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To: Jeffrey Meucci
Cc: Assembly
Subject: Sandy Beach Playground comments

Mr. Meucci,

After Listening to some of your comments regarding "incomplete work" at the Sandy Beach playground, I felt it necessary to correct the record. By standards provided to the Rotary Club when designing the project, the SB Playground is in fact ADA compliant by Alaska State Standards. This includes the compacted perimeter rock around the playground, and the inclusion of play equipment at ground level, as well as the 2 forward harnessed swings. Unfortunately, we were limited by cost factors, as well as ground type when providing pathways into the playground. We are also limited by what type of material can be included around the play structures, as we must also consider what a falling Patron would land on. The Rotary Club and Parks and Rec Director Steph Payne however, have been working on procuring additional material to make playground access more efficient for ADA patrons that is both cost effective and suitable for our outdoor environment. We hope to have the material ready for use hopefully by summer of 2022. If you or any of your fellow Assembly members have any questions regarding this issue, I welcome you to reach out to the Rotary Club, or me personally. We would be delighted to answer any questions.

-Aaron Hankins
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