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Tyler Steelman: All right. We have five now. So, I think we can

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Tyler Steelman: Officially start, and we'll just wait for anyone else. Um! Who joins us from the Commission to come in So thank you? Everyone for being here for this special meeting for an update on the splash pad and inclusive playground feasibility project.

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Tyler Steelman: Like, I said, it looks like we have quorum, so we will go ahead and get started. Um! For the members who are present. I will just call your name when I get to your name. Please unmute and say that

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Tyler Steelman: You are here, and we'll make sure to get you counted, so I'll start with Leah

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Leah Boucher: here.

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Tyler Steelman: Ah, Alice,

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Alice Armstrong: Here, and can you tell us at some point. What? Whether we're going to be acting on anything in this meaning or vicious information.

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Tyler Steelman: we'll do that when we get to that item

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Tyler Steelman: Uh Shane and Shane here.

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Tyler Steelman: I don't think so. I don't see Hallie either, or Lydia, Renuka

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Marcella Twamley: here, Marcella,

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Tyler Steelman: And then I am here. Um!

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Tyler Steelman: So, we will move into um communications and petitions from Commission council, liaison, and staff. Um! I do want to take a quick second um. We are joined tonight by Kate, who, I believe, brought the original petition. We're going to be talking about to us over a year ago, just about a year ago. Maybe So I think you're the only non-commissioned on staff person here tonight. So, thank you for joining us and being here

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Tyler Steelman: and so that's my announcement. Do any other members of the Commission have anything they'd like to say at this time?

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Tyler Steelman: All right, seeing none. Do any of the staff have any announcements they would like to make

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Tyler Steelman: All right. Great we'll now move into questions and petitions from the public in attendance. I don't see any attendees as of right now, so we will move on to

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Tyler Steelman: the only item on our agenda which is the Splash Pad inclusive playground feasibility, analysis, and report update.

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Tyler Steelman: I guess Kevin and Marcia and Wendy will be talking to us. But before we start that fill, or if Kevin or Marcia wants to do this, would you mind starting this with just a little introduction about what we can provide you tonight, whether that is a vote or just comment, Any discussion.

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Kevin Robinson: Yeah. So, we're going to be, you know,

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Kevin Robinson: Asking some questions at the end. But those questions will be, You know. What do you think of the eight sites that we're uh going to present to you? Uh which one should we continue to analyze and look into?

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Kevin Robinson: Uh, what are your thoughts on the different kind of splash pads, whether it be size, destination, or smaller pocket bar ones as well as uh the water, whether it's recirculating, or if it's just a pass through uh water, slash pad, and uh, and then just also to we're looking for

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Kevin Robinson: uh feedback on the actual presentation itself, as we will be giving it to Council on October the third. So, any feedback you have along those lines would be very, very welcomed as well.

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Tyler Steelman: I will hand it over to you

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Kevin Robinson: All right,

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Kevin Robinson: So, thank you for being here tonight

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Kevin Robinson: again. My name is Kevin Robinson, and I'm. The senior manager of Planning and Park operations with the town of Chapel Hill, Parks and Recreation Department. I'm. Joined tonight by Marsha purpose Principal Planner, with the Parks and Recreation Department, and our consultant group of Wendy Ramsden, of CJT, PA, an engineering surveying architectural firm and Corey Anderson, with Eighty West Group who specializes in aquatics play. Both of them are experts in their field and work

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Kevin Robinson: Very, very fortunate to have them on our team and helping us with this project. We're excited to be here and present our findings to you, and how we can continue to work

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towards hopefully one day, providing the town of Chapel Hill with an inclusive playground and a splash back.

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Kevin Robinson: At the conclusion of our presentation, we'll be looking to the Commission and the Splash Back group members present for their feedback, and any suggestions you might have on the presentation in the study. With that being said, I would like to thank

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Kevin Robinson: Everybody for being here, especially thank the Commission and the price Ped work group members for attending the special meeting.

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Kevin Robinson: So, as we just discussed in two thousand and twenty-one. A petition was brought to council in support of the town building a splash back at that time Town Council, and asked the Parks and Recreation Department to explore

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Kevin Robinson: The feasibility of building a spice back. We have met several times over the last year, and the parks America gracing department has presented twice to council during the work group sessions.

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Kevin Robinson: We then determined that we were at a point where we really needed to do a feasibility study additionally over the last several years the parks and recreation part with our commission support had been looking at building an inclusive playground. So, because of this understanding, this spat and inclusive playground could be constructed together. The decision was made to expand the study to include a look at potential signs for an inclusive playground as well.

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Kevin Robinson: We contracted this work with CJT and Eighty West Group.

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Kevin Robinson: In August of this year, we began a feasibility study that we are going to present to you tonight,

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Kevin Robinson: And we will also be presenting again on October the third to the Council.

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Kevin Robinson: So, we are very excited to partner with CJT, as they are extremely familiar with the town of Chapel Hill and eighty West, who has been involved with the design and installation of over two hundred spaces. Bad facilities over the last twenty years.

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Kevin Robinson: This slide shows the project criteria that we used in this study.

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Kevin Robinson: So, we looked at. You know how they're going to advise us on accessible versus inclusive and accessible playgrounds. Pocket Park versus Destination splash pads. And when we were looking at the different park locations we were using again this criterion of

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Kevin Robinson: You know, the site, size, parking, availability of utilities, restaurants, shelter, access and connectivity the socio-economic data of nearby neighborhoods proximity to other parts and town amenities and site impacts.

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Kevin Robinson: There will also be in the end, and an evaluation of system, types and pros and cons of recirculating water versus a flow through system.

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Kevin Robinson: We will get some estimations on design and construction, startup operations and maintenance costs, and we will look forward to community input options and processes that we will be doing, and again identify the most feasible, the most feasible. Build out the faces of development,

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Kevin Robinson: and with that I'll turn it over to Marcia, who will discuss the eight sites that we looked at.

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Kevin Robinson: Hi, everybody! Um!

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Kevin Robinson: We start. We started the project by going out and visiting after our kickoff meeting, I'll say we went out to all the properties that we were considering as part of the feasibility. Ah assessment and report! There were six Parks, c. Or False part

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Kevin Robinson: Community Center Park, Hargraves Community Park, Homestead Park, Southern Community Park,

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Kevin Robinson: And then there were also two public housing developments, Eastwood and Oakwood. During those meetings we would, as I said, we went to each of those locations, and we um. It looked throughout the facilities, you know within the buildings, and then Um

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Kevin Robinson: Visited everything on the site that it is currently existed like playgrounds and big picnic areas and athletic fields. Um! You'll see in this slide that we have a picture Homestead Park and the aquatic center Um, with an open space beside the pool building, and then

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Kevin Robinson: To the left of that we've got uh Eastwood public housing where we're showing off a suitable space, possibly for a pocket, part splash facility, and then uh Cedar Falls trail,

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Kevin Robinson: and that is since we're showing you the trail that divides. Ah, the existing ah playground, and then the parking lot and restrooms, or the end of the trail, and then ah! An inclusive playground has been proposed on the other side of that trail

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Kevin Robinson: Uh to the left. That's the community Center park. It's behind the pool building. That's the deck area behind the for us.

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Kevin Robinson: And now I will turn it over to Wendy.

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Wendi Ramsden: Hey? I just want to start by. Um, By the way, thank you. Uh, Marsha, and that's great. Um! I do want to let you know about the kind of research that we did when we were looking at this, so not only did we go on business sites, but we did a lot of research into existing slash back, so we'll be.

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Wendi Ramsden: He looked at uh facilities in Burlington, in Pittsburgh, Davy County, and Fayetteville, and he was looking at. You know what they are offering um how they operate, how much it cost to build these facilities, and what kind of what kind of elements they have incorporated into it. We did a lot of code research, obviously into the eighty-eight ums

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Wendi Ramsden: Code, and also into the town zoning and entitlement restrictions that might be in place. Some of these parks have existing special use permits on parcels which may have some restrictions on how much more you know how much more parking can be added that sort of thing.

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Wendi Ramsden: Um! I also did talk to a Ross and got from them. If you look in the upper right corner, and you can see the kind of map they provided for each one of the sites. It basically shows you the blue lines here are where the water mains are, and the green lines are the so remains. And we got this type of map for every one of the parks and

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Wendi Ramsden: The two public housing projects that we looked at, so we could see where the nearest utilities were, if we were either already connected to them, or if we needed to, if we really thought that the ideal spot was a different part of our how accessible would it be to the water and sewing television?

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Wendi Ramsden: Um! I've certainly looked at public transit access uh to each of these sites. Um! Some of them are much better. Some of them are worse. Um. And also, you know, a few of the sites are really located on residential streets,

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Wendi Ramsden: and so, did keep in mind how much new traffic that you would want to introduce into some of the residential streets if we were to look at putting one of these parts on it on a smaller site.

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Wendi Ramsden: I also did look at the number of households within a quarter mile, walking distance a quarter mile, generally considered to be what the sort of comfortable walking distance would be for people to use these parks, and so I didn't look at the number of F schools in that area

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Wendi Ramsden: As a way of analyzing and comparing them with each other.

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Wendi Ramsden: Once we collected all this data, and this is in the report. This is really just kind of a sample of how we're presenting it. In the report we did set up a sheet for each one of the works, and each one of the housing developments where we were just kind of summarizing all the data impact. How big is it, and how much transit is there to it?

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Wendi Ramsden: You know how much parking is there? We said, Talk to Staff at most of these sites, so we did talk about some of the deficiencies or the things that they can see as being a little bit problematic to just adding, adding a bigger,

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Wendi Ramsden: A bigger playground, or a uh splash facility. And so, we did want to get feedback from how they operate. Uh, you know, we did look at the utilities, whereas nearest water, that sort of thing. Um, and just a really quick summary of pros and cons for a large slash pad, a small splash pad, and a music playground,

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Wendi Ramsden: So that we could just sort of have a quick response to whether something was suitable, and how much more research we should do into each one of these

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Wendi Ramsden: I'm going to let Corey talk about the splash pads themselves, and then I'll continue on with playground information,

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all right.

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Cory Anderson: So, if we wanted to give you guys a kind of a range of sizes and starting with a destination. Splash Pad is a larger type of ah of splash pad! That's typically bigger than five thousand squares,

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Cory Anderson: can accommodate all ages and all abilities for a longer period of time. Um, typically destination. Splash pads at restrooms, seeding, zoning of features, a variety of load to the ground, tall, interactive features shade.

