



# Centennial Park:

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# Overview

- Background
- National Demonstration Site
- 7 Principles of Inclusive Playground Design
- Public Engagement: Summary of Surveys
- Selected Park Improvement
- Options

# Background

- Centennial Park is identified for playground replacement in the 2025 parks capital improvement plan.
- This project has been budgeted at \$525,000.
- **July 17, 2024:** Staff submitted an application for a playground grant opportunity with Gametime.
- **July 30, 2024:** Staff received notice of award for matching funds from GameTime for Centennial Park playground renovation. Grant amount will vary based on selected playground concept.
- **August 15, 2024:** Park Board reviewed opportunity and unanimously supported grant and engagement process
- **August 19, 2024:** City Council reviewed and unanimously supported grant and engagement process
- Gametime created three concepts for staff to review and to release to the community for public engagement.
- Each playground concept option incorporated all 7 principles of inclusivity qualifying them as National Demonstration Sites.
- Public engagement ran from **October 1-October 6,**







# What is a National Demonstration Site?

- National Demonstration sites are built using comprehensive and validated research that turn data into practice. As a national demonstration site we will continue to collect data that will assist with guiding how we shape play in our community moving forward.

# Public Engagement: Summary of Surveys

- **Survey dates:**  
October 1 - October 6
- **Total responses:** 889
- This is the highest level of response we have had on a playground refurbishment to date. We received quite a bit of feedback regarding how beloved the park currently is and how much it is utilized.
- Additional feedback on social media included:
  - More shade
  - Fencing around the playground
  - Wheelchair accessible ramps and how the current structure ramp system is preferred
  - Wheelchair accessible ground features that interacts with their peers
  - Many users did not realize the age of the structure, or that the new proposed structures would be more inclusive than the existing and voiced their concerns

## TAKE THE SURVEY TODAY



**BEFORE**



**AFTER**



OPTION 1



Color Palette: Bedrock



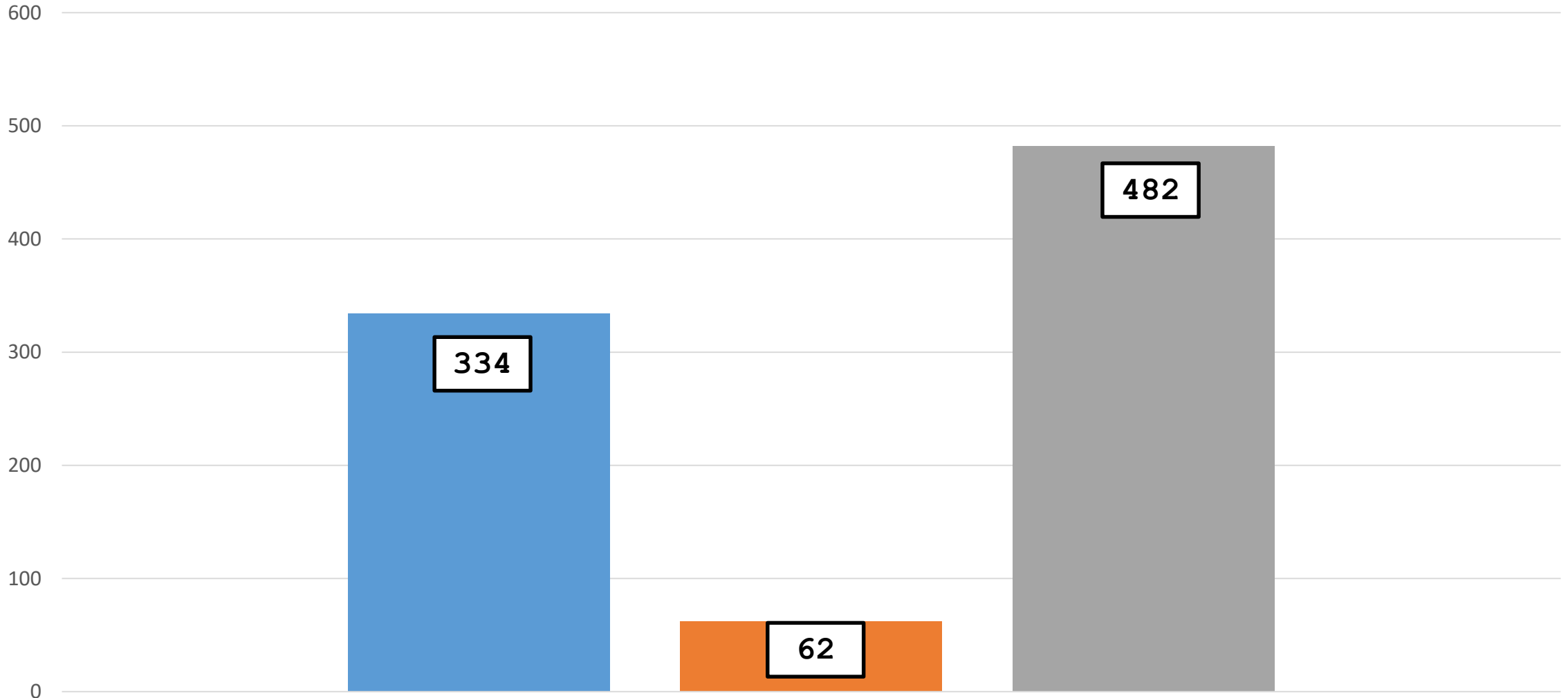








# Which Playground?



Playground Options

■ Option 1

■ Option 2

■ Option 3



**Elements  
Community  
Selected  
Park Improvements**



Poured in Place Surfacing

# Option 3

Playground features include:

