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To: Adam Chapdelaine, Town Manager
 From: Joe Connelly, Director of Recreation
 Date: November 10, 2021
 Subject: Arlington Playground Phased Improvement Plan & Request for ARPA Funding

The Arlington Park Commission unanimously approved the Town of Arlington playground phased improvement plan at their November 9, 2021 meeting as illustrated below:

Ranking	Replacement Phase	Playground	Year Renovated(approximate)	Equipment Age	2019 Audit	2021 Inspection
1	Phase 1	Pheasant/Stratton	FY08	14 years	Hazard 1	Portions closed permanently
2	Phase 1	Peirce School 1-5	Prior to FY 97	Over 25 years	Hazard 1	Portions closed for repairs by outside contractor
3	Phase 1	Bishop	FY07	15 years	Hazard 1	K-2 structure was removed as recommended
*4	Phase 1	Robbins Farm	FY 03	19 Years	Hazard 1 - Recommended for complete renovation	Not Inspected
5	Phase 1	Menotomy	Prior to FY 97	Over 25 years	Hazard 1 - Recommended for complete renovation	Portions closed for repairs by DPW/outside contractor
6	Phase 1	Cutter	FY 01	21 years	Hazard 1 - Recommended for complete renovation	Portions closed for repairs by DPW
7	Phase 1	Poets	FY12	10 years	Hazard 1 - Recommended for complete renovation	Portions closed permanently
8	Phase 1	Buzzell	FY01	21 years	Hazard 1	Not Inspected
9	Phase II	Crosby	FY01	21 years	Hazard 2	Portions closed for repairs by DPW
10	Phase II	Locke	FY04	18 years	Hazard 2	Portions closed for repairs by DPW
**11	Phase II	Brackett	FY 99	23 years	Not reviewed	Not Inspected
12	Phase II	Parallel Park	FY13	9 years	Hazard 2	Portions closed for repairs by outside contractor
13	Phase II	Whittemore	Prior to FY 97	Over 25 years	Hazard 2	Not Inspected
14	Phase II	Thompson	FY14	8 years	Not reviewed	Not Inspected
15	Phase III	Waldo	FY04	18 years	Hazard 3	One peirce closed for repairs by outside contractor
16	Phase III	McClennen	FY06	16 years	Hazard 3	Portions closed for repairs by DPW
17	Phase III	Summer Street	FY06	16 years	Hazard 3	Not Inspected
18	Phase III	Hibbert	FY14	8 years	Hazard 3	Not Inspected
19	Phase III	Magnolia	FY16	6 years	Hazard 3	Not Inspected
20	Phase III	Florence/Dallin	FY13	9 years	Hazard 3	Not Inspected
					Hazard 1 = Loss of life, body part, permanent disability	
					Hazard 2 = Serious injury or illness resulting in temporary disability	
					Hazard 3 = Minor or major injury non disabling	
*	Park Commission requested funding through FY 23 CPA request					
**	APS requested capital funding for this project					
Phase III Not recommended for full renovation at this time						

The Town of Arlington is at the point where we need to upgrade several of our playground facilities, including playgrounds used daily by our elementary schools, immediately. The Park and Recreation Commission respectfully encourage Arlington’s ARPA funding be used to make durable investments in our parks and open spaces for all users, thereby making significant strides in addressing the backlog of needed facility upgrades.

Using existing professional estimates from the Park and Recreation Commission’s FY 22-26 Feasibility Study, as well as actual bid results of recent projects, I would estimate that four million dollars in ARPA funds would assist in the renovation of seven or eight of the top ranked playgrounds. Although subject to the current bid climate the hope would be to complete phase one of the playground renovation plan as outlined above.

Please note that several of our playgrounds not listed above are currently either under renovation or are in the design process including the Reservoir (FY20 CPA/Capital), Spy Pond (FY22 CPA), Parmenter (CDBG/State), and Wellington (FY 20 Grant).

The current plan is based on the 2019 playground audit, the 2021 playground safety inspections, and other known maintenance and use issues. The current plan may be adjusted periodically based on unforeseen maintenance issues and future safety inspections.