



Agenda Item Report

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Parks and Recreation
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ITEM TITLE: Presentation of the City of Buda playground replacement schedule (Tony Host Parks Director)
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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Staff will present the proposed replacement schedule for playgrounds across the City of Buda. The schedule is intended to guide capital planning, prioritize safety and accessibility, and ensure a predictable lifecycle replacement approach for playground equipment. It is based on inspection reports that were conducted and finalized in 2025.

2. BACKGROUND/HISTORY

The City of Buda maintains multiple playgrounds across its park system, many of which were installed at different times and are at varying stages of their useful life. Historically, playground replacements have been addressed on a case-by-case basis as funding became available. As the park system has grown, staff identified the need for a more formalized replacement schedule to support long-term planning, budgeting, and risk management.

3. ANALYSIS

The proposed replacement schedule is based on industry standards for playground useful life, routine inspection data, safety audits, and usage levels. Considerations include age of equipment, frequency of use, compliance with current safety and accessibility standards, condition assessments, and opportunities to coordinate replacements with other park improvements to minimize disruption and reduce costs.

4. FINANCIAL IMPACT

No immediate financial action is requested. The replacement schedule will be used to inform FY27 and future Capital Improvement Program (CIP) planning and annual budget development.

5. STRATEGIC PLAN/GOALS

FUN EXPERIENCES FOR ALL

6. STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVES

Quality Facilities

7. PROS AND CONS

Pros:

Provides a clear, predictable replacement framework

Improves safety and accessibility planning

Supports proactive budgeting and risk management

8. ALTERNATIVES

Continue addressing playground replacements on an as-needed basis.

Prioritize only the most critical playgrounds without a long-term schedule.

9. REQUESTED ACTION / SUGGESTED MOTION / RECOMMENDATION

Staff seeks Council feedback on the proposed plan.

Attachments:

[Playground Report Round-up.xlsx](#)