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**Park and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Date:** February 20, 2020

**To:** Park and Recreation Advisory Board

**From:** Tim Behrendt, Street and Park Manager

Location of a Park for the KaBOOM Playground Grant

**Action Requested:**

The Northfield Park and Recreation Advisory Board discusses the three possible locations under consideration.

**Summary Report:**

Northfield Promise was one of three selected nationwide to receive this grant. The grant is for a playground to be built in the northern portion of Northfield near underserved residents that do not have a playground near them. Northfield Promise conducted a survey with the residents near the potential sites. The results of the survey are attached.

The City is looking at three potential sites along the Hwy 3 corridor north of Greenvale Avenue to purchase for park property. See attached maps for site locations. The size of the playground can be from 3,500 to 7,500 sq. ft. with a dollar value of \$300,000. City staff and Council met January 7 and February 11 in a closed session for guidance on the next step in determining a site. Council directed staff to keep pursuing the three locations.

The School District has shown interest in this if the City is unable to find a location. The School District would use the grant money to build the playground at Greenvale Elementary.

The link to KaBOOM website for more information on this Grant can be found at:

<https://kaboom.org/>

**HCI Collected Neighborhood Preferences (content provided by HCI):**

HCI engaged neighborhood residents to collect feedback about potential locations for the park. Their team conducted interviews/surveys with 74 individuals who live in Viking Terrace, Florella's, and Northfield Estates. You may review the results [HERE](#)

[https://tableau.strivetogether.org/t/NorthfieldPromise/views/NorthfieldPlaygroundSurveyData/Map?%3AshowAppBanner=false&%3Adisplay\\_count=n&%3AshowVizHome=n&%3Aorigin=viz\\_share\\_link&%3AisGuestRedirectFromVizportal=y&%3Aembed=y](https://tableau.strivetogether.org/t/NorthfieldPromise/views/NorthfieldPlaygroundSurveyData/Map?%3AshowAppBanner=false&%3Adisplay_count=n&%3AshowVizHome=n&%3Aorigin=viz_share_link&%3AisGuestRedirectFromVizportal=y&%3Aembed=y). Note that the data dashboard is 3 pages (you may toggle between them on the top left of the page). The first is the map of options, the second are the responses (sorted by the neighborhood the respondent lives in), and the third is the collected comments (responses in Spanish have been translated).

Respondents were asked, "If a playground was built, which of these locations would you and/or your children visit? Check all that apply." You may see the full survey [HERE](#)

<https://www.surveymozmo.com/s3/5388441/Northfield-Playground>. Most of this was done via door-to-door interviews and at neighborhood events, but there were some who just completed it online.

**Financial Impacts:**

Land acquisition, soil testing, site prep, and \$8,500 to KaBOOM.

**Tentative Timelines:**

Playground needs to be completed by August 2020.