## Swings

- 2 bays
- 1 expression seat
- 1 zero g seat

## Slides

- 6 slides

## Ladders, Bridges, and Platforms

- 10 foot tower hex
- ADA Crows nest
- Vertical ladder
- Leaning wall climber
- Overhead ladder
- Wider decks and ramps for ADA

## Shade

- 2 integrated shade on unit

## Climbing ropes or walls

- Leaning wall climber
- Therapeutic rings
- Ergo climber
- Splitter climber
- Inchworm climber

## Free standing equipment

- Roxall
- Merry go all

## Inclusive features

























- Ground level activity panels
- Extra wide ramp/deck
- Poured in Place surfacing
- Slide transfers
- Braille panel
- Wayfinder sign
- Communication board

## Imaginative or sensory play elements

- Sensory wave entrance
- Ground level panels
- Fun seat



# Centennial Inclusive Features

FEATURE	COST	PHYSICAL	SOCIAL /EMOTIONAL	COGNITIVE	SENSORY	COMMUNICATION
Poured-In-Place Surfacing	\$132,856					
Custom Play System	\$248,562					
Sensory/ Ground Panels (Multiple)	Merged within custom play system					
Communication, Wayfinder, and Braille Boards (3)	Merged within custom play system					
Musical Features (4)	Merged within custom play system					
Motion Activities with Inclusive Features (3)	\$30,104					





THERAPEUTIC RINGS



INCLUSIVE WHIRL (REPLACED MERRY GO ROUND AFTER PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT RESULTS)



RAMP ACCESSIBLE SENSORY AND GROUND PLAY FEATURES



ROXALL







OPTION 3 with additional shade and inclusive whirl, fencing will be done outside of gametime scope





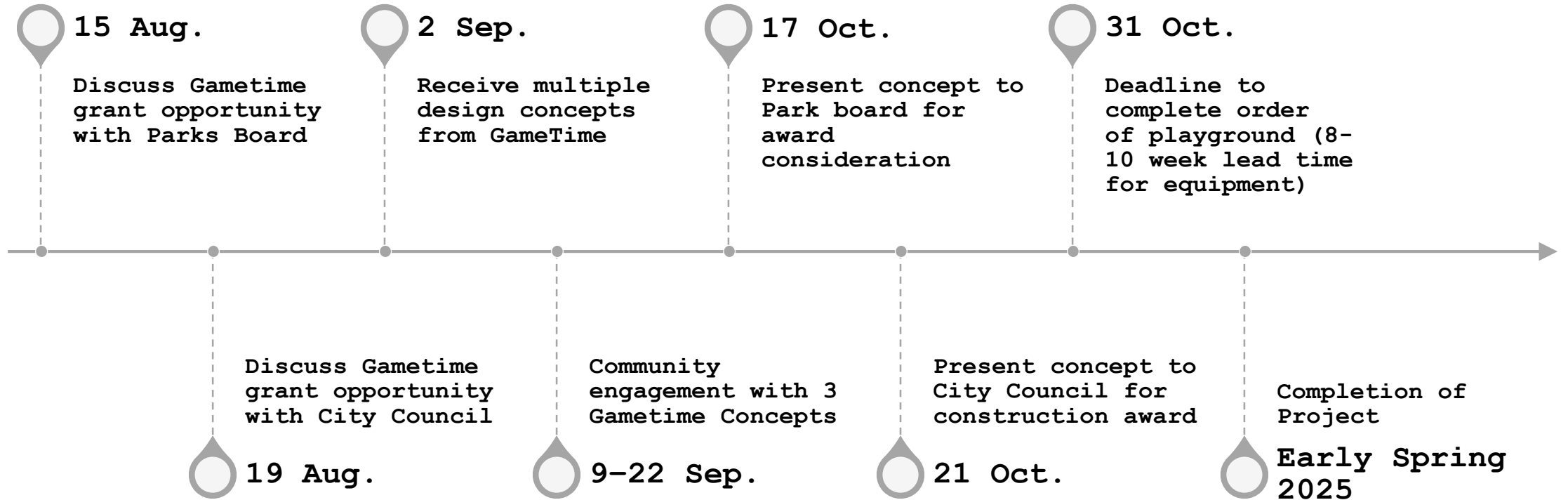
# Breakdown of Funding

The playground grant only covers the main play structure and the installation of the structure, all other elements are not included

- Total funding in capital plan-\$525,000
- Playground Equipment Eligible Toward Grant Requirement – \$254,727
- Final Grant Award (includes play structure and play structure installation only )-\$127,363.50
- City Funded Portion to Gametime (additional play features, swings, playground surfacing, drainage, final grade)- \$466,026.80
- Contingency-\$13,441.70
- Administrative contracts for fencing, shade and other improvements- \$45,531.46
- Total Project (less grant funding)-\$525,000



# Timeline





# Options

**Staff  
Recommendation**



Consider approving a contract through Buyboard Cooperative Purchasing agreement with Gametime for a playground at Centennial Park in the amount of \$466,026.80 with a project contingency of \$13,441.7, for a total of \$479,468.5.



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