



## PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

Item 4  
April 1, 2021  
Regular Business

### AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION

<b>TITLE:</b>	Mercerdale Park Playground Renovation Project	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only <input type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution
<b>RECOMMENDED ACTION:</b>	Receive update on project status.	
<b>STAFF:</b>	Paul West, CIP Project Manager	
<b>COUNCIL LIAISON:</b>	Jake Jacobson	
<b>EXHIBITS:</b>	1. Draft Mercerdale Park Playground Design – Option 1	

### SUMMARY

The play equipment at Mercerdale Playground will be replaced this year. The existing equipment is nineteen years old and is at the end of its useful life. Drainage problems have made the playground inaccessible in recent winters. The playground is currently closed until renovations are complete.

The City of Mercer Island is working with Northwest Playground and the community to reconfigure the playground to make it more accessible and inclusive. The City hosted an initial virtual public meeting on February 8, 2021 to consider equipment selection. The meeting was attended by twelve citizens. The strong sentiment expressed at the meeting was to go further with accessibility and inclusivity. City staff have also been working with the Mercer Island Preschool Association (MIPA) to reach more parents and caregivers in this input process, and to raise additional funding for desired playground features. A [Let's Talk project page](#) has been set up to provide current information on the project.

A second public meeting is scheduled for April 14, 2021 where a revised playground layout will be presented. A final design will be presented to City Council for approval this spring.

### RECOMMENDATION

Receive report.