalism. The playground structure was set on fire. The damage was severe and beyond repair, as seen in Attachment 1. City crews immediately cordoned off the area and momentarily paused any debris removal so that the City's insurance adjuster could thoroughly evaluate the site. Within days the debris was removed by city crews. What remains on the playground today, is a swing set, which was spared any vandalism.

On August 25, 2022 a purchase order was released for the playground structure replacement, which was primarily purchased using insurance proceeds of approximately \$88,000, Attachment 2. However, due to supply chain issues, and the made-to-order nature of the playground equipment, the parts are not anticipated to arrive until mid-March 2023. Once all the equipment arrives, installation will take approximately two weeks. Parks and Recreation plans on holding a grand reopening of the playground once all the work is complete, anticipated to be by April 30, 2023.

Additionally, over the last several months, Parks and Recreation staff, along with Engineering and Capital Projects (E&CP) staff have been meeting to discuss a General Development Plan amendment for DVA. The amendment envisions a small recreation center and multipurpose courts. E&CP anticipates public workshops to commence later this year. Community feedback from these workshops will be recognized in the final GDP amendment that will eventually make its way to Park Board for approval.

If you have any questions regarding DVA Park, feel free to reach out to me at, (619) 525-8221 or Gdulay@sandiego.gov.

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Attachments: 1. Playground damage photos
2. Playground replacement rendering

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Tom Tomlinson, Assistant Director, Parks and Recreation
Michelle Abella-Shon, Program Manager, Parks and Recreation

Attachment 1





Attachment 2



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