



City Manager's Office

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 25, 2024
TO: Mayor and City Council
THROUGH: Doug Thornley, City Manager **Approved Electronically**
FROM: Nathan Ullyot, Parks and Recreation Director
SUBJECT: Response to public comment on slide condition at Liston Park

Public Comment was given at the April 10th and April 24th City Council meetings regarding the condition of the Liston Park slides. I can confirm that the slides were heavily vandalized. When this occurred, we ordered replacement components. When a slide is damaged or wears out naturally, the component section requires custom fabrication. Because of this, receiving the components can take over a year after the order. As park inspections occur, issues from normal wear and tear can be assessed and we will order the slides well ahead of failure and be able to avoid extended closures, but in instances of vandalism that delay is unavoidable.

The components for the Liston Park slide replacement have been received. Unfortunately, another consideration of the replacement is waiting for stable temperatures so that the components do not warp due to variance of daytime highs and nighttime lows. If the components warp at a minimum, they will wear out much faster, or they may need to be replaced immediately.

The expected timeline for the Liston Park slide installation is within the next two weeks as Council Member Reese shared yesterday.