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TO: Mayor & City Council
FROM: Mike Greene – City Administrator
DATE: July 20, 2026
RE: Sarrackwood Park Playscape Removal

Background Brief: The playground equipment at Sarrackwood Park has reached the end of its useful life and has significantly deteriorated over time. Recent staff/Parks & Rec Committee inspections and observations have identified multiple concerns, including structural deterioration and components that no longer meet current playground safety standards.

After reviewing the condition of the equipment, the Parks & Recreation Committee recommends that the play structure be removed in its entirety to eliminate the potential for injury and reduce the City's liability exposure.

The Parks & Recreation Committee is currently awaiting the completion of the City's Master Plan update and the associated community engagement results before making long-term recommendations for Sarrackwood Park. Depending on the community's vision and future funding opportunities, the Committee may recommend replacing the playground with a new playscape when funding becomes available or transitioning the park into a formal passive greenspace. Removing the existing unsafe equipment at this time does not predetermine the park's future use but ensures the site is safe while long-term planning continues.

DPS believes they can complete the removal. It may take up to two weeks to fully complete while they fit this project into their schedule. To ensure safety, the City will close the park playground area during the removal.

Previous Action:

7-9-26 – Parks & Recreation Approved Recommendation

Economic Impact: N/A

Recommendation: Parks & Recreation Committee recommends the removal of the Sarrackwood Park Playscape due to its condition.

Recommended Motion:

Moved by Councilmember, _____ seconded by Councilmember _____, to approve the Parks & Recreation Committee recommendation and authorize the removal of the Sarrackwood Park Playscape.

Bruce Kantor
Mayor

Kelly Garrett
Mayor Pro-Tem

Jalen Jennings
Council Member

Jason Hammond
Council Member

John Sousanis
Council Member