



**Parks and Recreation Board Agenda
Department of Public Services
851 South Eton-Conference Room
Tuesday, May 6, 2025
6:30 PM**

- I. Call to order**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Announcements, Introductions of Guests & Chairpersons Comments**
 1. USTA-May Is Tennis Month
 2. The City of Birmingham Ice Show-May 17th
Show Times: 11am and 4pm
 3. Department of Public Services Open House-May 17th
Event Time: 10am-2pm
 4. Annual Rouge River Clean-Up-May 17th
Event Time: 10am-12pm
 5. Ad Hoc Senior/Recreation Center Committee (SCC) - Update
Link to the full April 29, 2025 Senior/Recreation Center Committee Agenda
<https://cms7files1.revize.com/birmingham/20250429%20SCC%20Packet.pdf>
- IV. Open To The Public for Items Not On the Agenda** *(two minutes per person)*
 - No one may speak a second time until everyone in the audience has spoken.
 - The chairperson may alternate speakers pro & con on issues being discussed.
- V. Approval of the minutes of: April 1, 2025** *(regular meeting)*
- VI. Unfinished Business**
 1. Proposed Time Change to Parks and Recreation Board Meeting
 2. Booth Park Update
 3. Playground Design Input Session:
 - a) Pumphouse Playground
 - b) Lincoln Well Site Playground
- VII. New Business-** *Written and submitted by 5pm Monday at the Birmingham Ice Sports Arena, one week prior to the meeting.*
- VIII. Miscellaneous Communications**

IX. Reports From Staff

1. Park Updates

X. Items for Next Meeting on Tuesday, June 10, 2025

XI. Adjournment

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*If you cannot attend the meetings, please contact Connie Folk at the Birmingham Ice Arena (248) 530-1642.
Minutes are available for review at the Birmingham Ice Sports Arena, 2300 East Lincoln, Birmingham, MI 48009*

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MISSION STATEMENT

The Parks and Recreation Board strives to provide opportunities for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration for present and future generations of residents and visitors through stewardship of natural, cultural and recreational resources. By continuously elevating the beauty and quality of the parks and recreation system of Birmingham, the Parks and Recreation Board will promote health and wellbeing, and strengthen the community.

You may also present your written statement to:
City of Birmingham, Parks and Recreation Board
851 South Eton, Birmingham, Michigan 48009 prior to the meeting.



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PROCLAMATION

Whereas, On May 21, 1881, the USTA, originally known as the United States National Lawn Tennis Association, was founded in New York City, New York, to create rules and standards for the emerging game of lawn tennis; and

Whereas, The USTA is the nonprofit, national governing body for tennis in the United States, and leads the promotion and growth of the sport at every level of play, from beginners to professionals at the US Open; and

Whereas, The USTA is the largest tennis organization in the world, with over 550,000 members from every corner of the country; and

Whereas, The USTA proudly partners with local tennis programs to showcase the important health, social, and educational benefits of tennis, and make the sport available to everyone, regardless of age, environment, condition, or ability, through its USTA Adaptive grants; and

Whereas, The latest research by the Physical Activity Council shows that more than 25.7 million Americans played tennis in 2024, an unprecedented 46 percent increase in participation over 2019 and the highest number of players since the PAC study began in 2007; and

Whereas, By increasing the accessibility of tennis for citizens of Birmingham, MI of all ages and abilities, the USTA has contributed to making our community happier and healthier; and

Whereas, USTA has declared the month of May as National Tennis Month to encourage players, organizations, facilities, retailers, tennis manufacturers and more to promote local programs and activities, at parks and facilities to showcase tennis and spread the word about the sport and its benefits, and to help players and non-players alike find courts and play opportunities in their communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I Heather Carmona, Parks and Recreation Board Chair of Birmingham, MI proclaim May 2025, as National Tennis Month and hereby urge the citizens of Birmingham to become aware of and support National Tennis Month.



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SAT. MAY 17, 2025



10 A.M. - 2 P.M.



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Rouge River Clean-Up Day

Community groups, churches, schools, environmental groups, scouts and neighborhood associations are invited to help remove invasive species along the Rouge River.

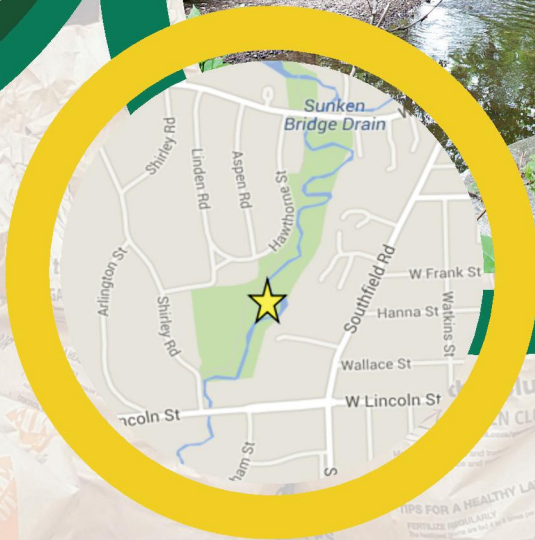
What to wear?

- boots/sturdy shoes
- long pants & sleeves
- hat & sunscreen

What's provided:

- mosquito repellent
- gloves
- bags

Thank you for making a difference in our community!



SAT. MAY 17, 2025



10 A.M. - NOON



LINDEN PARK

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BIRMINGHAM

City of Birmingham
Parks And Recreation Board Meeting Minutes
April 1, 2025, 6:30 p.m.
851 South Eton - Conference Room

I. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Present: Chair Heather Carmona, Vice Chair Pam Graham; Board Members Susan Collins, Anne Lipp, Steve Sweeney; Alternate Board Member Joseph Wrobel; Student Board Member Abigail Murphy

Absent: Board Members Jessica Einstein, Sarah Kupczyk; Alternate Board Member Narlu Castellano; Student Board Member Jack Bassett

Staff: Department of Public Services Director Zielinski; City Planner Blizinski (arrived 6:52 p.m.), Ice Arena and Facilities Superintendent Folk, Parks and Recreation Manager Laird, Parks and Recreation Foreman McNab

Guests: Jill Kahler

III. Announcements, Introductions Of Guests & Chairperson Comments

- 1. Congratulations to Birmingham Varsity Figure Skating "A" Team**
- 2. Ad Hoc Senior/Recreation Center Committee (SCC) - Update**

VC Graham and staff provided the update and answered informational questions from the Board.

Board members raised the following points during discussion:

- It would be beneficial if visitors to St. James Park would have access to the bathrooms inside 400 E. Lincoln. This would mean the Parks Department would not have to pay to install bathrooms in St. James Park.
- The planned pickleball courts and community hours at 400 E. Lincoln will be welcome community benefits.
- If some of the parking for 400 E. Lincoln encroaches into St. James Park, it might be possible to request that St. James Park and 400 E. Lincoln share improvements to both sites' stormwater infrastructure.
- The summer camp area might also be able to have a covered pavilion.
- VC Graham and the SCC have been doing a great job.
- The potential changes at 400 E. Lincoln and St. James Park largely align with the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.
- Since 400 E. Lincoln and St. James Park may come to form a sort of community 'hub', it may be appropriate for the Board to consider St. James Park a community park rather than a neighborhood park and to plan updates accordingly.
- The Board should evaluate the best potential uses for St. James Park.
- Next will be bringing its outdoor fitness equipment to 400 E. Lincoln.
- An outdoor walking path that could be accessed by visitors to 400 E. Lincoln and the community at large would be beneficial.
- Allowing the parking for 400 E. Lincoln to encroach 42 feet into St. James Park seemed worthwhile if the outcome would be the creation of a community asset at 400 E. Lincoln.

- Allowing this would also likely encourage increased programming and use of St. James Park.
- If St. James Park had originally been missing the proposed encroachment, the Board would still likely have been able to find productive uses for the park.
- It is appropriate that the Board is considering how it can best promote the interests of the community at St. James Park and through collaboration with the project at 400 E. Lincoln.
- The YMCA intends to require all visitors to 400 E. Lincoln to show identification before entry. If the bathrooms within 400 E. Lincoln are located beyond the front desk, then visitors to St. James Park seeking access to the bathrooms at 400 E. Lincoln would also have to show identification for entry to the building.
- There should be smaller restrooms near the entryway to 400 E. Lincoln which are separate from the locker room facilities.
- While the preservation of green space is a high priority, allowing the parking to encroach the proposed amount into St. James Park would be worthwhile if visitors to St. James Park would gain access to easily accessible bathrooms within 400 E. Lincoln and to the outdoor walking trail.
- It would also be easier to justify allowing the parking to encroach into St. James Park if there were a green roof for the facility at 400 E. Lincoln.
- The bathrooms should accommodate St. James Park visitors' wide range of ages and abilities.

IV. Open To The Public For Items Not On The Agenda

V. Approval Of The Minutes - March 4, 2025

Motion by Lipp

Seconded by Collins to approve the minutes as submitted in our packet.

Motion carried, 6-0.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: Sweeney, Wrobel, Collins, Carmona, Graham, Lipp

Nays: None

VI. Unfinished Business

1. Playground Design Services Recommendation

Staff presented the item and answered informational questions from the Board.

