

Attachment
MRCA Item XVI
April 2, 2014

Grand Park Playground Project

Narrative:

The Grand Park Children's Play Area will be a common space for play for the city's diverse cultures by providing an interactive and tactile experience. Located on a sunny patch of green on the south side of the Event Lawn, this innovative new playground ties into Grand Park's continued mission of being 'the park for everyone' by providing a stage for kids of all ages to engage in healthy physical activity and creativity. The structure allows for running, climbing, sliding, jumping, swinging and, of course, laughing. It is composed of a snake-like walkway that incorporates sliding and climbing equipment to allow for multiple points of discovery throughout the ramp. Engaging both the grassy area to the north and the paved area to the south, the multipurpose structure will be a modern and inventive device that celebrates being a kid in our beautiful County of Los Angeles. Additionally, the Grand Park Children's Play Area will add much-needed regular programming for families who frequent the park's eastern-most section, known as Block 4. It will also serve to complement the highly successful Splash Pad area located in the western-most section of the Park, known as Block 1. The playground will be designed in partnership with local residents, parents, children and park programmers. We hope to add a new dimension of activity to the park with this playground, providing more recreational opportunities for our younger visitors and their families.

- **Play Area Goals:**
- Stimulate physical development
- Stimulate cognitive development
- Stimulate learning and education
- Stimulate problem solving skills
- Encourage exploratory/experimental play
- Encourage fantasy play
- Stimulate social interaction
- Stimulate language development
- Maintain continuous interest
- Maximize beneficial site features



The Fountain Plaza currently serves as the hub of children activities within Grand Park. A new playground adjacent to the Event Lawn between Broadway and Spring Street will provide a second hub for kids to play within the park.

The proposed playground site at Block 4 is an ideal location for a playground, with lawn and trees all around, soft and hard surfaces for running, riding and relaxing. Nearby restrooms and future food services provide everything a family needs for a day in Grand Park.