



Consent Calendar
April 25, 2023

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Terry Taplin

Subject: Budget Referral: Dreamland for Kids Playground Design

RECOMMENDATION

Refer to the Fiscal Year 2024 budget process \$300,000 for the conceptual design of the reconstruction of the Dreamland for Kids Playground at Aquatic Park.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

\$300,000 in General Fund impact.

BACKGROUND

Dreamland is a fantasy playground with wooden towers and a forested landscape, designed in 1999 by Berkeley school children under the guidance of architect Robert Leathers and Associates, that consists of castles, slides, swings, bridges, tunnels, and more to inspire adventure and imagination.

However, several elements of the structure have failed and been removed. Additionally, the playground is currently not compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The general public has indicated their desire to invest in this structure and uplift it as a destination playground. The \$300,000 in allocated funds would cover conceptual design costs through the final design and bidding process.

The City of Berkeley's General Plan's Open Space and Recreation Element¹ includes policies that "give highest priority to maintaining and improving the City's existing network of open space and recreation facilities" and "give high priority to providing additional facilities for populations that are disadvantaged or underserved."

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https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/08_Open%20Space%20and%20Recreation%20Element-FINAL.pdf

