



# *Memorandum*

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**To:** Parks and Recreation Commission

**Date:** May 3, 2021

**From:** Paul West, CIP Project Manager

**Re:** Mercerdale Playground Renovation color selection

At the May 6 meeting, staff will be asking for input on color schemes for the new playground. The attached renderings are intended to start the discussion.

The first two images are the color schemes that received the most votes at the April public meeting: Option 2: Natural with Brightness and Option 4: Pops of Color. We have heard through public input the importance of the playground color selection for:

- complimenting the natural park setting
- avoiding strong visual stimuli that might exclude some users
- providing visual interest to engage other users

Subsequently, staff worked with Northwest Playground to refine color schemes for the PRC to consider. The results are the remaining four renderings, which feature natural colors and vary by the use of accent colors. All four options presented are to be part of the discussion.

These renderings have several limitations. They are not able to show gradients, textures and subtle color differences. In particular, the rubber "pour-in-place" surfacing will have a mixture of colors to reduce color intensity. Another limitation is more significant. While it is very possible to vary the color of the components in different parts of the main climbing structure, it is time consuming to do so in the graphics program used to create these renderings. Staff is not able to demonstrate the possible color variation in the structure that could help reduce the visual mass of the main climbing structure, as well as show how that could tie-in with the other playground components.

For these reasons, we could not present these renderings as final products. As stated in the staff report, we have additional work to do making sure the final color scheme works well with the playground design and the site itself. Your input will give us direction toward that goal.



# Option 2 - Natural with Brightness





# Option 4 - Pops of Color







Mercerdale Playground  
Option - 1



Northwest Playground  
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NW042021-1 Color Option : A





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Color Option : B