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Cory Anderson: Um. And just for an example, this this splash pad that's shown in the upper right-hand corner is five hundred square feet. Ah! Recirculation systems is ah are regulated by the State Health Department, and they say that this Splash pad would accommodate up to two hundred and twenty splash factors.

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Cory Anderson: So by with that with that in mind we made the determination that there would be three sites that that would accommodate a destination type. Splash Pad, the Community Center

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Cory Anderson: Park, Hargraves Center Park and Homestead Park

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Cory Anderson: All have adequate space. The community center has twenty or six thousand two hundred square feet of space that's shown just out of the backside of the of the pool. Um. Our grave shows

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Cory Anderson: Close to eleven thousand square feet, including some of the baby pool area of the existing aquatic and the playground, and existing eighth space,

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Cory Anderson: and a homestead shows eight thousand three hundred square feet, just outside of the of the aquatic center.

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Cory Anderson: Um! All are recommended for destination. Splash pads! Oh, there we go, and That's fine. Let's go to this. And then we're moving off to pocket parks as kind of the kind of the small end of splash pads,

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Cory Anderson: And typically, these can range from five to ten, or even smaller number of features, from maybe two thousand to two thousand square feet in size, and typically in less than one hundred Gpm: because these are usually just a single time use or a pass-through type of system

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Cory Anderson: Where there's very, very low maintenance that's little at all, and just paying for water and for sewer costs

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Cory Anderson: Um for systems like this. We gave a couple sample designs, this one, This one, shown here, sequenced out for an eight- or nine-hour day

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Cory Anderson: this season would be, it estimated, between forty and forty-five thousand of operational costs shown here in the bottom right-hand corner,

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Cory Anderson: and then we kind of got into the recommendations for the different pocket park splash pads.

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Cory Anderson: We looked at all of the items that were kind of listed there on the left. But starting in that in in Cedar Falls Park, Cedar Falls would probably be at the end of us

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Cory Anderson: Top-up, or wish list or pecking list, just because of the issues we have with that there's no onsite sewer um to be able to connect to, and that that would need to be tapped and brought to the facilities. But there are a couple of locations near the restroom facility, or near the existing playground

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Cory Anderson: that could be used as cooling off as positions for the spark.

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Cory Anderson: Ah, next park that we that we looked at Ah Homestead Park. You can see we have close to four thousand square feet. That's right. Next to the restroom and

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Cory Anderson: Parking area for this for the spark, and that would make a really cool location for a pocket park, also a Southern community. Another really nice, a beautiful park.

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Cory Anderson: Um! But we were able to find a space within the fenced area next to the playground. That that would be. It would be a nice for adding some water type of element, or a pocket park play along with the community center. Um Near the existing playground.

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Cory Anderson: Um, a few other sites a Homestead has a is a nice site um in between the baseball and soccer fields. Uh, in the in the woods, in between uh that has a restroom and the existing playground, and a nice space that would be good for a pocket park. You can see the upper left-hand side.

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Cory Anderson: Um The east would uh housing

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Cory Anderson: development had two sites. There was a basketball facility in the in the back of the complex, and then, right in the front of the complex is another open location that could be Pocket park, splash pads, and then a Hargraves center

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Cory Anderson: kind of what we've shown before, or maybe more of a smaller part could be. It could be added there for a smaller type. Splash fat as well.

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Wendi Ramsden: Okay? And then, looking at these at these part facilities and housing facilities. We were also keeping our O. And license, where we a great place for an accessible, and I do just want to spend a minute and um accessible is really something that needs accessible code for users with physical disabilities, and that is but for any new playground that goes in. Now, that's actually

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Wendi Ramsden: so. You know all the newer. The newer parks do have a fair bit of accessible equipment, and you know they are fairly accessible. But inclusive playgrounds really go beyond that. They allow children of all abilities to play with peers, regardless of physical or social needs.

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Wendi Ramsden: Um! And going along with this, really includes especially talking to the work that we talked to at the very beginning before we went to dazzled sites. It really includes providing things like restroom facilities where a caregiver can help with a child, or you know, a small child or a grown child who might need help

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Wendi Ramsden: And really there aren't good restroom facilities in the parks right now that allow caregivers to really help with disabled children.

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Wendi Ramsden: So, we looked at a few things which sites could accommodate the playground facility which sites could accommodate small improvements to make a good facility even better. And then we also talk to people about which community um

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Wendi Ramsden: parks maybe have older playground equipment that's nearing the end of its life, and that they're starting to consider a replacement for.

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Wendi Ramsden: So, the three playgrounds that really do have order equipment, and when that equipment gets replaced it should be, you know, making sure that the playground is actually accessible or inclusive. Those are the community center part. That's what this photo is here the Hargraves center, park and homestead work.

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Wendi Ramsden: Now some of the newer parks, like season, falls seven community, and they really have pretty good accessibility to at least a portion of their equipment. So, this um. This photo here shows becomes the playground, and you can see there's a really great um, a really great brand that gets up and gets kids on to most of the equipment.

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Wendi Ramsden: Now, what is missing at those Perks is really there are a few accessible things missing there. There are no adaptive swings at any of the parts, and that would be a great addition, but also some other sort of separate elements that could be used. Um, or that could be added to make these playgrounds more.

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Wendi Ramsden: We also looked at where you might want to do a combination splash, pad, playground, and really that kind of falls in line with what I've just been talking about the inclusive playgrounds, the community center of Hargraves and Homestead, all of those parts. Really, when they get there they wouldn't have placed sometime in the near future.

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Wendi Ramsden: It would be um all of those three locations have an opportunity to also add a side area or incorporate some splash features into it. And really we're just talking about three, four, eight, something like that. Just a few um splash elements.

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Wendi Ramsden: It would expand, you know, time, especially in the summer that kids wanted to be in the playground and keep them cooler, and that, would, you know, expand the amount of fun that they would have at this playground?

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Wendi Ramsden: Um, for the ah! The existing playgrounds that are in pretty good shape. Cedar Falls have a community park and Homestead Park. They also have, you know, with not much, not much work, they could be made to be much more inclusive, and they could also have a small expansion area that were in splash features.

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Wendi Ramsden: So that is something to keep in mind when we're analyzing how much we want to expand each of these playgrounds, whether we want to splash features in the expansion or not.

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Wendi Ramsden: So, taking a look at costs, I'm going to go through and give you some kind of basic cost for these things, and then I'll give you a few combinations. I guess so. A destination splash pad is where he said. It's like two thousand five hundred to fifty, five hundred or more square feet,

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Wendi Ramsden: And that is really, we can be looking at spending seven hundred thousand to one point, two million. There would be additional things on each of these. You would need to be paying for, for example, for the destination Splash Pad.

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Wendi Ramsden: There would be additional costs for parking expansion for accessible walkways that were needed for improved restrooms, that

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Wendi Ramsden: So, for the Pocket Park Splash pad, which is the one that's about one thousand square feet. We are looking at about two hundred thousand to four hundred thousand dollars to add a target to any of these parts

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Wendi Ramsden: For a brand new, accessible, inclusive playground. We would be looking at something about three hundred and twenty, five to four hundred and fifty thousand, which would include the equipment and all of the all the surfacing that's actually a very responsive

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Wendi Ramsden: um. But it would not include things such as accessible walkways or any restaurant.

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Yeah.

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Wendi Ramsden: And for adapting an existing playground, and more inclusive, which is really, you know, a magician of things like that swings and separate play elements, we working of the ramps, for example, Southern and Community park. There is a rap to, but to a lot of the equipment, but you actually have to leave the fenced area and come back into through a gate to get to the ramp that leads you to the rest of the so there. There would need to be some of those uh to some of those locations to make them much more

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And inclusive.

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Wendi Ramsden: Some of the extra costs are the, you know, auxiliary costs that you can be looking at.

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Wendi Ramsden: A new restroom. Facility would be about four hundred to five hundred thousand. This um is a is a project that our office recently did with primary architects, and that was a little over four hundred thousand for that for that accessible,

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Wendi Ramsden: A new change room facility. We work with an architect who recently installed a one thousand four hundred square foot, single level, you know, on a slab new facility at a Durham Park, and that was about four hundred thousand dollars.

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Wendi Ramsden: Um! Looking at some accessible sidewalk connections. Most of these parts have what appears to be compliant in a parking, but not There's not always a compliant, accessible walkway. And so, we're going to be looking at up to fifteen thousand dollars for really getting the pedestrian accessibility in place.

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Wendi Ramsden: Ah, Cory, to talk about the sanitary, The lack of sanitary who are at Cedar Falls right now. There is a septic field right there which um, when there's a lot of use of the bathrooms, or when we had really heavy rains, that septic field does not work very well. Um. So, if we're looking at doing some kind of

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Wendi Ramsden: Extension to the sanitary sewer, that park actually kind of sits low, and we can't it doesn't appear that we can do gravity sewer out of that park, and so what this cost of about three hundred thousand is

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Wendi Ramsden: Is a pump station, of course, main, and then a sanitary main extension to the existing service. On the contrary, to the west. Um! If we did take a comp station enforcement out toward

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Wendi Ramsden: Weaver Dairy Road. I went to the east. There is also a sanitary sewer down there, and I think that would be a second option, which would be about the same price.

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Wendi Ramsden: And the last thing here is that when we start adding a burden surface to these parks, and when we start to do a large area of disturbance, we have to do stormwater mitigation to treat the stormwater for me at least, and a bioretention area which would probably be sufficient for any of these parts.

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Wendi Ramsden: That would be. We'd be looking at about one hundred thousand dollars for that.

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Wendi Ramsden: So, I know that's a lot of a lot of numbers that kind of got thrown out. And so, what I did want to do is give you a few examples of what the whole package would cost.

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Wendi Ramsden: So, a destination splash pad with new restroom and change facilities, additional parking and access, and that kind of system would be on recirculating, which means It's kind of like the way swimming works. You put the water into it that water goes through a filter system and gets reused so that

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Wendi Ramsden: know. Fill the splash pattern once, and then the water just gets renewed. You top it up for evaporation.

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Wendi Ramsden: But we're looking at that, you know the splash pad, restroom, some parking, accessible walks, shade and seating,

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Wendi Ramsden: And the Bio retention area at about two to two point two million dollars to do that, and for that system the operating cost would be ten to twelve thousand dollars annually for me. Maintenance, electric water, and sewer, and that is looking at a loss's current rates.

