

DOUGLAS PARK FAQ:

Q1: Is the playground historically designated?

A1: No, the current playground was last renovated in 2000. It has no historical designation.

Q2: What is the source of funding? Will the money be used to maintain the new playground?

A2: Roughly 75% of project funding comes from an LA County Regional Park and Open Space Grant and 25% from City's Special Impact Fee. Grant pays for 5 years of maintenance.

Q3: Could we keep the existing equipment by refurbishing?

A3: No, parts must come from original manufacturer. The replacement parts are difficult to find and have long lead time beyond the timeline of this project funding.

Q4: What floor surface materials have city considered?

A4: City has studied: sand, engineered wood fiber and rubberized resilient surface. Considering safety, cleanliness, ease of maintenance, and accessibility, rubberized resilient surface has been selected.

Q5: Could we keep sand in the new playground? Is sand an "accessible" surface?

A5: Yes, there will be a designated sand area. Sand is not an "accessible" surface.

Q6: What is an "inclusive" playground and will the new playground be "inclusive"?

A6: An "inclusive" playground enables children of all abilities to play together and develop physically, cognitively, and emotionally. It provides a "sensory rich" experience by providing various types of play. Yes, the new playground will be "inclusive", to be enjoyed by all in the community.

Q7: Describe the difference between "accessible" and "inclusive" playground.

A7: An "accessible" playground is ADA compliant, addressing mobility needs. An "inclusive" playground expands on accessibility, by addressing various types of physical and mental conditions and abilities. It provides fun & rewarding play experience without being relegated to a separate area of the park. An inclusive playground goes beyond the requirements associated with "accessible".

Q8: Will the new playground be for toddlers (2-5 years) or for bigger kids (5-12 years)?

A8: Existing playground has roughly equal distribution of toddler and big kid play space. The new playground will maintain the existing distribution.