Board members raised the following points during discussion:

- The proposed playground equipment supplier offered aesthetic variety with interchangeable technical aspects. This would allow neighborhood parks to personalize the 'feel' of each park while allowing for easier repairs and maintenance across the park system.
- Some other amenities that could be considered are benches, shade, and landscaping for playground visitors.

Motion by Lipp

Seconded by Collins to support City staff's recommendation to secure playground services with Penchura, LLC.

Board members raised the following points during discussion on the motion:

- Penchura, LLC is a local company that operates with good lead times, and offers good costs, warranties, and scope of services.
- Landscaping and some other potential amenities could be bid out separately from this agreement.

Motion carried, 6-0.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: Sweeney, Wrobel, Collins, Carmona, Graham, Lipp

Nays: None

2. Playground Planning Dates

Staff presented the flyers informing residents about the upcoming dates. Board members reported enthusiasm from residents about the process.

3. Birmingham Well Sites Designations As Parks

The Chair introduced the item and staff answered informational questions from the Board.

Board members raised the following point during discussion:

- When the playground planning meetings occur for particular well sites, the prospect of renaming those well sites could be discussed at those meetings as well.

Public Comment

Ms. Kahler commented regarding changing Derby Well Site from a well site to a park.

VII. New Business

1. Adams Park Playground Surfacing

Staff presented the item and answered informational questions from the Board.

Board members raised the following points during discussion:

- The rubber surface offers maintenance costs savings over wood chips. The presentation to the Commission should emphasize the fiscal responsibility of these proposed changes in addition to the accessibility improvements.
- It would also be a draw that children playing at parks with these surfaces would become less muddy or dirty than they do when visiting parks with woodchip and soil surfaces.
- The surface is also safer in terms of physical impact.
- One of the lighter colors would trap heat less and should be used.

Motion by Lipp

Seconded by Graham to request City staff seek approval for the purchase of a pour-in-place rubber surface over a concrete base by Michigan Recreational Construction, with the specific beige color to be at staff discretion.

Board members raised the following points during discussion on the motion:

- If a concrete foundation will enhance the longevity of the rubber surface, concrete foundations should be used in this case and beneath other rubber surfaces in City parks in the future.

Motion carried, 6-0.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: Sweeney, Wrobel, Collins, Carmona, Graham, Lipp

Nays: None

2. Proposed Change to Parks and Recreation Board Meeting

Board members raised the following points during discussion:

- Moving the meetings to 6 p.m. could affect whether those who work during business hours could serve on the Board or attend to give public comment.
- It may also impact vendors' availability.
- Staff's attendance at the meetings is appreciated.
- It might be useful to change the timing of the meetings occasionally.
- This item should be tabled until more Board members are present, since the Board members who raised it were absent.
- It may not be necessary to table this item, since the Board members who requested the change were aware it was on the agenda and did not request the postponement of the item.

Motion by Lipp

Seconded by Wrobel to table it.

Motion carried, 5-1.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: Sweeney, Wrobel, Carmona, Graham, Lipp

Nays: Collins

VIII. Miscellaneous Communications

Communications can be found in the evening's agenda packet.

IX. Reports From Staff

Staff noted the reports.

- 1. GEPS (Groundwater Energy Passive System) Update**
- 2. Parks and Recreation Guide**

X. Items For Next Meeting

XI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.



Connie Folk, Ice Arena and Facilities Superintendent

Laura Eichenhorn, City Transcriptionist



MEMORANDUM

Department of Public Services

DATE: May 2, 2025

TO: Parks and Recreation Board

FROM: Connie Folk, Ice Arena and Facilities Superintendent

SUBJECT: Proposed Change to Parks and Recreation Board Meeting

At the February 4, 2026 regular Parks and Recreation Board meeting members of the Parks and Recreation Board inquired about future Parks and Recreation Board meetings be moved to 6:00 pm.

Administration clarified through the city's clerk office that the Parks and Recreation Board meeting may be changed based on a recommendation and approval from the Parks and Recreation Board.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Make a motion to recommend that the Parks and Recreation Board meetings be amended to begin at 6:00pm starting Tuesday, May 6, 2025, in replacement of the original approved time of 6:30pm.



MEMORANDUM

Department of Public Services

DATE: May 1, 2025

TO: Parks and Recreation Board

FROM: Carrie Laird, Parks and Recreation Manager

SUBJECT: Booth Park Update

Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) Grant

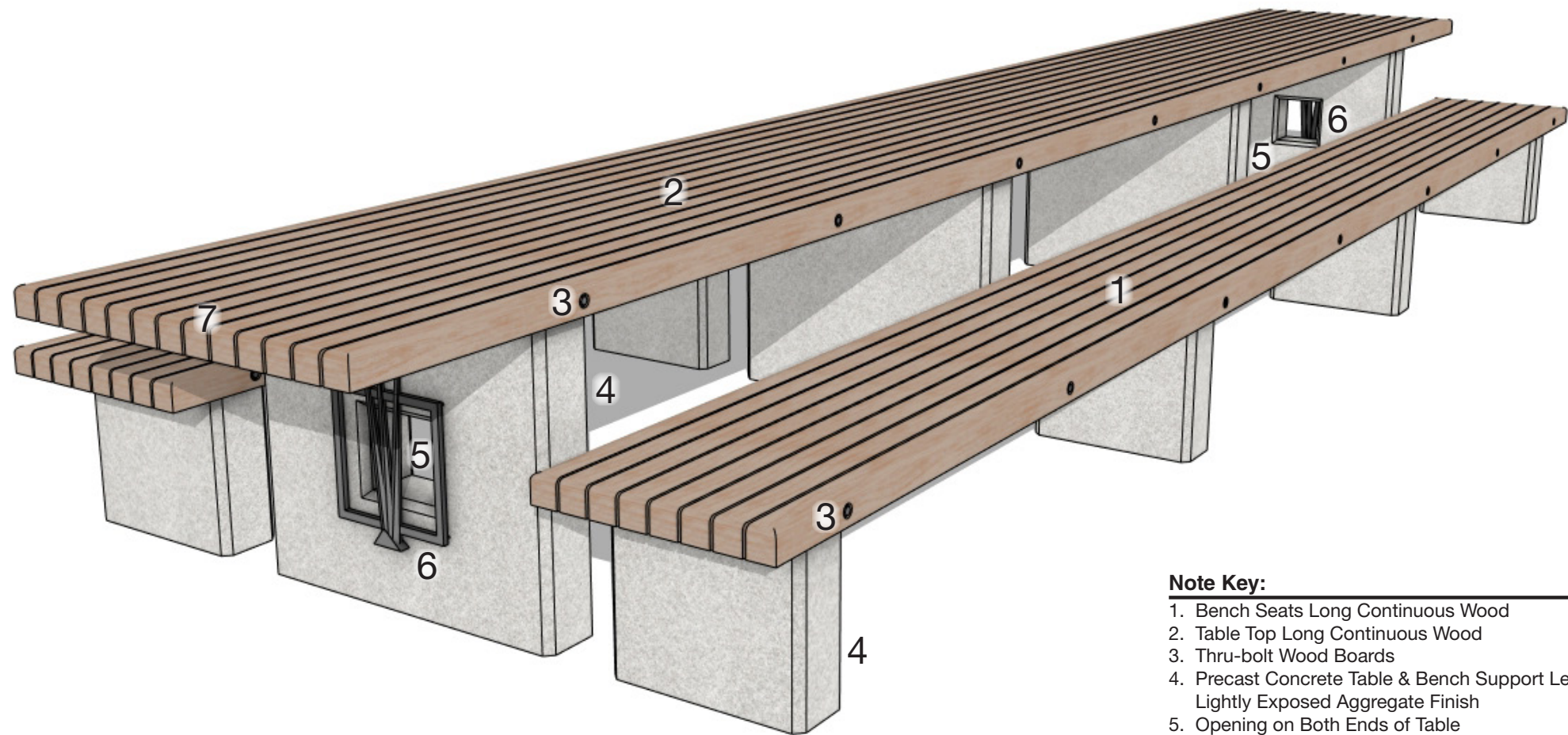
The Department of Public Services (DPS) has been working with our assigned grant coordinator to provide necessary documents including a boundary map and legal descriptions of the parcels that constitute Booth Park in preparation for entering into an agreement with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR). We are still waiting for Michigan legislation to approve the funding for all grant recommended awardees.

Development Project

Our architect, Grissim, Metz, Andriese Associates, has been working to prepare bid documents and fine tuning plans in order to be ready to go right away once we've entered into an agreement with the MDNR. After the agreement is finalized, the MDNR reviews all bid documents prior to bidding.

Designs for the communal picnic table and bench swing are attached for Board comment. The architect would like feedback on design and location. These items will be available as donation items, and listed on our donate page under the Booth Park category. Both amenities are proposed to be made from kiln dried Douglas Fir with a smooth finish. Maintenance involves applying an oil on an annual basis, in advance of the summer season.

Staff will continue to keep the Board apprised on progress with the development project.