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Wendi Ramsden: The second example is talking about an or, you know, illustrating a destination. Splash, pad! That's a little bit smaller. It would be about two to four thousand square foot facility with sixteen to twenty, four splash features for this one you maybe.

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Wendi Ramsden: Well, you might do. You probably do change her for that one also, because it is more of a destination space, but a smaller splash pad. Again, it would have a recirculation system, and then it would have all of the other elements like parking and accessible walks, and such. And that would be one point, six, seven to one point, seven million

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Wendi Ramsden: Um, a couple more examples here. If we looked at a pocket for Splash pad with pedestrian access, so this would be five to ten Spray features. It would be one of those you know, thousand square feet that we would put next to a playground, or over eastward um

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Wendi Ramsden: Public housing, or something like that so that slash pad system would be closer to one hundred and seventy to one hundred and fifty thousand. Now for that, when we wouldn't be looking at a recirculating system we would be looking at a system where

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Wendi Ramsden: you use fresh water all the time, and as it's used it goes down a drain, so it's less expensive to install, although you would have to get dedicated water and server taps. But the operating costs are definitely more on that. That pocket park Splash Pad would be about four hundred and thirty to five hundred and forty thousand dollars to install.

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Wendi Ramsden: The annual operating cost. Because you're paying for the water would be eighteen thousand to forty, five thousand for a year.

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Wendi Ramsden: And finally, if we took a look at a new accessible, inclusive playground with a small splash area. We'd maybe be looking at one to three sprayed spray features. You know some mystery for Spray features with a with a new playground and surfacing.

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Wendi Ramsden: In that case I believe we would not necessarily need a change room. But you would want updating the restrooms of a new restroom basically to ensure that it really was um accessible and inclusive, and on that one we'd be looking at one point one, five to one point, three million,

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Wendi Ramsden: with annual operating expenses, eight to ten thousand dollars for maintenance, one or two, and that operating is a little bit less, because there's only about two or three spray features, not five to ten, so that's the difference in.

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Wendi Ramsden: So, our next steps are that we would be um looking to get some feedback from this for tonight and from Council next week. Um! About which playground we will be looking more closely at and trying to get some costs more

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Wendi Ramsden: Proposing for each one of these parks. And so, when we start to narrow that down we can do a better specific cost to the playground for the site, we'd also be looking at

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Wendi Ramsden: Further costing our accessory improvements for splash pads specifically each site,

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Wendi Ramsden: And we will be looking to start some community engagement after the Council meeting, where we will be distributing

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Wendi Ramsden: Information and trying to get feedback from the problem that will be done through door hangers, schools. The Chapel Hill Mothers Facebook Page, Special Olympics

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Events, E-News, the project web page, class and science and programs, and the public meetings would be held in

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Know central places like Hargraves community center or the town library something like that.

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Wendi Ramsden: So, um as well. After we get all that information back we'll be looking to do a small concept uh for a couple of projects. One is a concept for a destination, splash

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Wendi Ramsden: A concept for one new playground and a concept for one or more pocket park, splash pads and adaptive playgrounds, maybe a combination of those things.

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Kevin Robinson: So, thank you, Wendy and Corey. Thank you very much for your hard work, and I'm looking forward to getting into the Commission's feedback. But before that I want to think I'd be remiss if I didn't recognize two community members that are here. Uh Kate Sayer as well as the need of Danita Mason Hodges. They are integral part of our so-pad work group. And we really value their input that they've given us throughout this whole process, and thank you for their time, and really helping us out with this. I also want to

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Kevin Robinson: recognize councilmember, Amy Ryan, who's on here as well, and you know, just thank you for being here.

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Kevin Robinson: So, the feedback. So, what are we seeking from the Commission here tonight? We talked about it at the very beginning of the presentation. Uh, what do you think of the eight sites that we chose for consideration? Uh which ones do you think we should continue to look at and get more uh feedback on? What are your thoughts on the different types of spice pads? Again, it's the recirculating or the pass through. A lot of that depends on the size of the slice back.

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Kevin Robinson: What feedback do you have on the report and the presentation again. That'd be very valuable to us as we're going to be using this presentation again, identify areas of analysis warranting more research

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Kevin Robinson: And then finally support. You know we're looking for support from this commission for the Splash pad and inclusive playground projects, as we think they're very, very valuable to the community. So, thank you again for being here, and we'll get into some discussion.

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Wendi Ramsden: And at this point I'm going to stop sharing so that we didn't see each other on the screen, and I'm happy to pull up any images or plans, or whatever you might want to see. As we talk and answer questions

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Tyler Steelman: All right, so we will now move into um the discussion. If you would like to um be recognized, just raise your hand, and I will get to people as um as the hand is raised. Um! So, we will start with Alice, and then we'll go down the line.

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Alice Armstrong: Thank you for the presentation. It was very, very interesting. Got a couple of questions. One of them is I'm not sure what a spray feature is. I.

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Alice Armstrong: We go down to the beach at Atlantic Beach, and they have a splash pad there, and they have concrete, and then they have water coming up on the ground. But there's none of those metal things that you showed in the pictures that look like playground equipment. So would that be one

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Alice Armstrong: Spray feature. Would that be

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Alice Armstrong: All spray features, because there's twelve holes, or I mean, I don't know how you calculated that

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Cory Anderson: That that would be either one ground spray coming from the from ground level, or an element that's above grade that's bolted on to the splash pad that that could have multiple sprites coming off of it. So, anything that's bolted on would be one feature and anything just a single port would be coming out of the splash pad, where we consider a feature

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Cory Anderson: So, it could be. It could be just flush, or it could be interactive or above grade.

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Alice Armstrong: Okay. So, when you're when you give a proposal for something with five spray features,

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Alice Armstrong: There would be at least five holes,

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Alice Armstrong: There would be a yeah. There would be a combination of

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Cory Anderson: Grade, level sprays and above ground components,

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Alice Armstrong: Okay, or all, or all of the other. But that's how I would count those as spray features, because they typically would have different water effects that we would incorporate to be appealing to different groups.

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Alice Armstrong: Ah, two more quick questions, and one is, I don't know how you chose those sites to look at, I mean, Obviously, there are the parks we have in Chapel Hill, but it keeps coming back to me.

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Alice Armstrong: Spray that splash. Pads are mostly used in the summers when schools are mostly not used. And is there any chance of working with schools on that? And

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Alice Armstrong: then the other thing that keeps coming back to me is that because splash pads are mostly used in the summer. There's

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Alice Armstrong: nine months of the year that they're not being used. Is there anything we can do with that?

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Alice Armstrong: piece of property when it's not being, when the Splash pad is not going, the

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Cory Anderson: Sure, I can. I can kind of a

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Cory Anderson: Address that first. Ah was with schools. They are then would be in use for the other time and would need to make accommodations of either removing features.

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Cory Anderson: Um! And typically, a splash pad is all sloped so it probably is an ideal for like a play yard, if just removing those features so that might not be

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Cory Anderson: Like, why, maybe why we didn't look at the schools. Your second question I'm sorry.

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Cory Anderson: Briefly, again

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To do with

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Alice Armstrong: It was um

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Alice Armstrong: Can anything else Can the space be used for anything else during the nine months that the Splash P is not spewing water.

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Cory Anderson: Yeah, I've been involved with a couple of designs. Um that were downtown um areas that outside of the summer months, when the water was flowing Um, for one example was that they brought in a large Christmas tree for

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Cory Anderson: the holiday season. Then, during the summer months, they declared the features or not the summer months, but the fall and the spring months they cleared the features to be able to have a space or a little small farmer's market right on the pad downtown.

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Cory Anderson: So, there's other opportunities for them to add um usable time to that space because it was downtown and very valuable that way. Those that's just my part of

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we have.

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Leah Boucher: I have a couple of questions to bear with me. The first question is how many gray units you need before circulation makes sense to help us make the decision between recirculation and blood. Because I was surprised at how significant the operating cost differential is.

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Leah Boucher: So, if you could talk a little bit just about that.

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Cory Anderson: Yeah, with that we So I have in in our full report. We have three smaller types of designs, and they, and they range

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Cory Anderson: from about thirty Gpm. Up to about eighty. Gpm. I think the one that we showed in the proposal was about eighty gpm. And really with that

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Cory Anderson: With those designs I kind of gave. I have a chart for each one of those that talks about the hours of operation that you could choose, so that those numbers can change up, up or down, just depending on and typically down. Because I wanted to give you kind of the Max range of what that could cost,

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Cory Anderson: Bu right there that those examples were between eight and nine hours of operation. So, you come up to the pad, and if there's nobody there, you touch the activator, and then we'll start a sequence and run for about four minutes, and then shut off, so that those figures are kind of what I what I've figured out on those designs of the average cost experience with the splash bat if we're just

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Cory Anderson: paying for that water and running it to the sewer.

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Cory Anderson: And it really depends on where you're located, and the costs associated. Ah! Fortunately, that blossoms pricing on water and sewer are a little bit higher. Um! But once we get into some of the existing facilities, there could be other

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Cory Anderson: possible scenarios. But typically, it, that's what we're going to have to rely on.

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Leah Boucher: So, I'm still not totally clear on. At what size do we go from recirculation to flow?

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Cory Anderson: It's going to be coming up to what? On a yearly basis that that you're willing to spend on an operating, and then we can kind of work backwards. So, for example, the one that was that was given in in the sample as a pocket park

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Cory Anderson: Was, I think, between forty and forty-five thousand dollars, just for paying for the water in the sewer, and there would be almost little to no maintenance. It would just be a startup and shut down at the beginning of season and basic blowing off of the of the Splash Pad for the year.

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Cory Anderson: Um. So, with features wise, I'd like to stay at less than one hundred GPM: um. But to make something that's that maybe has those five to ten features. That's really going to be what you would like to kind of target.

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Cory Anderson: And from that point we can sequence it for the season and try to bring that cost of that water down. But it's still it's still unfortunately going to be expensive, purchasing the water and paying for the sewer,

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Leah Boucher: still not tracking. Sorry I understand that it's really tricky to predict what I was getting a sense for. Maybe this is incorrect, but if you have a destination splash, but you tend to use the recirculation, and when we move down to pocket it was more of a flow through,

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Leah Boucher: and what I was trying to figure out is, you know, at some point the operating costs start to catch up with the cost of the destination. Splash! Pad! You need to have to run some kind of breakeven to get there. I'm trying to figure. Is there a size dimension where you go?

