



City Manager's Office

MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 9, 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 - Update

We received public comment on the Liston Park slide condition as a part of the May 8th City Council meeting, and I wanted to provide you an update. The comment came from a citizen who has previously commented on the slide's condition at the April 10th and 24th City Council meetings. After the April 24th meeting I provided an update (see below) and set an expectation on the slide installation. Three of the four slides were replaced as scheduled, but, as the public comment correctly highlights, the fourth slide has not been replaced. There was an issue with that slide that we have the manufacturer correcting. At this time, we are not able to provide an estimate on the replacement but have asked for additional urgency on correcting the issue. I have reached out to the citizen who sent in the public comment, who has been an amazing advocate for the park and area. I will keep her updated as information becomes available.

Prior Communication from April 25th:

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.