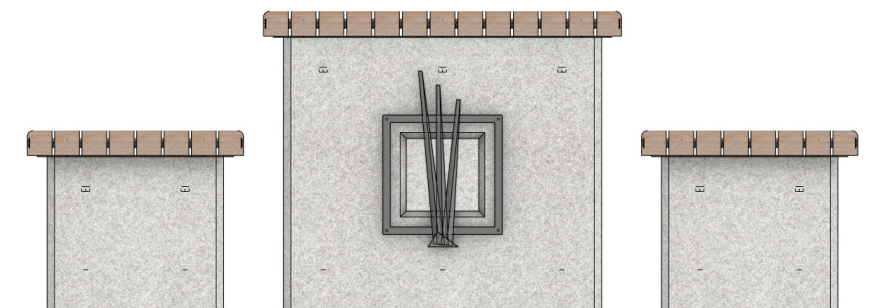
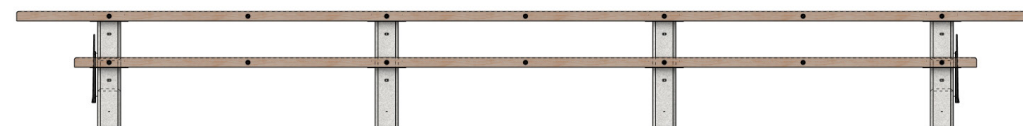
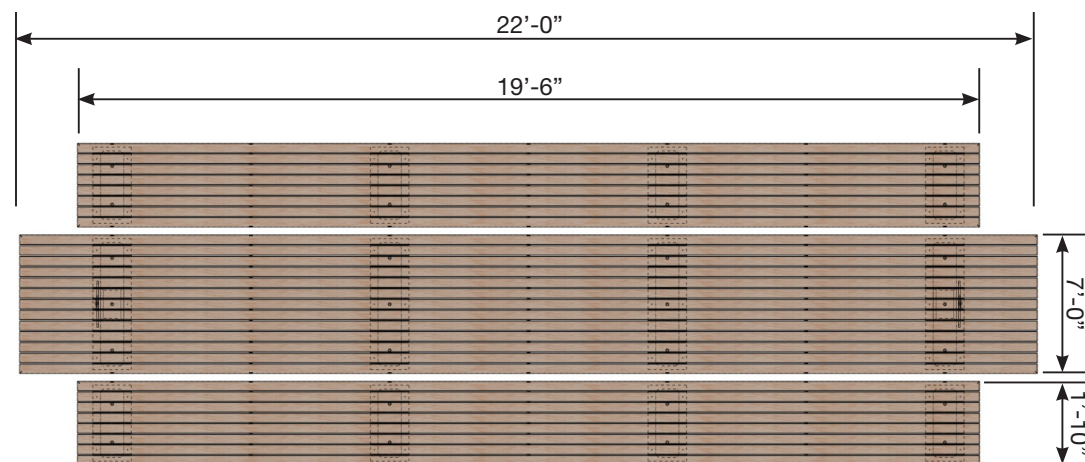
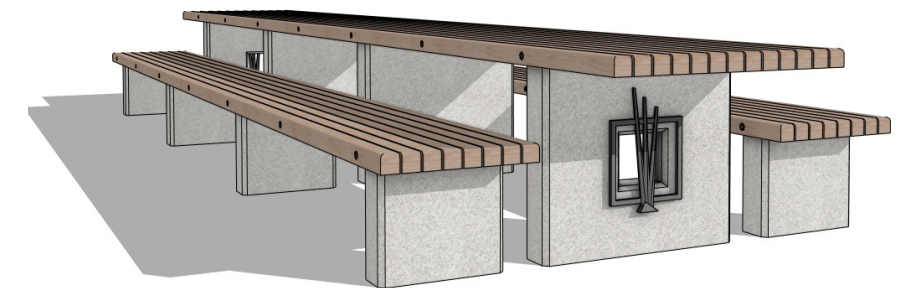


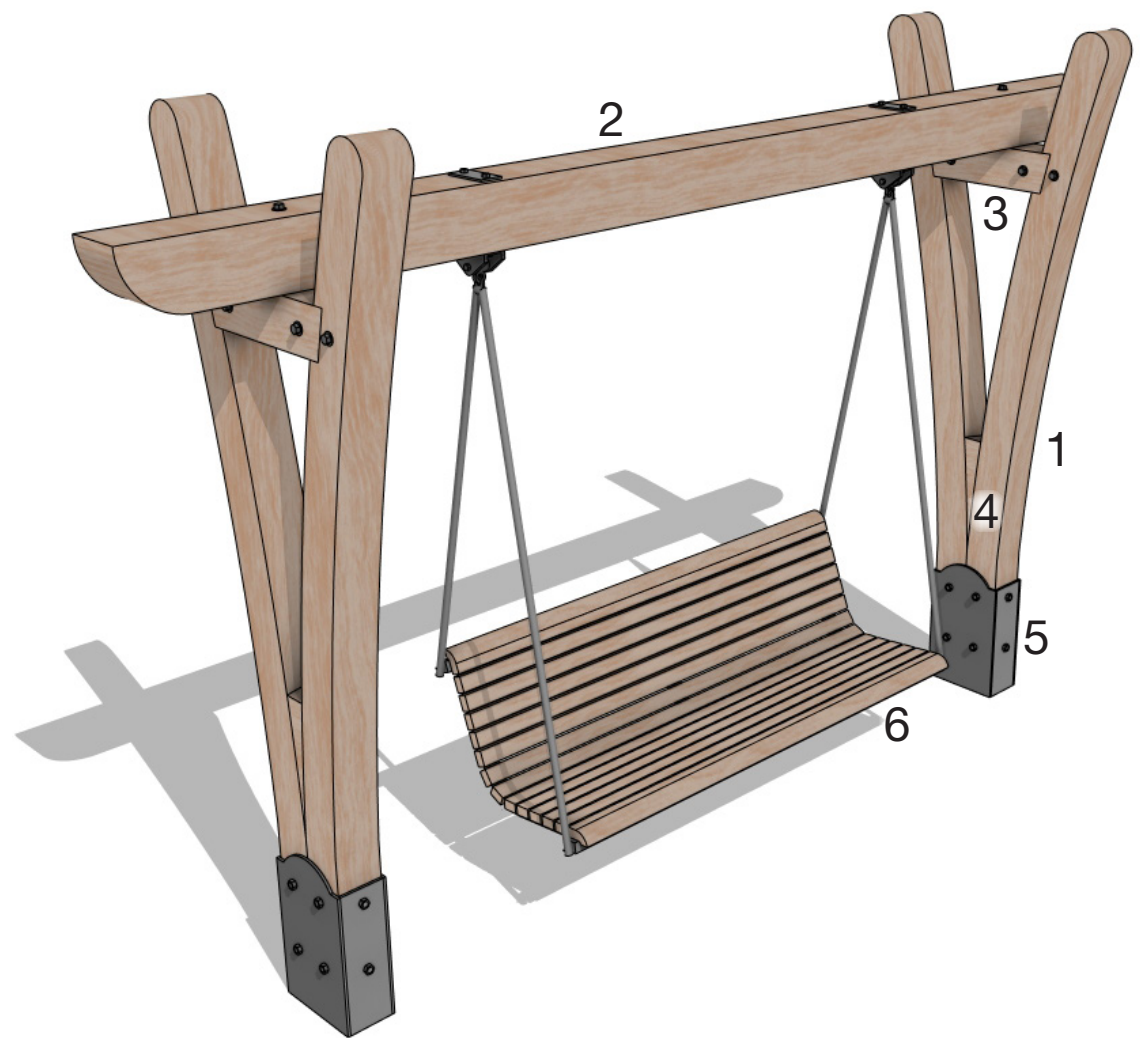
Note Key:

1. Bench Seats Long Continuous Wood
2. Table Top Long Continuous Wood
3. Thru-bolt Wood Boards
4. Precast Concrete Table & Bench Support Leg
Lightly Exposed Aggregate Finish
5. Opening on Both Ends of Table
6. Painted Sculptural Aluminum City Logo
7. Table Overhang for Wheelchair Accessible
Seating