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Leah Boucher: Or you to consider recirculation? You need a splash pad of X size, which is, is that bigger than a pocket park? Or where is that trade off

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Cory Anderson: It? It really comes down to the cost of the water and the sewer, and what you're willing to budget for that year, so like, if it is that forty-five thousand dollars. Then we know that that there's about eighty gpm that we can use to pick

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Cory Anderson: Anywhere between five to ten different spray features, ground level to above-grade spray features, so

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Cory Anderson: That it's kind of what comes first. The chicken or the egg we're trying. That's what we're trying to kind of know what Chapel Hill is comfortable with on budgeting if they're looking at just doing a pass-through system

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Cory Anderson: Um compared to the flow through, and those were kind of the cost for the for the samples that we're doing we do have we do Have we have a total of eight samples that have pricing, and they give a little bit more information that that we could pot we could share with you um shortly to, so that you could see a little bit more of that difference with the actual size and the square footage of the pad, and how they, how they get larger and the different GPM. And how it kind of fluctuates with.

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Wendi Ramsden: I think, Leah, when we start to do concepts for these parts we would be looking at, you know, when we finalize sort of which part we'll do a concept of a pocket art size, splash, pad, for if it's one of the larger ones, like the five to ten spray features. We'll do a cost comparison on what it would cost to

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Wendi Ramsden: Install the recirculating system because it's a hefty cost and all that. Um versus what the annual maintenance would be if it was a flow through system. And just take a look at how many years it would take to

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Wendi Ramsden: make up the difference

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Leah Boucher: Perfect. That would be better. But I think we need to wait until we

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Wendi Ramsden: Get a more specific card location and take a look at the actual pipes, and you know the size and what we'd be able to do

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Wendi Ramsden: To do are on each at each specific month,

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Leah Boucher: And just and then I'll let someone else ask a question. But just to finish up on this, do you often do pocket parks where you do, put in the recirculation. I mean, is it is that a realistic question that I'm asking or is that an exercise that You've I've really never seen it, and we really only do it for the bigger ones.

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Cory Anderson: No, we have. I've done something small for five features,

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Cory Anderson: And it comes down to where it's located, and kind of the cost of the water and the sewer, because, without having to pay for that, they can just fill it once or twice a season, and then continue to treat that water and reuse it

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Tyler Steelman: Um before I or new. But we're going to do it in just a second, but I want to make sure that um Kate and Danita um, please feel free to ask questions and comment on things as well. Um as members of the working group. We would love to hear your thoughts when it when it comes out, when you want to offer something. Um! But we'll move to.

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Renuka Soll: I did have a question, and then I was going to give

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Renuka Soll: My ideas for all the questions you asked. So, one thing is, when you were talking about a large splash pad. You were always showing an area near the pools in our different parks,

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Renuka Soll: So, is there an advantage of being near a pole and using that water? Is it the same kind of system?

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Cory Anderson: Yes, um the cost, because what we have to look at for water, sewer, and electric when we're doing a larger destination type, splash bed. All of those facilities already have all of those utilities that we could. We could piggyback off of, and that would keep those costs of bringing it to a new facility

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Cory Anderson: to the low

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Cory Anderson: that that that you can accommodate. So that's kind of the reason why those facilities are. They also have staffing. They also have people that that that are around the pools already. So, it really is a makes it an ideal site and the space available.

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Renuka Soll: Okay, one other question. And maybe it's a little bit of a weird question. But I was just wondering like in terms of when you talk about the different ways of cleaning the water.

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Renuka Soll: What is there a possibility like? I was wondering about. You know those amoeba diseases, or when there's warm water and things around, is one way a better way than another to avoid that completely. Or

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Cory Anderson: oh, that's that an issue

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Cory Anderson: With those I include it. It's right now. It's not required by the North Carolina State health, but I always include a UV disinfectant filter, and what that does. It kills ninety-nine-point, nine percent of all harmful bacteria. So, it's

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Cory Anderson: killing. It's taking a very intense light, and killing any of that bacterium that would be considered that that water based or

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Cory Anderson: others, the cryptos that you've heard of that have popped up in the past for public and public health.

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Renuka Soll: Okay, So um! After listening to the presentation, this was kind of me that feeling, and I'm happy to talk more about it. But my thought is, you know, looking at

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Renuka Soll: the bathrooms, the parking, all those kinds of facilities. I like the idea, and this is, of course, keeping the cost, aside from that, but to have

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Renuka Soll: Two slash pads, one destination, a bigger one, and one pocket park, and I like the idea of the destination, one being at posted because you already have the parking facilities there. It's nice to be near the pool, because you have the bathrooms and changing areas, and a place to get out of the sun and get a snack, and that a little bit.

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Renuka Soll: Um, because the playground in that area is old, I think it's a good, I mean, I think, at some point you're going to have to renovate it. Anyway, it's a good place for an inclusive playground.

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Renuka Soll: I think those are the main reasons I was thinking Homestead part. I like the idea of a smaller one at Hargraves just for equity issues, and it seems like a lot of people can walk there, so you don't need the huge amount of parking necessarily. Again, The pool is there, and it's a nice building and a place to kind of get out and have bathrooms,

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Renuka Soll: So, I always like that, and also Chapel Hill is huge. So, I like the idea of having two parks, I mean, or two pads. I would love Community Center Park. It's just they don't seem to have the parking, I mean because a central location,

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Renuka Soll: and that's the only reason I didn't pick that initially. So that's my initial thought just after hearing your presentation.

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Renuka Soll: Thank you.

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Tyler Steelman: Uh, we'll move to Christopher.

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Can you guys hear me now?

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Tyler Steelman: Yes,

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Christopher Worrell: hey? Thank you. I actually had my hand raised but renewed to hit every one of my questions and every one of my points. I concur with everything she asked and said, I

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Christopher Worrell: Yeah, um, I would say I just. I just wanted to thank the community members who brought this up in two thousand and twenty-one. It's great if you need it. We shouldn't have to drive all the way to Kerry to get a nice facility like this, you know, being worked on, and I appreciate everyone who's been a part of this study.

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Tyler Steelman: Um! We'll move to Danita.

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Danita Mason-Hodges: Thank you so much, I guess. I first want to begin with gratitude. Thank you so much for conducting this report and um for having this community discussions and for a pleasure to continue. These discussions are really important. I don't have a few questions that I think are mostly registered.

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Danita Mason-Hodges: Um, one is, I read and reported on page six of the bottom of the feasibility study studies. Barbara's was not listed as having a

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Danita Mason-Hodges: Having an um

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Danita Mason-Hodges: three-day program or daycare program, and I'm I don't know how much that would impact the decision. But I do know that there's a childcare facility that is attached to hard racing, so I just had my back, and then on page fourteen we talked about RCD: so that should be a pretty quick um answer to whatever RCD is

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Danita Mason-Hodges: and then um.

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Danita Mason-Hodges: Lastly, when I was brought into this process, my goal and my interest in this process was to make sure that

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Danita Mason-Hodges: historically underserved communities like the communities at Hargraves and the Community Center, would be considered for this project. Having talked with

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Danita Mason-Hodges: people from that neighborhood, and also talk with John French, Nate Davis people, who also were the directors of those programs. For a long time, it seems to me that there has not been a huge investment in hard graves, and I think, according to the studies it said like to the seventies in in terms of that.

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Danita Mason-Hodges: So, I would just admonish us to all consider

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Danita Mason-Hogans: that when some of these um parks and some of these recreation centers were developed, it was not developed with equity in mind, and it, and therefore the funding did not follow that equity. So, I think that's really important in this discussion, because

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Danita Mason-Hodges: Some of the newer parks were funded fully with a lot of money and stuff, and I do see a lot of things in this feasibility report talking about the capacity of these facilities to um to carry on. You know how parking what the bathrooms look like, and so I would encourage us to think about what the potential for investment in these communities is that are underserved,

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Danita Mason-Hodges: because not to consider that would be to reward the inequity that a lot of this stuff is based on, and not consider the fact that that might be a reason that we need to invest more in these facilities. So, I would like to bring up that particular

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Danita Mason-Hodges: Aspect. And Perhaps this is something that you have considered, but I did not see anything

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Danita Mason-Hodges: I saw stuff about, and you know inclusivity, which is, which is amazing and necessary. I did not see anything about like historical impact, nor did I see anything about specifically the demographics of the community members, and how easy it would be

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Danita Mason-Hodges: For members of margin lot's, black and brown communities to be able to have access to these programs, because I'm old enough to know that oftentimes my concern is that the folks who have the greatest wealth also have the greatest facilities. They also have the greatest.

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Danita Mason-Hodges: They have the greatest access to stuff, And so what can we do to circumvent that process? How can we disrupt that process? And I think that needs to be something that is in our mind, and we're doing it. And then, finally, I have to have another quick, logistical question, and that is that

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Danita Mason-Hogans: maybe it was bothering Park not reported on because it's in carb. Or is that

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Danita Mason-Hogans: because Chapel Hill I don't, and sometimes I can't. Ah separate Chapel Hill from Carrboro. So those are my questions and Thank you so much again for taking the time to do this for thinking about our input and I look forward to your answer. Thank you

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Wendi Ramsden: all right. Well, I'll start to answer a few of those things first off. Thank you for pointing out that her base has

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Wendi Ramsden: Ah, pre-k childcare facility, and I did notice that the playground had a sign that it was used by daycare in the mornings. I assume that's good day mornings, and so I'll make sure that I add that because that's you know that's back removed.

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Wendi Ramsden: Kids would love to use a slash area.

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Wendi Ramsden: I know our RCD. That stands for resource conservation district, and these are zones that come out from us

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Wendi Ramsden: horizontal fifty feet, and then one hundred feet and one hundred and fifty feet each side of a stream. On the jurisdictional stream, and so it basically protected stream buffer. And in each of those zones the first fifty to second,

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Wendi Ramsden: the town allows different levels of development. So, in the first fifty, the next extreme. Of course, they don't want disturbance or impervious, or anything like that. As you move away from the edge of the stream. They limit the amount of

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Wendi Ramsden: disturbance that you are allowed to do.

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Wendi Ramsden: So that's basically what the RCD. Stands for. It's a way that the town references stream buffer, and it should be noted that it's actually horizontal. Be so on Some sites. When you get fifty feet out from the stream you're actually twenty feet above the level of the stream. I mean. They're you know, in a really steep area.

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Wendi Ramsden: Most of the parks, though, are fairly, you know they're fairly flat near the streams. And so, when you're talking about fifty or one hundred feet, you are talking about an

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area where, if the stream was overflowing, we would sort of equate to floodplain, so we would be looking at, not putting splash pad facilities back close to the stream, and that's what they are.

