



DATE: May 6, 2025

TO: Christine Woll, Chair
Joint Assembly/School Board Facilities Committee

THROUGH: Denise Koch, Engineering and Public Works Director

FROM: Lisa EaganLagerquist, Interim Architecture Section Lead

SUBJECT: Dzantik'i Heeni (DH) Playground

Several cost options for a playground at Dzantik'i Heeni (DH) have been considered to date.

The \$1.8M estimate was the total project cost based on 65% complete design documents prepared by Corvus Design and presented at the December 2, 2024, Public Works and Facilities Committee (PWFC) meeting. At that same PWFC meeting, the Committee instead recommended a \$575K project cost for the playground.¹

At the January 22, 2025, Joint Assembly/JSD Facilities Committee meeting, CBJ staff provided Options A through C ranging from \$280K to \$367K. The options also had additive alternatives that include options for play structures, a concrete ADA sidewalk and fencing.²

At the March 21, 2025, Joint Assembly/JSD Facilities Committee (JA/JSDFC) Meeting³, staff presented more options for the proposed playground at DH ranging in budgets from \$880K, \$1.2M, and \$1.5M⁴.

Most recently staff were directed to estimate the cost of providing just safety play surfacing, concrete slab, site prep, and ADA access for a few options. See attachments.

- Option 1: Footprint for Pre-K and K-5 play equipment - \$660k total project cost (TPC); \$470K construction cost (CC).
(This is the same footprint shown in the \$830K TPC option with K-5 composite Play structure brought to the committee on March 21, 2025.)
- Option 2: Footprint for Pre-K and K-5 play equipment and Pre-K swing area. \$800k TPC/ \$570K CC.

The understanding is that JSD will pursue donations of labor and resources to provide play equipment.

¹ <https://mccmeetings.blob.core.usgovcloudapi.net/juneauak-pubu/MEET-Packet-23bf0a759f20493d9a7b10799cb8a667.pdf>

² <https://mccmeetingspublic.blob.core.usgovcloudapi.net/juneauak-meet-ad6b194c95ea4c2bace550edd87f5da3/ITEM-Attachment-001-cecaf4ad7a824cf48b37d4f9979e6a89.pdf>

³ <https://mccmeetings.blob.core.usgovcloudapi.net/juneauak-pubu/MEET-Packet-a56ebd6c102b4774b350d19944e47743.pdf>

⁴ <https://mccmeetingspublic.blob.core.usgovcloudapi.net/juneauak-meet-a56ebd6c102b4774b350d19944e47743/ITEM-Attachment-001-7b0e9d22c1144df283d1c6ea9cd83e7b.pdf>

Both of the above options include limited fencing around the playground equipment area per the 65% design documents. Completing a perimeter fence that encompasses the covered play area, and the existing sports field is estimated to cost an additional ~\$70K. To calculate a more exact cost, land surveying is required. The JSD could potentially use deferred maintenance funds to cover a perimeter fence in a project separate from the playground.

Currently the DH playground project is out of budget.

Staff requests guidance on: 1) which option to send to the Assembly for a funding request; and 2) direction on whether to include the perimeter fencing in the project cost for the DH playground or to fund it from JSD deferred maintenance or other funding sources.

Attachment:

- A. DH Playground – Slab and Safety Surfacing for May 6 meeting graphic