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Subject: New Park Structures at De Anza and Creekside Park

To the Council,

My name is Moran Nachum and I am a resident of Calabasas.

I was reviewing the agenda for the upcoming Apr 24, 2024 City Council meeting. Item #6 under New Business stuck out to me, "Authorize award of Professional Services Agreement to Park Associates, Inc. DBA Park Planet for the Juan Bautista De Anza, Creekside and Highlands Park play structure replacement in the amount of \$685,000"

In reviewing the attached documents, a few questions and comments came to mind:

1. I'm excited to see so much park development going on. I'm particularly excited about the updates to Walnut Park and Freedom Park. That said, I am concerned that the date of completion for De Anza Park is scheduled for October 2024. Having seen how long it's taken to put together Walnut Park, I'm worried that we're heading into a summer with little or no public parks available. My family and I go to De Anza weekly. To that end, if it's possible to stagger the work such that Walnut or Freedom Parks can open before De Anza closes, that would be greatly appreciated.
2. The designs for the updated 5-12 De Anza play structure don't strike me as particularly exciting. We like the slide variances available at the current park and would like to see more slide designs incorporated into the proposal. For inspiring parks in the area, I'd recommend Castle Peak Park in West Hills and Topanga Community Club Playground in Topanga.
3. On the matter of slides, I mainly go to De Anza in the mid-morning and noted that the slides facing east on both play structures (2-5 and 5-12) get too hot relatively early in the day. That's 4 slides that are out of commission by 11am. In placing the structures and the sails that cover them, I would request that the position of the sun throughout the day be taken into consideration such that the slides don't get overly hot.
4. In the designs for the swings at De Anza, I don't see baby swings available. There are some bigger plastic swings (not really suitable for babies), but nothing like the little baskets that are available at the park right now. The ones that are currently at the park are some of the best in the area in terms of ride height and swing period.
5. The designs for De Anza don't explicitly call out sand areas. I hope that those remain as my family greatly enjoys them.
6. With regards to the Creekside Park development, will work be done while the Calabasas Klubhouse is in operation? I would prefer that work does not go on while the daycare is in session, and instead takes place on evenings, weekends, and breaks. If it is to take place while the daycare is in session, what steps will be taken to protect the children

from loud noise, dust and fumes, and heavy machinery? Also what additional steps will be taken to protect the security of the park perimeter?

Thank you for all that you do and I'm excited to see the new structures go up.

Moran