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Wendi Ramsden: Um, thank you for the background, the historical, you know, underserved communities, and I will talk to you about how we might be able to.

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Wendi Ramsden: We may be coming back to ask you about that, too.

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Danita Mason-Hodges: Thank you,

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Tyler Steelman: Marcella.

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Marcella Twamley: I just wanted to say I really like the idea of perhaps the destination Splash pad, and the inclusive park being separate entities.

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Marcella Twamley: I think the idea of the destination just for the logistical, and maybe parks and rec staff could um a test of this. It makes more sense for

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Marcella Twamley: destination, squash pad to be there, either be at Hargraves or post it, because the aquatic facilities and that would probably cut down on the amount of running around that you would have to do. But maybe some of you could just. I just want to hear back from staff about

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Marcella Twamley: um kind of like the impact, maybe, on the maintenance, especially if it's a destination where we're talking about recirculating water. Um. And then The other thing is, I think we talk a lot about the parking and the training center, but I'm there during playground hours, like almost every weekday.

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Marcella Twamley: Um,



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Marcella Twamley: Because I'm

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Marcella Twamley: avid playground user um, And I really don't feel like the parking on weekdays. Is that bad in even in the summer when kids are out of school. Um, and it really makes sense. There's a lot. I mean, that playground equipment is really

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Marcella Twamley: well past. Its where now? Um, and it's already got that nice walking surface, um, and already got a nice flat surface. So, I really think that would be an interesting place to put an inclusive playground if we separate a destination, splash pad from inclusive playground to like

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Marcella Twamley: Alleviate some of the parking concerns. Um! But when we did the tour with the staff this summer. Thank you all for doing that. The Hargraves City Pool is really in need of some,

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Marcella Twamley: you know, updating um, and I think that would be an awesome place, even if we didn't have a destination swash that at Hargraves like it definitely lends itself to being a really nice place, especially because it's the free public school as well. Um! To have more access for that community, especially

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Marcella Twamley: Um, and for the pool itself, too, to have the desk like to have a smaller splash pad there that could serve a lot of people, but maybe not be this destination, because I know the parking in that area can be difficult,

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Marcella Twamley: but I think that's a really great place to consider, and I don't hear it a lot in this discussion. So, you know, I think homestead. When I look through this report, Homestead makes a lot of sense because the robotics center is already there.

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Marcella Twamley: But I think for consideration also. Hargraves for a pocket.

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Marcella Twamley: Larger pockets splash pad would be really awesome to get that up needed.

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Marcella Twamley: Um.

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Marcella Twamley: But just to say, I guess the community center would be great for an inclusive playground.

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Marcella Twamley: Um, even with the parking issues, because I know on the weekend it's crazy. But during the week it's still not that bad, and that playground is so well trafficked even during the week, I don't think updating it to inclusive equipment is going to make that much of a difference.

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Marcella Twamley: Just my two senses up

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Marcella Twamley: parents.

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Marcella Twamley: Thank you all.

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Tyler Steelman: I'm. Kate,

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Kate Sayre: I thank you all so much. This is really helpful, and just a little bit of.

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Kate Sayre: We started this petition last summer, and as the originator with council, councilwoman, Anderson,

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Kate Sayre: We had a ton of support from council, and this commission, and, as you all know we had an election last fall. Um, and that support was is not the same as it was. So. My, you know biggest

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Kate Sayre: Hope is that with the presentation that we, you know that for next week is very positive, and knowing that

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Kate Sayre: there are some Council members who are really not for this or see that it's very separate from some of their other goals, while a lot of us see equity and inclusion in you know this equity affordable housing, and, you know, equal access to things to do outside of your home.

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Kate Sayre: For the In the original discussion, we actually did talk about that Kitty Pool, and in speaking at Hargraves, and then the

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Kate Sayre: When we met with community members from that area, the biggest concern was optics of like, is there this beautiful destination Splash had somewhere else. And then the harvest community just gets like when they first quoted it. It was literally one slash feature at that kiddie pool, and it was very sad, and the optics would be not good for that, forum equity. So, if we do a smaller something at heart grades. I really hope that it is some

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Kate Sayre: something exciting and not just basically a waterfall in. So, there is that. But I agree with what everyone else is saying, Can we utilize? You know structure that's already in place by aquatic centers? And Chapel Hill is, you know, we like to

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Kate Sayre: talk about public transportation and other ways of transportation, and I know that there is some equity and inclusion issues there. But with parking like, does everyone have to drive a single car to these places, so you know.

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Kate Sayre: Not sure. I mean, I know. Obviously that's a big piece of it, too, is the parking. But it

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Kate Sayre: I'm excited. I'm curious to see how it went with it, or it goes with Council next week, and thank you all for so I guess not. A lot of questions. Just a little bit of history from um, a community member side, and my oldest son turned six yesterday, and he said, Am I going to get this flash pad this year,

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Kate Sayre: kid. You may never use this slash pad, but mom's going to keep trying. So, thanks for allowing me to keep trying

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Tyler Steelman: here.

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Leah Boucher: Okay, you just totally set me up. So first of all, in a good way like, Thank you. Because I'm kind of going to reiterate a little bit of what you were saying. And first of all, thank you for driving this. It's kind of inspiring for all of us to see someone bring an idea like that this far in the process. So

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Leah Boucher: Don't stop um, You know I want to get something done, You know. I really want to get something done, and I hear what Kate is saying is, I honestly don't think we're going to get a million dollars plus flash pad approved by the Town Council we are,

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Leah Boucher: I mean, we had last week one hundred people fighting for two tennis courts. So, we

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Leah Boucher: We're just really struggling for funding. We are struggling to get things done, and I would. Really, I think this town needs a splash pad. But I think we need to be pragmatic about what our ask is, and what we're recommending. Where I worry. It'll just get tables. And, Amy, you can jump in and say, I'm too pessimistic. I would love to be too pessimistic, but that is,

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Leah Boucher: that is my impression of both

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Leah Boucher: where things could be. So, here's some thoughts.

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Leah Boucher: Ah, first I do like where Marcella is going. I think we should have one discussion on a splash pad, and then a separate discussion on inclusive playgrounds. My brain, even though it was a combined presentation. It went in two different directions with decision making,

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and I actually think there could be opportunities to upgrade a couple of our different parts to make them more inclusive. I'm not sure that it has to be just one park tied with the Splash pad. So

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Leah Boucher: Wonder if we should separate, and I just open this up to others to think about, but I do wonder if we should separate the two.

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Leah Boucher: Um. Second. There are so many different criteria upon which we could select a site, select the park, select the type. It would be really helpful if

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Leah Boucher: A summary table could be presented, and I suspect town Council could benefit from this, too, where you just list all the sites, and you have the criteria of which equity should be one, you know, going across, and you kind of give a check mark, or an X mark, or a neutral mark, or an I don't know, mark, question, mark, and then we can kind of box at the top.

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Leah Boucher: What we think is the right answer. And then the data kind of speaks for itself. Because this group has done a ton of work. There's this: The packet was really impressive. There's so much there. It's just a little bit hard to get to that synthesis,

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Leah Boucher: And that brings me to the examples. They're powerful. That being said example, one looks a lot like example two

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Leah Boucher: Right? They're both kind of big destination splash pads. It would be great if we could limit it to three kinds of different examples, and I'll use behavioral economic principles here. I would have one. That's the kind of gold standard, which is probably the example one I would have one that would be kind of sad,

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Leah Boucher: But very affordable, and I would put the one in the middle, where we actually think we kind of want to land

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Leah Boucher: Um, you know something that's and I know we'd like to land at the gold standard, but we should present it. Maybe we'll get it. So that's just on the presentation itself.

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Leah Boucher: As to where it should be. You know this is a really hard decision. I kind of like the idea of having to

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Leah Boucher: Pocket parks, even though I don't think we can probably get more than one um, because, as Renuka and others have pointed out, it's a pretty big community, and it would be great to have one car. Grace kind of for community center seems like a no-brainer to me. There's infrastructure. There's

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Leah Boucher: For a lots of different types, of people,

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Leah Boucher: you know, and I'm not frankly sure that Homestead needs more amenities. We've got to deal with that, you know. There's a lot going on there, so it would be nice to bring some of the

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Leah Boucher: the traffic. I actually kind of like to consider Umstead, too. It'd be nice to bring some traffic to some of the other less or smaller parts. Um, but I've said enough to talk too much, so thank you for

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Tyler Steelman: or so

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Marcella Twamley: Just signed out for the future. Just so. I can keep this because there is a lot of public support for this. So, if you go through a feasibility study and you do all we've done all this work, There was some work done for an inclusive park, and Sierra falls in two thousand

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Marcella Twamley: Eight, seventeen, eighteen, I don't remember

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Marcella Twamley: I'm pretty passionate about this um Raleigh funded sassafras with community support um in addition to bond money, which is, if you don't know anything about Sassafras, it's a massive, inclusive park at Laurel Hills.

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Marcella Twamley: So is there a way, if the feasibility study is done, and all of this these things are done. Is there a way to do like community funding for some of this um, even if you can't get funding? And I'm jumping. I'm jumping the gun on this. But I

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Marcella Twamley: Yeah, I'm just curious. If we have all of these studies done. What does that mean like? Does that mean you? Can you have fundraising, or um? Would there be more work to be done? After that

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Tyler Steelman: I'll jump in here, I mean. So, I think that um, we don't have anyone from the friends here correct me if I'm wrong. Do you have any money from the Friends? They, I think, could accept donations, and could start a program specifically for this, and could accept donations. Um,

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Tyler Steelman: and I mean. These documents are publicly accessible, and they could use those in in their outreach and marketing for that fundraising. But

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Tyler Steelman: if that's off base, someone feel free to correct me.

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Phil Fleischmann: I think you're probably right about that, Tyler. Um. What I'm also hearing is perhaps in the report, whether it's in this draft of where we're at now, or where we will be at with the report as it's finalized seeing information about funding strategies

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Phil Fleischmann: that are potentially realistic. You know some recommendations there, and incorporating that into the overall

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Phil Fleischmann: Report, which certainly there are more phases to go through as the presentation highlighted to include public and community engagement. And input here, as the report is eventually finalized, so I think that could be a good, You know suggestion that we could incorporate.

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Tyler Steelman: I want to offer a few things here, and I know we're past our eight o'clock adjournment,

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Kevin Robinson: But I think it's important for us to work out, so I'm glad everyone is stuck it out. The first thing is, I think, that historic considerations of how we have funded and invested in our community is extremely important in this and should and could play a larger role in the presentation.