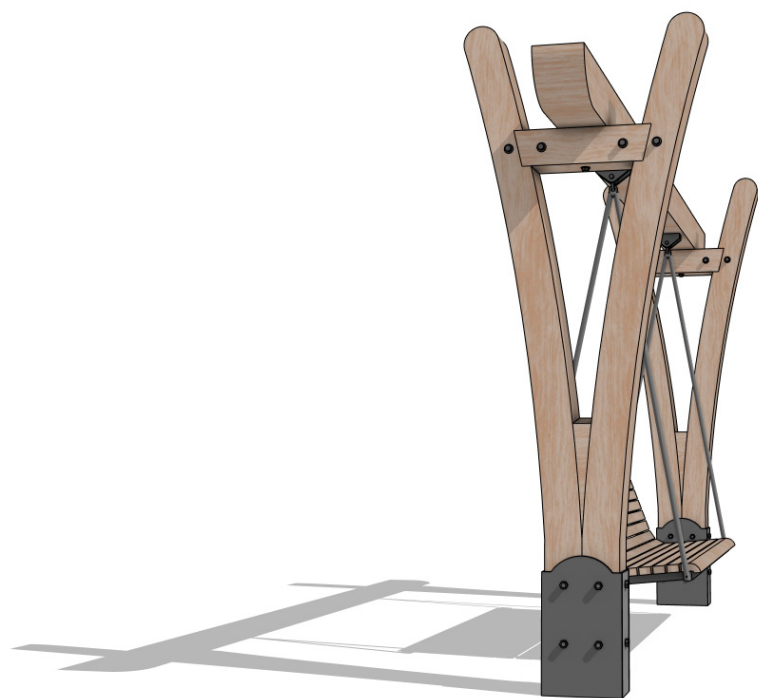


Proposed Location Under Large Tree





- Note Key:**
- 1. Wood Posts
 - 2. Wood Beam
 - 3. Wood Bracing
 - 4. Wood Blocking with Sloped Top
 - 5. Steel Mounting Plates with Thru-Bolts
 - 6. Wooden Bench with Steel Frame



Proposed Locations for 2 Swings on Left Side of Path



MEMORANDUM

Department of Public Services

DATE: April 30, 2025

TO: Parks and Recreation Board

FROM: Carrie Laird, Parks and Recreation Manager
Connie Folk, Ice Arena and DPS Facilities Superintendent
Brad McNab, Parks and Recreation Foreman

SUBJECT: Playground Design Public Input Session
Pumphouse Park & West Lincoln Well & Park Playgrounds

Since the April 1, 2025 Parks and Recreation Board meeting, the contract with Penchura, LLC for playground design services has been finalized and is in place. Additionally, the Department of Public Services (DPS) hosted two (2) playground planning sessions in mid-April for Pumphouse Park, and West Lincoln Well & Park. The planning sessions were advertised on social media, through constant contact and flyers mailed directly to residents within the surrounding neighborhoods of both parks. One resident from the Pumphouse Park neighborhood came to the planning session.

Tonight's meeting is another opportunity for the public to comment on playground concept designs and has also been advertised on social media, in the May Around Town newsletter, and additional flyers to surrounding residents.

A survey will be posted on Engage Birmingham, tentatively scheduled to be available between May 6-May 20 for each conceptual park playground. Additionally, as part of the survey, we will have an open box for a park name suggestion. After May 20, the names will be evaluated and the Department will plan to post a phase two survey for each park where people vote for their favorite name. It should be noted that Pumphouse Park was formerly Wakefield Well, and was named Pumphouse Park by the neighborhood association in 2010. A renaming of this former well site/mini park may or may not be appropriate at time.

Playground Concepts

There are two (2) concept plans that were prepared for Pumphouse Park attached to this report. As part of the playground design services RFP, the City requested example playgrounds for some

of the parks, one of which is Pumphouse Park. The other concept was prepared based on feedback received at the playground planning session.

We will also garner feedback about a playground concept for West Lincoln Well & Park.

Our playground design architect from Penchura, will be in attendance at the May 6th Parks and Recreation Board meeting to review the concepts and facilitate feedback.

Each of the concept plans currently fall within the planned budgeted amounts for each location.

Upon completion of Board and public input, the architect will revise concepts as appropriate, and a final proposed design will be presented at the June 10, 2025 Parks and Recreation Board meeting for approval and for recommendation to the City Commission for purchase.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Concept plan and 3D renderings submitted with the RFP for Pumphouse Park
- Revised concept plan and supplemental information based upon input received to date for Pumphouse Park
- Concept plan and supplemental information for West Lincoln Well & Park

Pumphouse Park Concept 1



Pump House Park 150K Example

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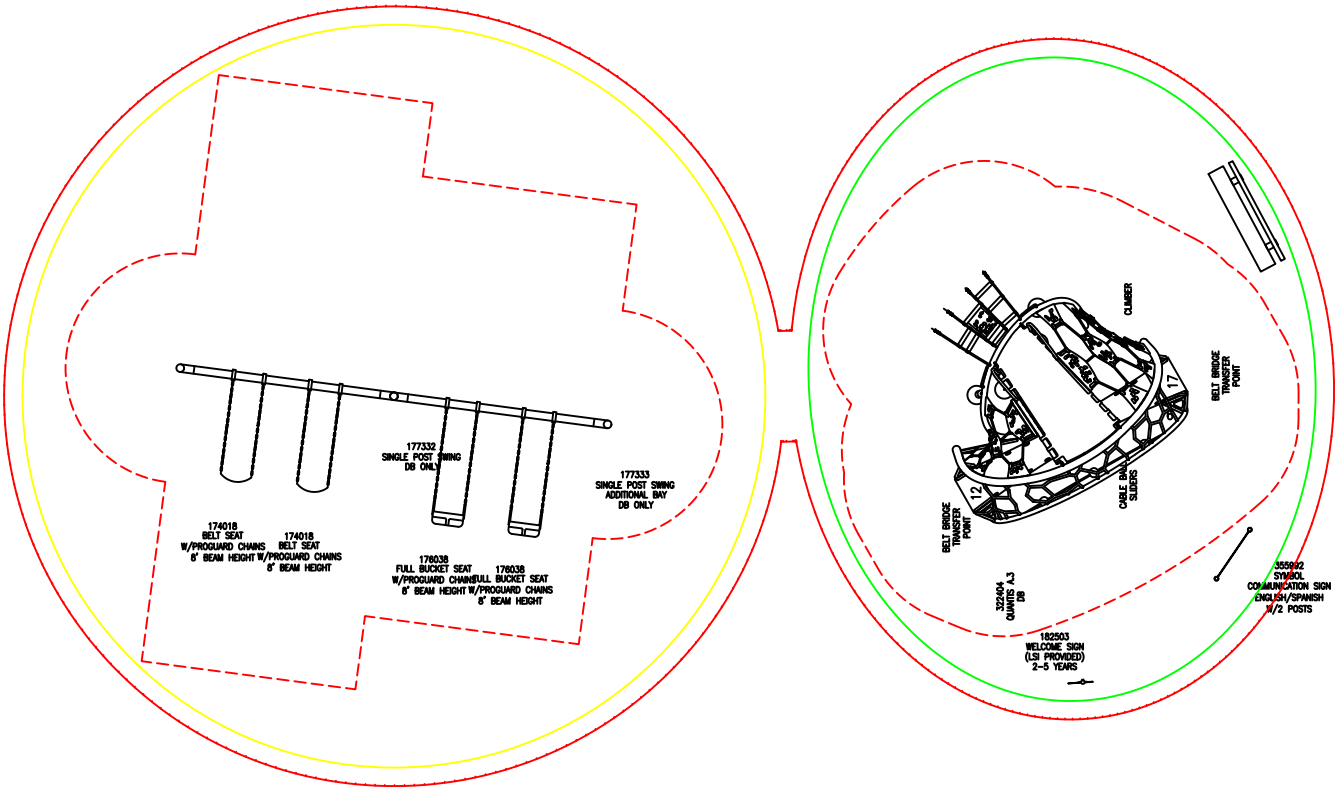
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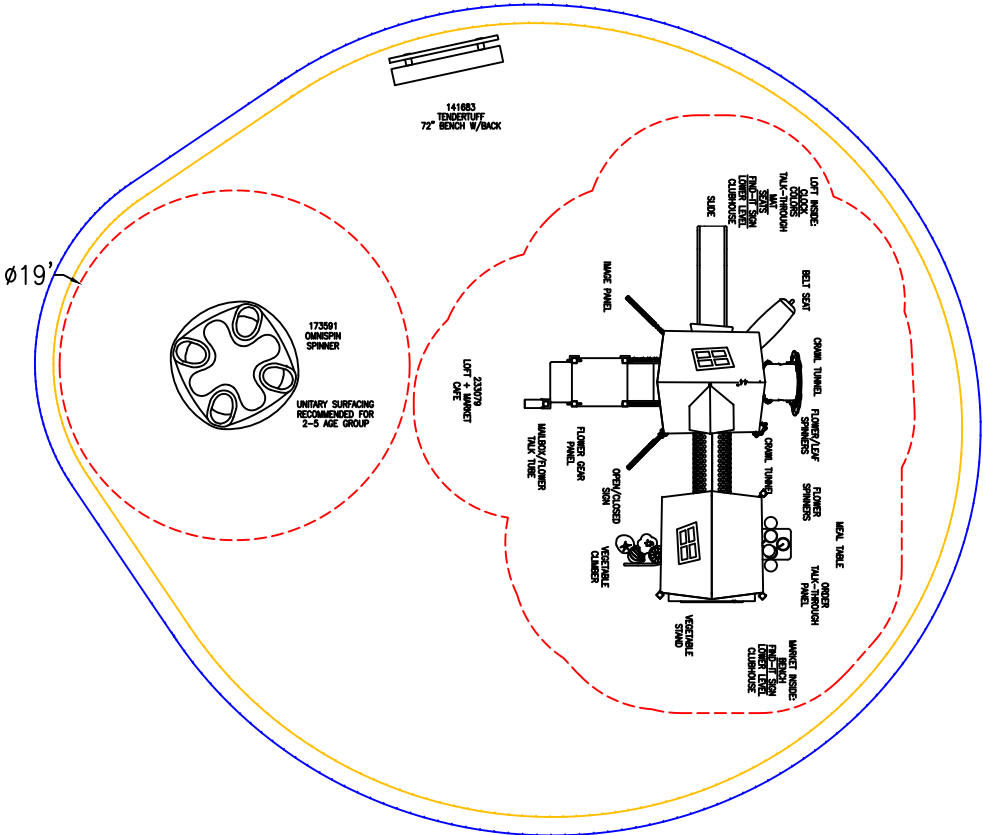


