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NEWPORT PARKS & RECREATION SAM MOORE PARKWAY PLAYGROUND COMMUNITY INPUT

The Newport Parks and Recreation Department is announcing a public community engagement meeting on Tuesday, February 13, 2024, for the anticipated playground upgrades at Sam Moore Parkway. The goal of the engagements is to gain a better understanding of the community's wants and needs to assist the Parks planning team with potential playground design decisions.

The objective for the project is to deliver an on-trend playground that is functional, safe, inclusive, and enhances recreation and the play experience in the Nye Neighborhood. Attendees will be shown design concepts based on a broad range of development options and asked to give feedback to refine them to become the best possible community park.

"We know that involving our residents is the key to delivering successful improvements in our parks and facilities," said Parks and Recreation Director Mike Cavanaugh.

"Understanding that community engagement is not a one size fits all approach, the planning team is using a variety of strategies to connect with community members including, but not limited to, attending public meetings, administering online/in-person surveys, and scheduling meet and greets in the parks with the hope of reaching as many people as possible."

The meeting will be held from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM at Newport Recreation Center, 225 SE Avery Street. Park staff and consultants will be on hand to answer questions.

Community members who cannot attend will have the opportunity to complete an online survey through the City website. After the online survey closes, City staff will organize and prioritize the community's feedback. Conceptual renderings and cost estimates will be drafted and then presented to the City Council for review.

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