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Tyler Steelman: And I would like to see investment in parts of the community that have not seen it historically, and this is one of our chances to do that. I know we've talked as a commission with other projects of thinking in those terms, and I think this one falls into that same category with ah things like parking.

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Tyler Steelman: I would love to see something on how we anticipate people

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Tyler Steelman: Flowing into these various sites that we might pick. Because if we picked somewhere like Hargraves, which has a greater accessibility for foot traffic or transit traffic, might that um change? How we think about it. I mean the report currently talks a lot about parking spaces, but it's the majority of the traffic that would be generated from a particular site would come from non-parting sources, and I think that is valuable.

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Tyler Steelman: A valuable set of information to rank um sites um against one another. Um. I really like Alice's comment about off-season. Use Um, but I would um. I would want to know more from staff about their ability to take features down and put them back up, and whether they feel they could handle that. I think that would be an important consideration for how we continue to fund this, and whether we have the infrastructure in the off-season. To accommodate these sorts of changes. But I think off season use

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Tyler Steelman: Is a really clever and fascinating thing to think about, as this will sit vacant for quite some time.

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Tyler Steelman: The other comments I have. Some of them are about the presentation. I would love to see more in the presentation about why we need this. I think that the discussion about



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the differences between inclusivity and accessibility for playgrounds was really important, and for either the splash pad or the playground,

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Tyler Steelman: Because I think a lot of people would go like to Southern village and see the ramp and think of inclusivity and accessibility. But I think that the discussion was really um useful, and could be ramped up about why those are different concepts, and why we should be thinking about inclusivity in addition to accessibility, which is something I don't think we have spent a lot of time talking about

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Tyler Steelman: Um and that sort of piggybacks off this comment about why we need this. I think that a more story as to why we're doing this, and why we need this when the petition was brought to us, we talked a lot about how this,

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Tyler Steelman: How this particular project would intersect with other town initiatives. Whether it is the climate initiative about how we're taking care of our residents as the summers get hotter. How we're taking care of our kids, how we're giving access to amenities to a greater portion of town residents.

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Tyler Steelman: So, I think why we need this is a really important part of the discussion that I didn't feel I really walked away with. I had a lot of technical stuff, and it was really important, but I think that the narrative around it

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Tyler Steelman: is vital to convincing counsel that this is an important project, because at the end of the day we have to convince people that this is important. Um! And I hear a lot of Council members talking about needs versus once, and I've heard people on the Council talking about the Splash pad as a want

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Tyler Steelman: um, which is why I think that bringing this, together with the inclusive playground, even started because it was really about um demonstrating a need, but regardless of the direction we go, whether it's a combo or two separate projects.

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Tyler Steelman: I think we have to talk about. Why, this is a need for the community and get people away from thinking that this is just some extra amenity that we want to have. So, I really

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enjoyed the presentation. I really enjoyed it. I really hope that we get somewhere here. I'm very in favor of

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Tyler Steelman: spreading this out around town, really like Renuka's idea. I think that Hargraves should definitely be on the table as an option, but I will pass it over to Leah.

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Leah Boucher: So

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Leah Boucher: I'm, assuming Staff

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Leah Boucher: Would like our input as to their free, their several questions,

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Leah Boucher: What kind we think, and where it should go.

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Leah Boucher: Um flow three versus recirculation,

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Leah Boucher: or it is, Do you need that at this point for the meeting next week?

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Kevin Robinson: I think we're okay with that. You guys are giving us a lot of good feedback here and

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Kevin Robinson: Sounds pretty good,

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Kevin Robinson: we can it? I think it would be helpful just to know that it's unanimous, or that the that the Commission supports the idea, you know it feels like the town should move forward with funding for an inclusive playground and a swash math.

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Kevin Robinson: I think

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Kevin Robinson: I'll hand it over to Amy first, and then we will go to that question.

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Amy Ryan: Hi, Thanks, everybody. This has been a great discussion. Um,

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Amy Ryan: I think it would be really useful for counsel to um to hear a lot of the things you've talked about. I think it'd be useful for us to know whether you think it makes sense to be pursuing the playground. Um

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Amy Ryan: a splash pad combination, or whether you think that that's not necessary. I think that kind of arose in discussions, because it, you know the inclusive playgrounds better around forever. We'd really like to see it. Obviously a splash pad is pretty inclusive play space, too. So, we started talking about them together. If you guys feel like that doesn't make a sense, and I love the discussion about how you know we do have all the playgrounds that can be retrofitted. Um! And it sounds like uh that from what the consultants are saying, it's not.

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Amy Ryan: We could actually do some pretty good upfits for not a whole lot of money that would really increase that inclusivity. So, if that's a direction that you guys feel like you're going, I think it would be helpful to hear that from you. I like you know we're going to have to try to decide for me back up.

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Amy Ryan: There are folks who are

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Amy Ryan: have kind of have. See other priorities in town. And again. It's always a funding issue, you know. You have a pot that's so big. And then where does it get spent? We have people at the skate Park, where there's holes in the in the structure. We have all, you know. There's lots of different interests and lots of different

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Amy Ryan: things that people want. I think that it's. As Tyler said, it's important to make a case for why this particular project There's we have a ton of parks and records. So is there a group here in town that Isn't really being well served, that needs to be served here,

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Amy Ryan: you know. Are there equity goals that we can reach doing this that we're not

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Amy Ryan: So, I think that making that case is really important about why, out of all the kinds of funding that we're being asked to do. Why, this funding really makes sense for the town. So, I think that would be useful if you guys are. Think you know I mean, if you want one hundred and fifty,

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Amy Ryan: I think we need one big destination. It sounds like from your discussion that I'm hearing more like spreading the spreading, the welfare. A little bit more would be great. I think it would be helpful for Council to hear get input from you on kind of where you're feeling on that on that issue as well.

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Amy Ryan: And I think it was Leah. The idea of getting some kind of a chart that showed all the different criteria. Yes, that would be super helpful.

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Tyler Steelman: She

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Shane Brogan: um! I don't really have anything

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Shane Brogan: different to say. What we talked about, you know, being unanimous on it, and I do agree with a lot of the points that we're brought up. Um, I do think um upgrading some of the parks that we have here are harder. I think it makes a lot of sense for it to be there. Um! And to spread things out. The only thing that I always wondered about. And, Leo, you brought about as well. Where is the point between?

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Shane Brogan: uh the capture water system versus just paying for water constantly, I think, beyond just price.

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Shane Brogan: Water use is going to be more of an issue as time goes on. And is this feasible for the parks, and you put it into an annual, but it maybe we save up front. But we're going to I mean if we can't

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Shane Brogan: Run them in five years. Then what was the point of putting them in? So, I would encourage, if it's feasible, to do a recapture. If the size doesn't matter, try and get as much investment in the beginning as we can for a long, long term

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Shane Brogan: sustainable park and system.

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Tyler Steelman: Ah, Leah

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Leah Boucher: Um! If we're ready, I'm happy to propose something that we could note on.

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Leah Boucher: It's the that

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Leah Boucher: I'm: able to entertain a motion at any time. Okay, I will. I will put out a motion again. Feel free to iterate on this, just to start somewhere. First of all, I would say, this commission. It's going to be a five-part motion

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Leah Boucher: First, I would say the Commission is in full support of both a splash pad and of um inclusive and accessible playgrounds, and they should continue to be on our priority list.

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Leah Boucher: Um. Second, I think we are very open to the ideas of separating out Splash pad from inclusivity. Given that this report has shown that there could be opportunities to

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Leah Boucher: retrograde our existing parts for better inclusivity without putting a splash pad there, and it might let us do more with less.

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Leah Boucher: Um. Third, I think we have a strong preference for recirculating water, if we can, both to meet our environmental goals and our sustainability goals, and hopefully save operating costs. So would love to push this group on

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Leah Boucher: what that means. Um!

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Leah Boucher: Ah, Fourth, I think we prefer pragmatism push back here, and would rather see, you know, a smaller pocket park in a

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Leah Boucher: location. Then for waiting six years to find the funds for a large destination park, and then I think the last motion is, we have not resolved which

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Leah Boucher: right is most appropriate. But we would like to push this group to help put a summary chart, and we would like to ensure that historical equity and serving communities that have been marginalized is a key factor as that decision

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Leah Boucher: Further out.

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Leah Boucher: That's my question.

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Tyler Steelman: Um! I will repeat the motion, and then I will ask for a second. So, the motion has five parts: first, that the Commission is in full support of both an inclusive playground and a splash pad, and that they should continue to remain priorities for this commission. Um part two is that the Commission is over,

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Leah Boucher: Tyler. Should we just vote on each one separately, because there might be some that everybody agrees with the some that no one does.

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Tyler Steelman: I'm fine with that. So, let's start. We'll start with that one. So, the first motion that I would need a second on is that the Commission is in full support of both an inclusive playground and splash pad, and they should continue to remain priorities for the Commission and the town. Do I hear a second on that motion?

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Shane Brogan: I second that motion

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Tyler Steelman: all right. So, hearing a motion and a second, is there any discussion on this?

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Tyler Steelman: All right, seeing none. We will vote. We will do this as Roll call votes so, I am.

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Leah Boucher: Yes,

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Tyler Steelman: Alice. Yes, Shane.

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Tyler Steelman: Yes, Hallie. Yes,

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Tyler Steelman:

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Tyler Steelman: Yes, Marcella,

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Marcella Twamley: Yes, and I vote I. So that motion passes.

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Tyler Steelman: The second motion is that the Commission has opened the idea of separating the inclusive playground from the Splash Pad project, knowing that the possibility of retrofitting existing playgrounds might be a better option than

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Tyler Steelman: but it might just be a better option.

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Tyler Steelman: Does that sound fair to what you were saying.

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Tyler Steelman: Okay, um, Do I hear a second? With that motion,

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Shane Brogan: A second motion.

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Tyler Steelman: All right. So, hearing a motion and a second, I will now move into discussion. Is there any discussion on that particular motion?

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Tyler Steelman: Hi! I'm sorry I didn't raise my virtual hand.

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Hallie Cherry: Um! Just being aware of it not becoming an um shift in the priorities like if they can both continue forward as priorities. Um, because I think that option of retrofitting existing playgrounds is a no-brainer, I mean, I never takes funding, but so I just wouldn't want one to get bumped up or below another. So That would be the only thing that that

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Leah Boucher: I think they're both in our list of priorities. So, and we'd never rank ordered them because it's good costumes. We just have six relatives to everybody else, and I think we're adding pickle balls. We have seven. So

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Tyler Steelman: is there any more discussion on this motion?