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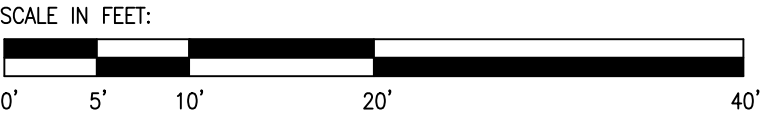
Pumphouse Park Concept 2



Smart Play
(2-5 years)
Max Fall Height: 96 inches



Smart Play
(5-12 years)
Max Fall Height: 96 inches















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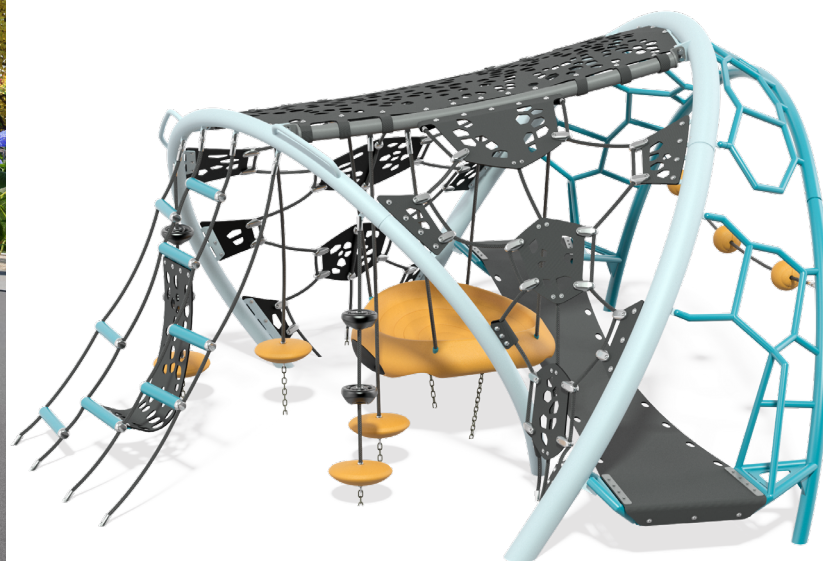
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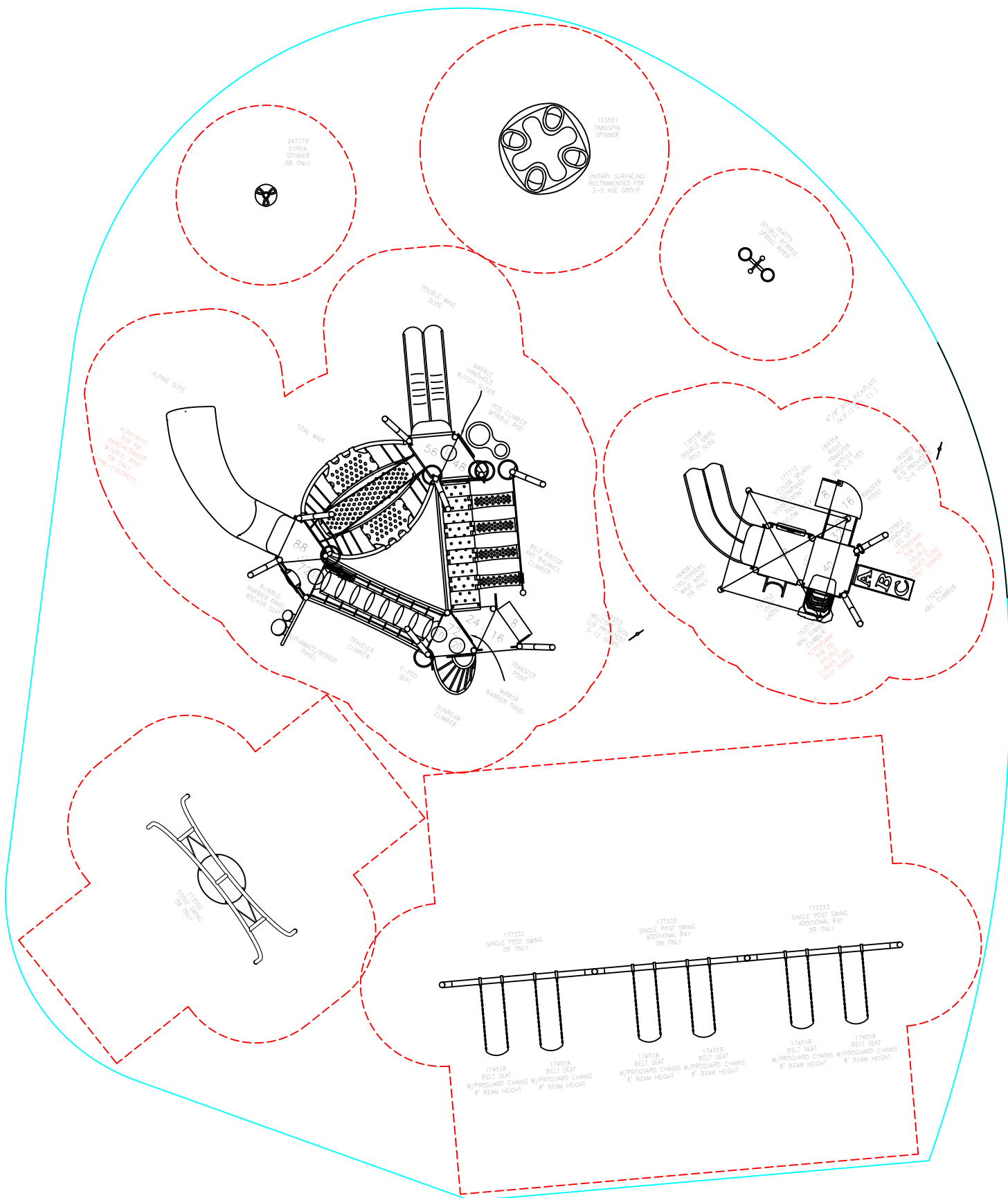
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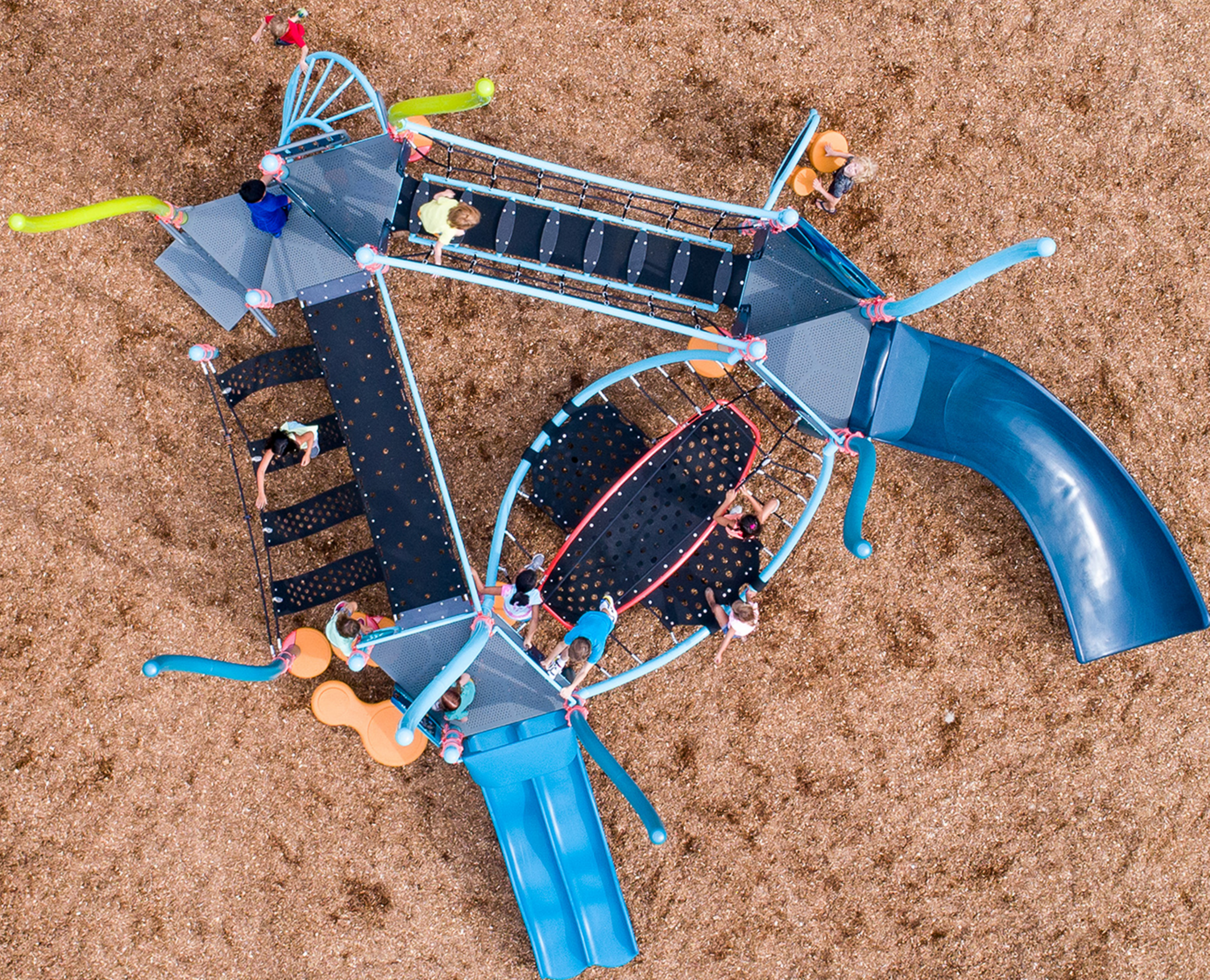
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West Lincoln Well & Park Concept

