

Rachel Tyczinski

Subject: FW: MYAC Comment for Agenda Item 7.1 New Playground Equipment at Wilcox Park

Dear Mayor Shoemaker and Members of Council,

As a member of MYAC, I would like to offer a youth perspective on Item 7.1 regarding the installation of new playground equipment at Wilcox Park.

I think it's great to see investment in parks and playgrounds for younger children, but I was also wondering if you are considering adding equipment for older youth and teenagers as well. For example, simple soccer nets could be put in the open field, or basketball hoops could be installed in the already paved and fenced area.

In today's world, most older kids and teenagers spend most of their time inside on their phones and social media. Having more recreational options like these gives them a way to be active outside and away from screens while also being around kids their age, making sure that parks can be enjoyed by youth of all ages.

Thank you for considering this perspective.

Sincerely,

Vincent Mannarino