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Tyler Steelman: Seeing none, we will now move to voting lea.

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Alice Armstrong: Hi, Alice! Yes, Shane!

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Tyler Steelman: Hi Hallie

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Tyler Steelman: Yes, Marcella,

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Marcella Twamley: Yes, and the chair votes I. So that motion passes um motion three that we prefer a recirculating system for the water,

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Tyler Steelman: Looking towards both our climate goals as a commission, and long-term reducing long-term operating costs on the splash kind of facility. So here is second on that motion.

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Alice Armstrong: All right. So, a motion and a second. Is there any discussion?

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Tyler Steelman: Seeing none, we will now move to voting lea.

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Leah Boucher: Oh, Alice! Yes, Shane. Yes, Hallie Yes, Renuka. Yes, Marcella,

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Tyler Steelman: yes, and the chair votes I so motion three passes motion four

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Tyler Steelman: um. So, motion four. Is that the Council prefers pragmatism um, meaning that we would prefer, uh, possibly two smaller pocket parts, as opposed to waiting for a longer period of time to build one destination. Does that sound true to what you were saying, Leah

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Leah Boucher: It does. But please discuss

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Tyler Steelman: Um. Is there a second on that motion.

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Tyler Steelman: Go ahead, Marcella,

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Tyler Steelman: or what is it? Well,

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Tyler Steelman: well, I will say this. If there's a second, we can discuss it. If there's not a second it goes away. So, is there a second on that motion?

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Hallie Cherry: I second?

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Tyler Steelman: Okay. So, Marcella will move into discussion.

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Marcella Twamley: I think this is a little bit tricky, and I think it would depend on the

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Marcella Twamley: So, if we want to put a recirculating water system in in a splash pad, we

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Marcella Twamley: We've already got a lot of more upfront costs than we would if it was just

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Marcella Twamley: Pocket Park with a non-recirculating system.

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Marcella Twamley: So, I think the issue that I have with. This is, I think, when people sign this petition they're thinking like a little bit more like destination. Splash pad like they're thinking more like what's in Pittsburgh like

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Marcella Twamley: what's in me then, when people sign these petitions about splash pads, I think they're signing them in mind like what the mother's club is getting for support. It's not like five features.

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Marcella Twamley: Um, you know. I think it's more of like the eighteen to twenty, four range that you're looking at like with the destination pad. So, while I think pragmatism is great, I just don't want to throw

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Marcella Twamley: like something is sure better than nothing. But I think if the something is like

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Marcella Twamley: five features at two parks. It's just that also takes a lot of money because we're going to have to have recirculation in there. So, I just think that that might not be

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Marcella Twamley: pragmatic. In addition to the stuff like the stress on the staff that's going to put you

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Marcella Twamley: having two parks. I just I'm not sure,

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Tyler Steelman: Renuka.

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Renuka Soll: I think I was going to say something on similar lines that I don't. I don't want to offer a settlement at first I want to try for the I think it would be good to have that that big part with a lot of features. And of course, I agree that something is better than nothing.

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Renuka Soll: But I think, as they start to look at things and look at the cost, they may move to something smaller, if need be, like. I don't think it's all or nothing. But I think if we give it up front I'm a little bit worried that we just won't. Get what we want.

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Tyler Steelman: Is there any more discussion on this motion?

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Tyler Steelman: Seeing none, we will now move into voting um Leah.

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Leah Boucher: I'm very against my own motion.

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Leah Boucher: Now,

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Tyler Steelman: Alice.

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Alice Armstrong: Oh, I think I'm obtaining. I don't know. I'm in a

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Tyler Steelman: Okay uh Shane.

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Shane Brogan: I'll vote now.

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Tyler Steelman: Uh Hallie.

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Hallie Cherry: I also don't know. Thanks, Renuka

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Tyler Steelman: Renuka

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Renuka Soll: No,

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Tyler Steelman: Marcella,

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Marcella Twamley: And the name

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Tyler Steelman: And the chair votes No

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Tyler Steelman: That motion fails, and we will now move into motion five, and that motion is that we've not resolved a location for the Splash pad. But we do encourage folks picking a location, based on art, including criteria of

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Tyler Steelman: serving historically and marginalized communities in town, as well as keeping an eye towards the accessibility of that location as people try to come to it. Leah, Does that seem fair to your

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Tyler Steelman: original? Okay, all right. Is there a second to that motion?

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Marcella Twamley: My second path,

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Tyler Steelman: All right, seeing a motion in a second, will now move into discussion.

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Leah Boucher: Seeing a discussion, we will now move into voting Leah

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Tyler Steelman: The as

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Alice Armstrong: Yes.

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Tyler Steelman: Shape.

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Tyler Steelman: Yes, Marcella,

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Marcella Twamley: yes, and the chair votes I. So, one, two, three, and five passed for failed. So

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Phil Fleischmann: are there any other uh motions that anyone would like to make at this time?

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Tyler Steelman: Is there any other discussion

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Tyler Steelman: Twenty-one

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Leah Boucher: Including we need to decide on anything else. Oh, sorry

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Tyler Steelman: that that that's a great question. Um, Amy.

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Amy Ryan: Yeah, I guess it Just if there was any

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Amy Ryan: comments or any discussion that you guys had about one versus two pads or sizes, I think it would be helpful. Um, you know I heard some with Renuka motion. I heard some idea that you know we would like something significant. It doesn't have to be the giant one. But

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Amy Ryan: um, you know it was interesting, and I can't remember. Sorry you said this, but you know, like the two five quarters, Flash Pads was just a little sad, and you know we needed to do a little better than that. So

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Amy Ryan: um you know I don't know if there's any guidance you can give, or there's like a summary of the kind of the conversation just around that motion that you know. The group was divided. And you know here were some of the things that some of the points that were made. And so, it was helpful for us to hear what you're thinking was, even if you know don't have a specific motion, but you know, if we can kind of see what the what the conversation is,

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Amy Ryan: So, I don't know if anybody has a motion on that one, or if it just somehow you'll figure out a way to transmit the comments. Um, you know, around that issue that would be really helpful

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Tyler Steelman: I? This might be a question for Corey. Is it fair to judge the size of a splash pad instead of my square footage, but by a number of splashers served at any one time? I know some of the larger had two hundred and twenty. But is it possible to quantify?

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02:10:08.570 --> 02:10:21.649

Cory Anderson: Yeah, that was really small pads and a medium-sized. Yes, the State Health Department classifies recirculation splash pads their occupancy to twenty-five square feet per splash batter

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Cory Anderson: um and that's and that's

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Cory Anderson: with it, probably being fenced in and controlled

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Cory Anderson: if it's not I typically see more of a concentration of close to fifteen square feet per splash pattern, just because there's no way of saying, Oh, you can't come into this area because there's no fence that is keeping people out.

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02:10:43.580 --> 02:10:51.639

Cory Anderson: So those are the two ranges. But for Health Department issues Twenty-five square feet is the is the number that that should be used on an occupancy.

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Tyler Steelman: I don't know if those interests anyone from A. From the perspective of trying to estimate size or scope of a splash pad. But um! Two hundred and twenty people would be that five thousand five hundred square foot, splash, pad, and two thousand five hundred would be about one hundred splashers at a time, so I don't know if that's useful for anyone.

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Tyler Steelman: Um! But I will entertain a motion. If anyone has one,

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02:11:23.520 --> 02:11:30.950

Leah Boucher: I'll throw out something just because I do think it more guidance that we can provide to council is better.

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02:11:32.910 --> 02:11:35.139

Leah Boucher: I would move that.

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02:11:35.200 --> 02:11:38.439

Leah Boucher: You know we would want.

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02:11:39.880 --> 02:11:45.700

Leah Boucher: I still think we're site agnostic. I don't think we know which location we would agree on,

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02:11:45.710 --> 02:12:00.209

Leah Boucher: I think, in terms of size. Um! We would support something that is more in line with what we're hearing. The people who originally brought forth the splash pad concept inside the petition would be.

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02:12:00.250 --> 02:12:06.790

Leah Boucher: I like the notion of putting in, maybe accommodating up to one hundred children at a time.

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02:12:06.830 --> 02:12:08.240

Leah Boucher: Um!

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02:12:08.550 --> 02:12:20.289



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Leah Boucher: How many square feet would that be? Twenty, Five to two thousand five hundred? So, we're at the larger size of a pocket park at that point. Am I right?

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02:12:22.160 --> 02:12:24.440

Leah Boucher: Um, Corey?

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02:12:25.800 --> 02:12:34.789

Leah Boucher: Yes. Either a large pocket park or a small destination site That also is in line with the recirculation goals.

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02:12:34.800 --> 02:12:49.700

Cory Anderson: Yeah, we could we definitely It just be a recirculation system that that could be ah applied to it that has more gpm that has accommodated more people with more features, so yes, definitely can come up with something that would be accommodating to.

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02:12:51.210 --> 02:13:01.689

Leah Boucher: So, I would throw that one out there so two thousand five hundred square feet, recirculating That would be somewhere between a large desk, but somewhere between a destination or a large pocket park,

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02:13:02.050 --> 02:13:06.160

Tyler Steelman: And just to clarify. Are you saying? No smaller than or no larger than

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02:13:06.270 --> 02:13:08.750

Leah Boucher: no smaller than Okay.

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02:13:08.760 --> 02:13:21.299

Tyler Steelman: So, the motion on the table is that we would recommend that no individual Splash pad is smaller than two thousand five hundred square feet. So that's the motion on the table. Do I hear a second?

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02:13:32.040 --> 02:13:33.919

Tyler Steelman: I do not hear one

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02:13:34.450 --> 02:13:39.150

Tyler Steelman: I'll second it just so we can discuss it.

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Renuka Soll: I guess. Um I had. I had some questions. I like your idea very much. Um, but I was just thinking, since we have been talking about two, and maybe a smaller one like at Harvard, or someplace where there's some equity. Are you thinking still of one hundred kids there also, or forty or fifty for a small part? I just.

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Renuka Soll: I was wondering how we think of it in a perspective. Of all the ideas we had.

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Leah Boucher: That's a great idea. I mean staff. Do we know how many children are usually playing at a park? Or do we have some numbers of what estimated demand could look like? Because one hundred does seem like a lot to me now that I'm really thinking about lots of little people running around.

