



**TOWN OF LOS GATOS  
PARKS AND SUSTAINABILITY  
COMMISSION REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 08/04/2025

ITEM NO: 5

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DATE: July 31, 2025  
TO: Parks and Sustainability Commission  
FROM: Nicolle Burnham, Parks and Public Works Director  
SUBJECT: Oak Meadow Playground Improvements

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Receive a report on the condition of Oak Meadow playground equipment and provide feedback to staff on potential replacement assets.

**REMARKS:**

On February 21, 2025, the Town of Los Gatos conducted a playground inspection of all playgrounds within the Town. Public Works staff contracted with Certified Playground Safety Inspector (CPSI) Sedgwick to perform these inspections. At the conclusion of the inspection, the Town was provided with a detailed safety report. Within the safety report, three items located within Oak Meadow Park were identified as being of concern.

- 1) The historic Air Force airplane
- 2) The historic fire truck
- 3) The wooden train

Items one and two were identified as not being traditional equipment designed for playground use. Item three is an aging structure that has fallen into disrepair.

To address the safety concerns with these three items, Public Works staff propose the following:

- 1) Complete the fence surrounding the historic Air Force airplane to deter children from playing in and around the plane. The plane holds significant historical value, and staff intends to add a sign detailing the history of the plane for park goers.
- 2) Remove the historic fire truck and the wooden train. Replace these items with a single new piece of playground equipment, further discussed below.

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With the historic fire truck and wooden train retiring from service, a new piece of playground equipment will be selected to take their spot in Oak Meadow Park. Staff have identified four potential replacement items (Attachment 1) that would fit well in this location and that retain a transportation focused playground theme. Some of the determining factors that went into these selections were, the size of the fall zone required for each piece, availability of replacement parts and cost of purchasing and installing the equipment. Staff intends to seek public input on the four potential replacements, both through the Commission meeting and through interaction with park users in order to select a playground structure that our residents will enjoy for many years to come.

Staff will be seeking input from the Commission through discussing the following:

1. Which of these do you like?
2. Which of these do you not like?
3. Is there something else staff should potentially consider?

ATTACHMENT:

1. Recommended Playground Equipment















