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To: Park and Recreation Advisory Board

From: Tim Behrendt, Street and Park Manager

Update on KaBOOM Playground Grant

Action Requested:

The Northfield Park and Recreation Advisory Board receives an update on the KaBOOM playground Grant.

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.

The City is looking for land to purchase along the Hwy 3 corridor north of Greenvale Ave to turn into a park and build this playground. The size of the playground can be from 3,500 to 7,500 sq ft. with a dollar value of \$300,000. City staff determined that three sites could possibly work for the playground. See attached maps for site locations. City staff and Council met January 7 in a closed session for guidance on the next step in determining a site. Council directed staff on the next steps.

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.

Here is the link to KaBOOM website for more information on this Grant.

[<https://kaboom.org/>](https://kaboom.org/)

Financial Impacts:

Land acquisition, soil testing, site prep (\$300,000 - \$500,000) and \$8,500 to KaBOOM.

Tentative Timelines:

Playground needs to be completed by August 2020.