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02:14:23.680 --> 02:14:26.789

Leah Boucher: So, I mean, what is what is a number?

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02:14:26.800 --> 02:14:42.059

Leah Boucher: And I But I wonder if we're getting too, focused on that, and it's more. We would like either a large pocket park or a small destination. I wonder if that's as granular as we need to be, and maybe we refrain from the number of children that serve,

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Alice Armstrong: I just want to repeat my request that

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02:14:51.090 --> 02:14:59.189

Alice Armstrong: also think about whether it can be used off season, and I think that that should be factored into choosing the location.

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02:14:59.200 --> 02:15:16.149

Alice Armstrong: I certainly do not feel ready to make that decision tonight. Um, it's something just the idea of putting more concrete down in this city, and not in only using it. Three months of the year is, I just don't like that.

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02:15:17.970 --> 02:15:19.200

Tyler Steelman: Shame

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Tyler Steelman: Um! I need to hop off so I'm just going to add the discussion and then let it sit there. But um! I would worry about putting an exact number on things as well, because uh, at least tonight. Um, because I don't have a firm concept. I mean looking quickly through the report. Uh two thousand five hundred square feet might be a little small if we want to do a few pocket parks, and I don't. I don't have an idea of one hundred children is in a space, either. So, um! I would just be

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Shane Brogan: A little reticent to do that right now,

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Shane Brogan: But I can't. So, I got a call.

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Hallie Cherry: I do know what it looks like to have a lot of children in a space. I teach young children, and it feels really one hundred feels

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Hallie Cherry: ah unsafe actually to me, especially if we're looking for this, to have some elements of inclusivity for children, you know, with different abilities in terms of them being able to navigate the space while children are tearing around, and the other detail that I was just going to throw in is that when I think of the destination park that feels like, I like the idea of the pocket parts, because we're thinking of adding

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Hallie Cherry: potentially these features, two existing parts in Chapel Hill, and the destination part, feels like it would need its own space, and some of our playgrounds are already like we're talking about homestead um clutter for lack of a better word with opportunities.

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02:16:50.110 --> 02:17:02.870

Hallie Cherry: So just the thought of this being something that we're adding, I think Pocket Park makes a whole lot more sense, and I don't know what the Mother's Club crew are talking about, really, when it comes to this. But I would.

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Hallie Cherry: I would argue that any opportunity to cool off, whether it's five, ten, or fifteen features is going to be a really wonderful welcome for people in this community. I don't know that we need to go as grand as this destination

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02:17:21.559 --> 02:17:24.189

Tyler Steelman: Is there any more discussion on this motion

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Tyler Steelman: Um ourselves.

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Marcella Twamley: I think if we got into discussion it's just, I think. Then you know, you have to say like of two large pocket parks would be great. Um! But I think the issue is like, you know, we don't want to say two pocket parks with a recirculating water system, and then, having like the five features.

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Marcella Twamley: Um,

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Marcella Twamley: I just think, like,

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02:17:51.480 --> 02:18:02.899

Marcella Twamley: You know, if we're going to say Pocket Park, we should hopefully have an idea of like, Sure, it can be two thousand to two thousand five hundred square feet.

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02:18:03.160 --> 02:18:05.090

Marcella Twamley: Just so that it's

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02:18:05.889 --> 02:18:13.660

Marcella Twamley: It, actually seems. Splash-pled like not just a water feature that's blown onto a playground. Does that make sense?

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Marcella Twamley: But I think it would be also nice to spread? I mean, if we're talking about equity, it would be nice to

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Marcella Twamley: The two features between

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Marcella Twamley: Two different parts of town, too. So, it's.

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02:18:30.480 --> 02:18:50.429

Marcella Twamley: I can see why that would be I just. I guess I just want to secure that this is not just like a dinky spray feature on a playground. Um, I want to be. I want to make sure that we're protecting the idea that this is actually like something you would go with your children to do, and it would be something of interest

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02:18:53.600 --> 02:18:54.690

Tyler Steelman: When

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02:18:56.010 --> 02:19:00.789

Leah Boucher: I'm ready to throw out another motion and get rejected.

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02:19:00.799 --> 02:19:10.600

Leah Boucher: I think there's two issues here. I think there is one issue of. Are we talking one pocket park, or are we talking to pocket parks?

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02:19:10.700 --> 02:19:17.680

Leah Boucher: I think there's another issue, you know. I think, what we're What we're kind of saying is,

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02:19:17.840 --> 02:19:33.940

Leah Boucher: we may not need the big destination Park, but we probably want that middle example that we were sort of talking about before, so I'm going to try to frame two motions, and then we can discuss. The first motion is that our preference

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02:19:33.950 --> 02:19:43.389

Leah Boucher: Going to help you really quickly. Since we have one on the table two options, we can vote on that one or you can,

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Leah Boucher: I'll, allow that. So, you can withdraw. Okay. So go ahead.

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Leah Boucher: Okay, And the first motion would be We would prefer two pocket parks at different locations that could be accessible to

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Leah Boucher: Different just to look to two different locations. The second would be that these pocket parts would be of a scale. That is something Chapel Hill would be proud of,

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Leah Boucher: And I think we can kind of leave it, you know. I don't think we have to define it more than that, but it would be a skill of something that we could be proud of.

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02:20:21.800 --> 02:20:28.889

Tyler Steelman: So, there is a motion on the table, and so I would entertain a second if anyone would like to.

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02:20:36.100 --> 02:20:36.990

Tyler Steelman: Okay,

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02:20:37.000 --> 02:20:40.590

Tyler Steelman: Seeing not second. That motion fails, I'll move to Halle.

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02:20:42.430 --> 02:21:00.149

Hallie Cherry: Maybe I should have seconded it like Renuka before, so I could discuss, I guess The only thing that I was going to throw into that was that if we could have some agreement around one of the pocket parks having to be at heartbreaks, and I would just. But maybe that's the point of this.

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Tyler Steelman: You're certainly welcome to offer that as a motion.

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02:21:05.630 --> 02:21:07.689

Hallie Cherry: I've never offered a motion before. But,

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02:21:07.700 --> 02:21:16.450

Hallie Cherry: Ok, well, sure I'll do that. Then I would offer the motion that if we,

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02:21:16.610 --> 02:21:24.919

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Hallie Cherry: If we're able to entertain two smaller parks that one of them does

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02:21:26.000 --> 02:21:31.009

Hallie Cherry: Take up the Kiddy play area at Kiddie Pool area at the Hargraves

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02:21:31.290 --> 02:21:33.910

Tyler Steelman: Alright, Is there a second on that motion?

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02:21:41.840 --> 02:21:45.059

Tyler Steelman: Okay, I think that motion also fails. Um.

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02:21:45.790 --> 02:22:01.649

Tyler Steelman: So, one option we do have um would be to just try and transmit this discussion alongside the other four things that we have already passed, so that that is an option that we can pursue.

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02:22:02.190 --> 02:22:17.459

Renuka Soll: I would prefer to pursue that option. I feel that I'm not ready to make decisions on the size of the parks or location. We haven't heard from the community or the mothers' groups, and a lot of times they would come to our commission to tell what their needs are.

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Renuka Soll: Um! But I do like the idea of somehow kind of talking about a discussion or what scale we're looking at. Just that Council has an idea.

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Tyler Steelman: I don't think we would need to vote on that as it's nothing, it's not formal um. But as long as everyone's in general agreement that our discussion be made available around this particular question of size, um, and where, as an extension of that, I think as long as everyone's in general agreement, then that's all we would need to include that.

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02:22:49.040 --> 02:22:52.140

Tyler Steelman: Um! Does anyone have a strong objection to that?

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Leah Boucher: No, I guess I would just ask Amy. Is that going to be helpful enough?

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Leah Boucher: Oh, is that a cordon

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Smaller?

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Leah Boucher: Oh,

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Amy Ryan: He, he's very good at late meetings.

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Amy Ryan: Um, yeah, I think doing. You know, I don't want you guys to feel like you have to stay until ten o'clock to do something. I think Renuka's point that you're still in a fairly preliminary stage. Um is valid, I think if you just express your interest, it doesn't sound like

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02:23:25.270 --> 02:23:42.529

Amy Ryan: the Commission is coming down on the side of we want. We want one park as big as we can get it right. I mean, I'm not. I haven't heard that. So that that's an important piece of information. I think you've come down pretty strongly on. We don't want little, you know something with two spigots, either.

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02:23:42.540 --> 02:23:59.369

Amy Ryan: So, I think that's a good piece of information you're talking about. If maybe spreading it around some sort of one part of town gets it, and that one of the considerations in doing that would be to make sure that you're putting investment into previously kind of underinvested communities.

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Alice Armstrong: So that's kind of what I've been hearing in this discussion.

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Alice Armstrong: I hope you've also been hearing that we don't want either a splash pad or an inclusive playground I keep. I get worried because it seems like the inclusive playground gets lost in the discussion a little bit, and I hope

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02:24:20.450 --> 02:24:26.269

Alice Armstrong: you're also hearing that we want. I certainly want an inclusive playground as well, or at least two



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Alice Armstrong: Upgrading of current playgrounds to include inclusive features.

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02:24:32.300 --> 02:24:42.139

Amy Ryan: Yeah. And I think that that was your first motion. Um states your full support for having both of those features. So, I think that that's that you've sent that lab for you,

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Marcella Twamley: I'll make sure we continue to

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02:24:45.970 --> 02:24:51.980

Marcella Twamley: Have inclusive playground and inclusive playground equipment replacement on the agenda.

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Tyler Steelman: Is there any other discussion or motions that anyone would like to make at this time,

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Tyler Steelman: seeing none, I will entertain a motion to adjourn.

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02:25:09.970 --> 02:25:26.279

Phil Fleischmann: I just want to say thank you before you do adjourn. This feedback has been extremely helpful in both things that we need to do to make some. Ah, put some more clarity within the presentation materials in the report,

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Phil Fleischmann: and then also your feedback in regard to guidance for moving forward. So, a big Thank you for doing this special meeting to do so,

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Alice Armstrong: I'll move to so to uh adjourn

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Tyler Steelman: Is there a second.

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Leah Boucher: I second it all in favor of adjourning. Please say Aye,

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02:25:51.730 --> 02:25:53.029

Tyler Steelman: Say your name.

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Marcella Twamley: All right. We are adjourned. Thank you. Everyone comes tonight. Thanks. Everybody,

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Everyone asking.

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Marcella Twamley: Hi, you. Thank you.