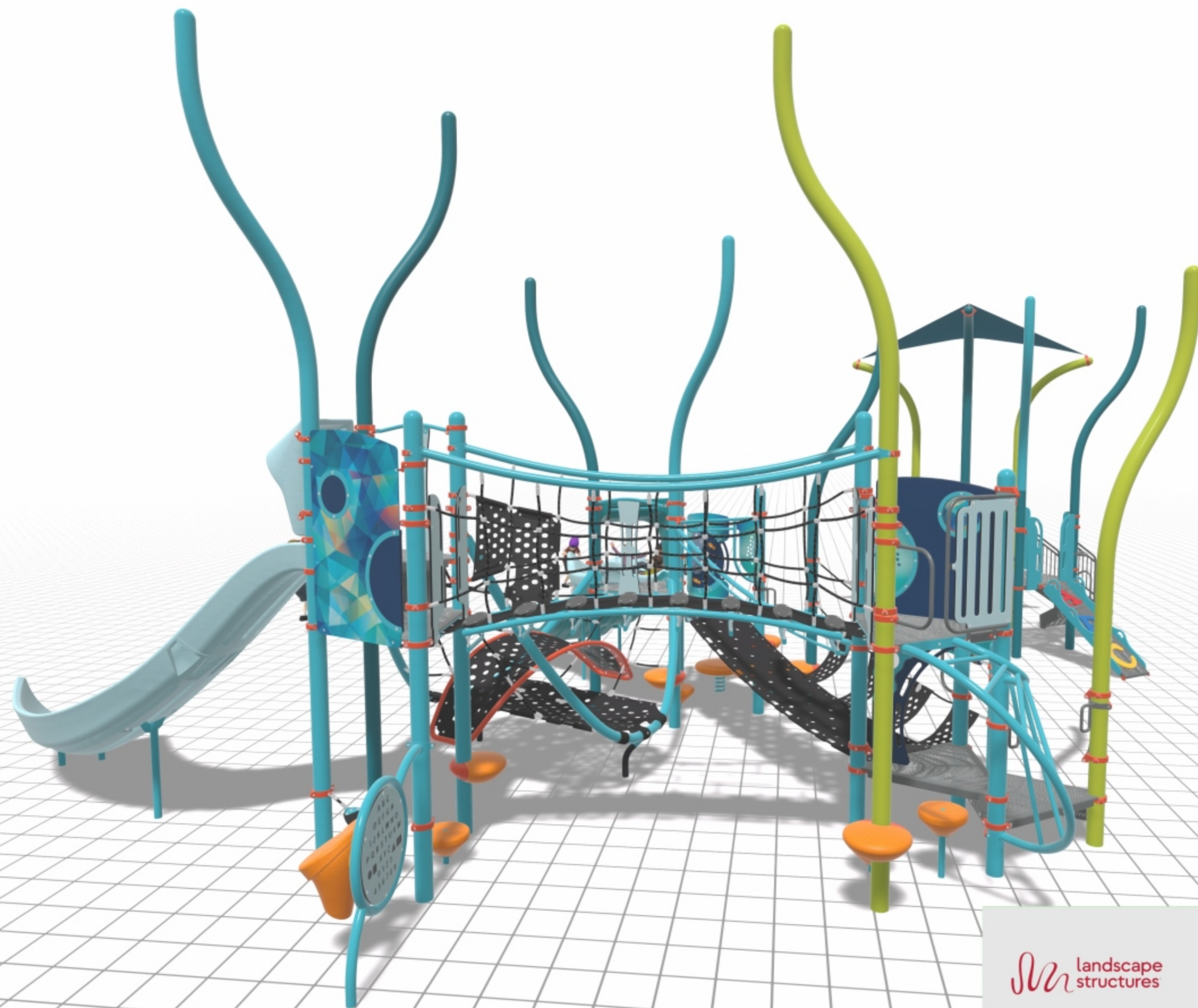












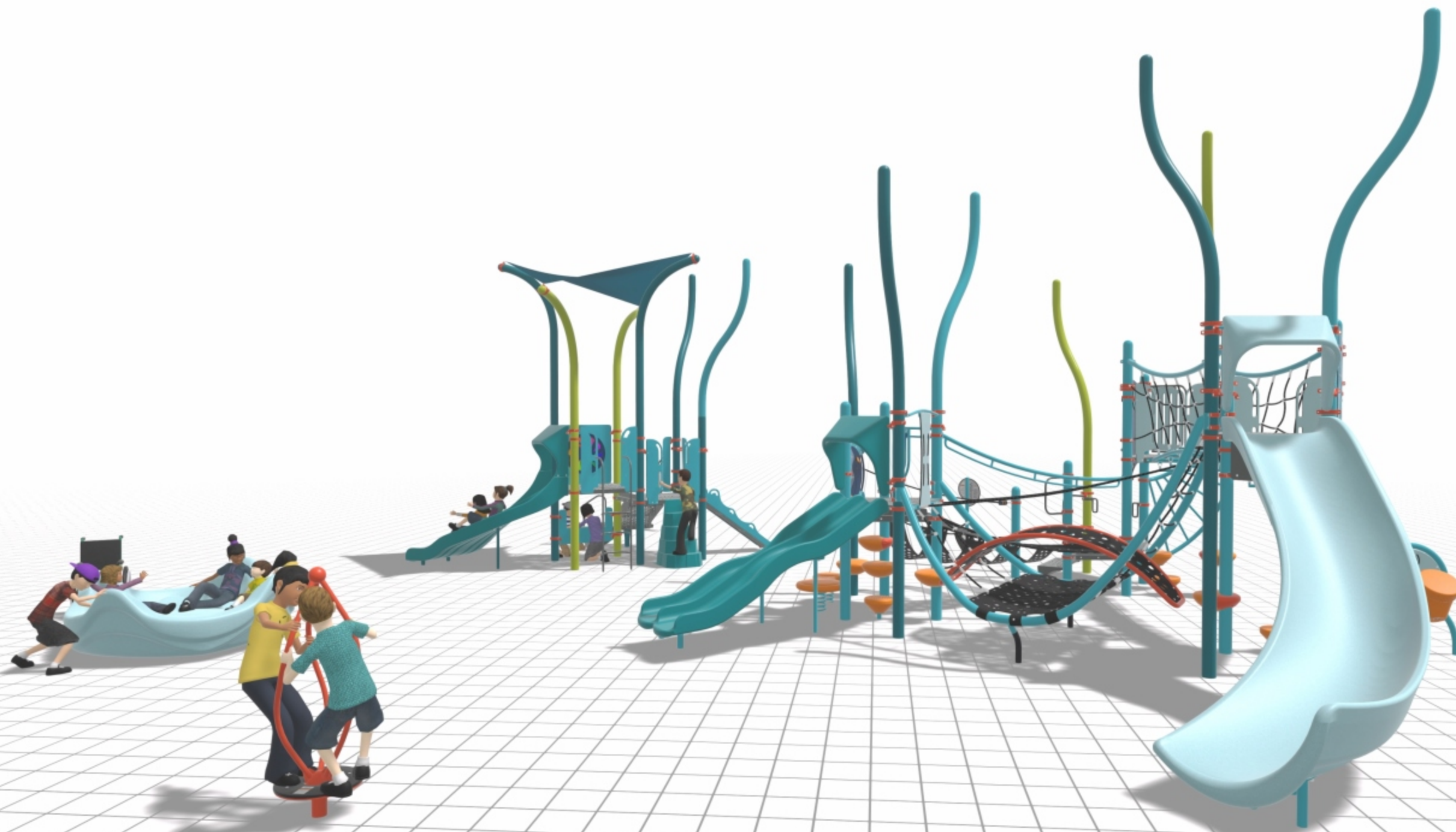
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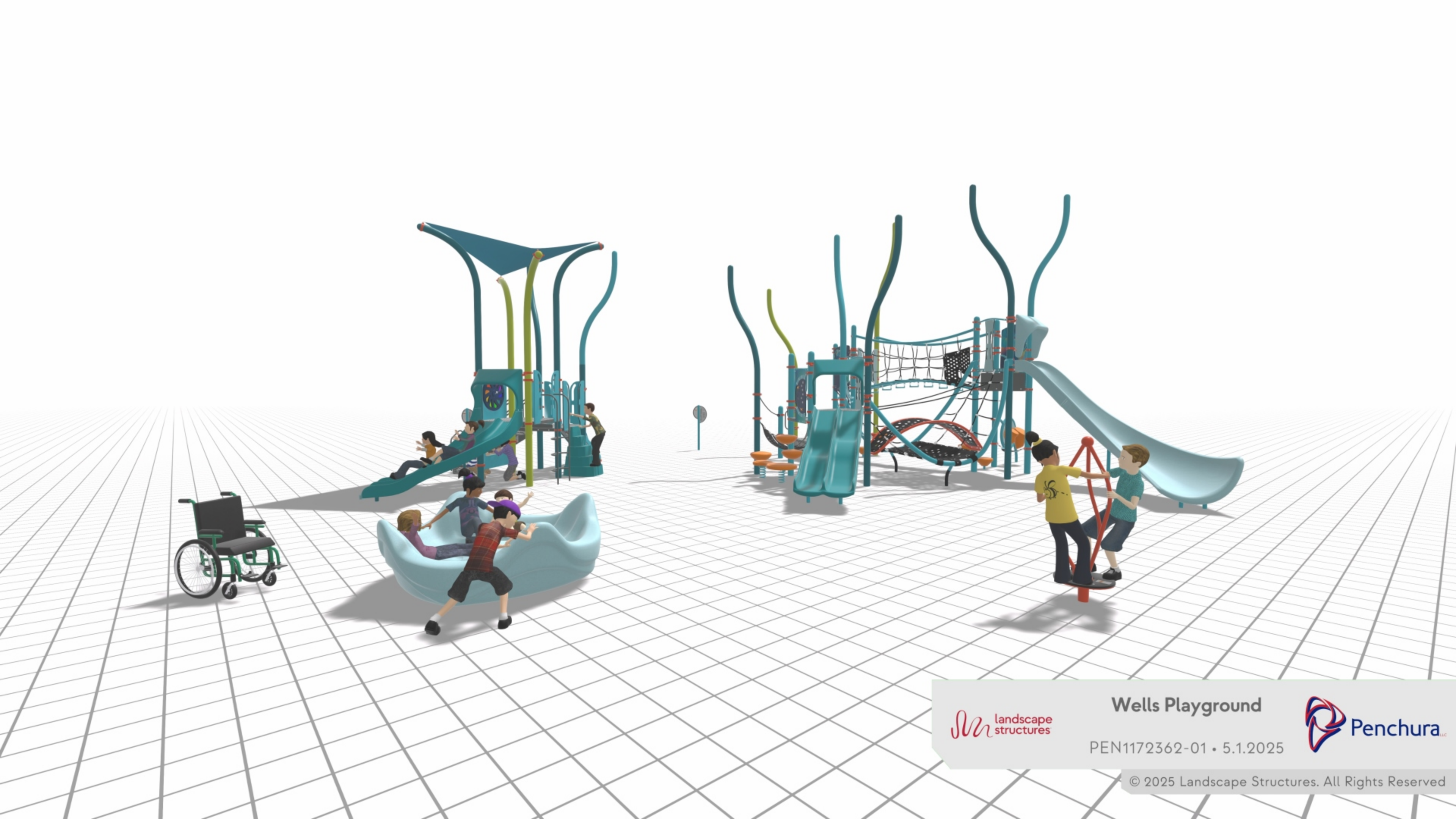
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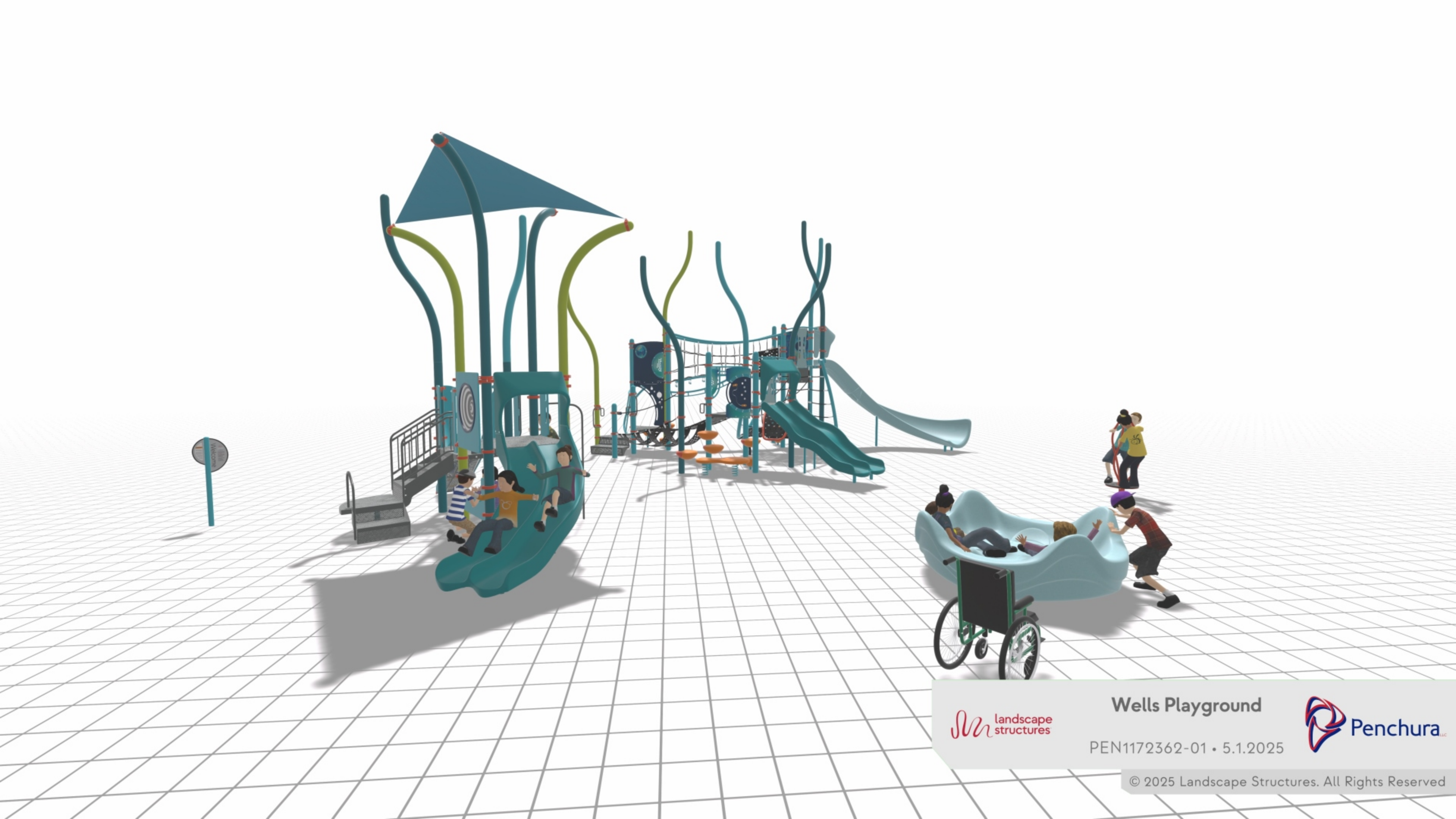
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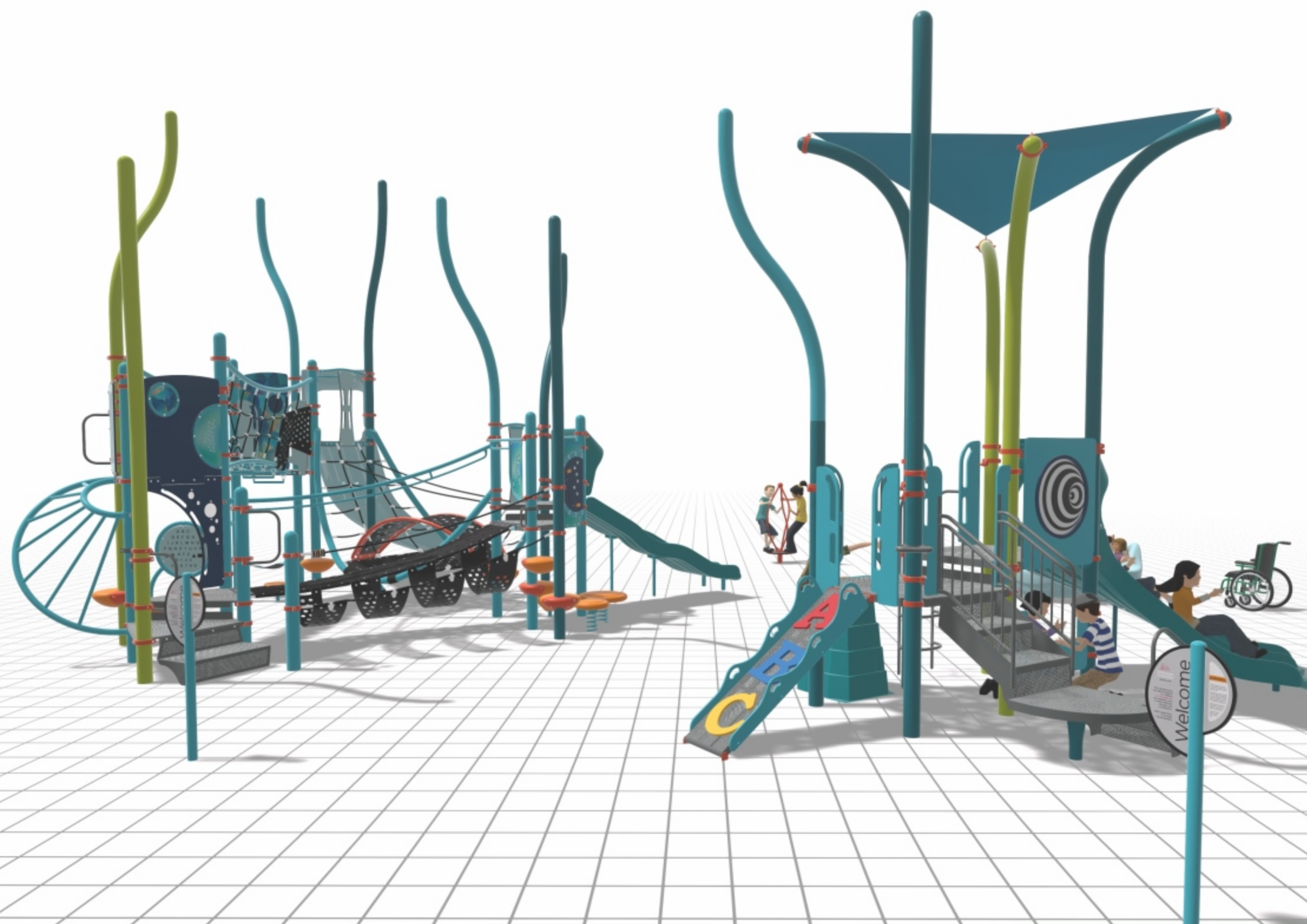
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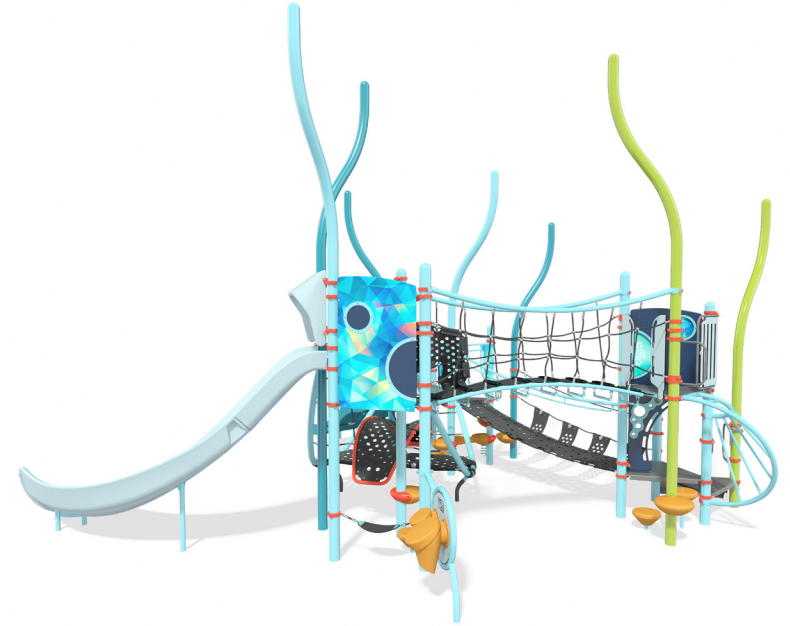
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The BeachComber® provides children with multiple ways to imagine playing in the waves at the beach. Children can transfer into the structure at several points. The transfer point and Wobble Pod® Bouncer give access to the Belt Bridge and Balance Climber where children can sway along with their friends. They can also transfer into the Tidal Wave Climber to pretend splashing in the water with friends. Other ways to climb into and on the structure in this ocean of fun include the Sunbeam Climber and the Traveler Climber. Each one challenges children to work their motor planning skills as they play. Children can engage in sensory play at the Mirror Panel, Bongo and Alphamaze Panel™ and the Marble Handhold Panel with Fish Sliders. Besides climbing through the waves, children can experience sliding on the Double Wave Slide or experience the thrill of swooping down the Alpine™ Slide. Every child will find a place to play in this ocean of waves.



Sensory Systems Engaged

Auditory
Proprioception
Tactile
Vestibular+
Visual

Cognitive Skills

Problem Solving
Strategic Thinking

Motor Skills

Agility, Balance,
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Social Skills

Cooperation
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Tree Tops® provides children with multiple ways to enter and leave this unique structure. Children can transfer into the imaginary forest at the transfer point then move along the Belt Climber to the next area of play. Elements like the Leaf Climber, Vertical Ladder provide other climbing paths. Once in the trees they will find many different ways to move around the structure without touching the ground. The Lolliladder™ Ring Pull and Seeker Climber allow them to use their upper body to swing to the next tree. The Vine Climber with SwiggleKnots™ and horizontal O-Zone® Rings provide full body workouts as they move to higher perches. Children can engage in sensory play at the Marble Panel® and Ring-A-Bell™ Panels. They can also track the footprints of assorted animals along the Belt Bridge. Besides climbing, children can experience sliding with their friends on the Double Slide or experience the thrill of swooping down the Alpine™ Slide. Every child will find a place to play with this very unique collection of trees.



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The Smart Play® Sprig® provides younger children with multiple ways to play. Children can use the large platforms and belt climber as an accessible route into the trees. They can also climb into the trees using the Vertical Ladder, Mini Summit Climber™, or Leaf Steppers. Each helps children develop solid climbing skills that will allow them to engage with other climbers they might find on the playground. Children using a wheeled mobility device can easily interact with their friends at the Storefront window, allowing all children to fully engage in pretend play. Children will enjoy letting their fingers roll across the Marble Panel® and adding some sound to their play with the Ring-A-Bell™ Panel. Once in the trees, children can move from deck to deck using the Bridge and play with the Leaf Sliders along the way. Finally, children will enjoy the thrill of sliding back to earth on the Curved and Double Swirl Slides. Every child will find a place to play in the Sprig!

OmniSpin[®] Spinner



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Vestibular+ Proprioception	Balance, Core & Lower Body Strength,	Problem Solving	Cooperation Social Skill Development Imaginative Play

The OmniSpin Spinner is a great place for a group of children of all abilities to explore movement together. The OmniSpin Spinner is an updated version of the traditional merry-go-round. It is designed so that children using wheeled mobility devices can transfer or be transferred out of their devices and enjoy the rotation that come from a merry-go-round experience.

This element encourages social play by all children as riders and pushers cooperate to make this a fun vestibular experience for every child. Those pushing their friends in the spinner get to work on motor planning and coordination through the proprioceptive receptors in their muscles and joints.

Curva™ Spinner



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Vestibular+ Proprioception Tactile	Agility, Balance, Coordination, Flexibility, Motor Planning, Core, Lower & Upper Body Strength	Problem Solving	Cooperation Social Skill Development Imaginative Play

The Curva™ Spinner provides children with a fun way to spin and rotate alone or together. It allows them to use their arms and legs muscles to play with the forces of gravity to give their vestibular system a playful spin.

Double Bobble Rider™



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Vestibular+ Proprioception Tactile	Balance, Coordination, Flexibility, Motor Planning, Core, Lower & Upper Body Strength	Problem Solving	Cooperation Social Skill Development Imaginative Play

The Double Bobble Rider gives children the chance to rock back and forth together. They will enjoy this linear motion through space as they work together to coordinate their movement to successfully ride together.



MEMORANDUM

Department of Public Services

DATE: May 1, 2025

TO: Parks and Recreation Board

FROM: Carrie Laird, Parks and Recreation Manager

SUBJECT: Park Updates

Recycling Containers

The Department of Public Services (DPS) has purchased and recently installed the new recycling cans in all City parks. So far, the restrictive openings in the lid have helped eliminate most of the contamination. We will continue to monitor our recycling program and update the process as necessary.

Little Free Libraries

The Little Free Libraries will be installed again for the season this month. Hogsworth at Booth Park, and Barney at Barnum. The DPS monitors the libraries for appropriate content and to make sure they are stocked. The remain out for the season through October or shortly thereafter.

Volunteer Opportunities

The City's new software system for donations has the capability to offer sign-ups for volunteer opportunities. We have posted the River Day clean up event on May 17th and six (6) volunteers have signed up to participate at the time of the writing of this memo.

The donation software also has a feature for sponsorships and we have utilized it for our Concert in the Park Program with success.