

MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 6, 2013

TO: City Council

THROUGH: City Manager Judie Zimomra

FROM: Recreation Director Andrea Miller

RE: Update on "Tot Lot" Playground at Ball Field Complex

Upon inspection it was identified that the "tot lot" playground located behind the pavilion at the Ball Field Complex, 3840 Sanibel Captiva (see attached photo) is no longer ADA compliant and is beyond repair & its useful life. This playground was installed in May 2000 at a cost of \$8,500.

Pursuant to the interlocal agreements with the School Board of Lee County and the Lee County Board of Commissioners, Staff has sent written requests for cost sharing for a comparable replacement playground in fiscal year 2014 which would be included in budget requests. Estimated cost for replacement with a similar piece of equipment would be \$12,000; therefore, if 1/3 cost sharing was approved the City's projected portion would be \$4,000.

In July, the City received a response from the Lee County Board of Commissioners stating that they would contribute their 1/3 to the project (see attached); however, the School Board of Lee County stated that they would not be contributing their 1/3 to the project (see attached). With City Council's approval, staff would allocate funds for 1/3 of the cost of a replacement playground in fiscal year 2014.

CC: Finance Director Sylvia Edwards
City Attorney Ken Cuyler

Andrea L. Miller

From: Harner, David <DHarner@leegov.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2013 3:31 PM
To: Andrea L. Miller
Cc: Mitar, Cynthia; Kasler, Dana
Subject: RE: City of Sanibel Tot Lot Cost Sharing Request

Good Morning Andrea,

Yes, as per our agreement Lee County Parks and Recreation will fund 1/3 of the cost of the project.

Thank you,
Dave Harner
Director
Lee County Parks and Recreation
239-533-7408 - office
239-229-0721 - cell
239-485-2300 – fax
<http://www.leeparks.org>

"...The Natural Place to Play"

-----Original Message-----

From: Andrea L. Miller [<mailto:Andrea.Miller@mysanibel.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2013 10:25 AM
To: Harner, David
Cc: Mitar, Cynthia
Subject: City of Sanibel Tot Lot Cost Sharing Request

Dave-

As we both are in the middle of budgeting for the next fiscal year, I wanted to follow up with you on the request for cost sharing on the tot lot playground located at The Sanibel School Park.

Please advise on the county's direction. I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards,

Andrea Miller

Good Morning –

I wanted to give you a head's up on a letter that you will be receiving in the mail in regard to cost sharing next fiscal year on the replacement cost of the "Tot Lot" playground located at The Sanibel

School Park, 3840 Sanibel Captiva Road. Please see attached for a scanned copy of the letter and supporting documents.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Andrea L. Miller, CPRP
Recreation Director, City of Sanibel
Andrea.Miller@mysanibel.com<<mailto:Andrea.Miller@mysanibel.com>>
(239) 472-0345 (phone)
(239) 472-0804 (fax)

[\[cid:image006.jpg@01CE65C8.8B7BBD10\]<http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-City-of-Sanibel-Florida/111109638929496>](http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-City-of-Sanibel-Florida/111109638929496)

[\[cid:image007.png@01CE65C8.8B7BBD10\]](#)[\[cid:image005.jpg@01CE65C6.6CC346B0\]](#)

PLEASE NOTE: Florida has a very broad public records law. Most written communications to or from the City of Sanibel regarding City business are public records available to the public and media upon request. Your e-mail communications, including your email address, may be subject to public disclosure.

Please note: Florida has a very broad public records law. Most written communications to or from County Employees and officials regarding County business are public records available to the public and media upon request. Your email communication may be subject to public disclosure.

Under Florida law, email addresses are public records. If you do not want your email address released in response to a public records request, do not send electronic mail to this entity. Instead, contact this office by phone or in writing.



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY

2855 COLONIAL BLVD. ♦ FORT MYERS, FLORIDA 33966 ♦ WWW.LEESCHOOLS.NET

WILLIAM G. MOORE, JR. ARCHITECT
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SCHOOL SUPPORT
239-479-4263

MARY FISCHER
CHAIRMAN, DISTRICT 1
DON H. ARMSTRONG
VICE CHAIRMAN, DISTRICT 4
JEANNE S. DOZIER
DISTRICT 2
CATHLEEN O'DANIEL MORGAN
DISTRICT 3
THOMAS SCOTT
DISTRICT 5
NANCY J. GRAHAM, ED.D
SUPERINTENDENT
KEITH B. MARTIN, ESQ.
BOARD ATTORNEY

June 27, 2013

Andrea L. Miller, CPRP
Recreation Director
City of Sanibel
800 Dunlop Road
Sanibel, FL 33957-4096

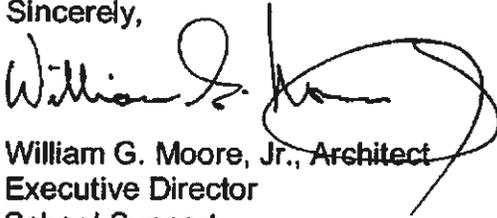
Dear Ms. Miller;

As stated in my June 20, 2013 letter, attached is the School District's Safety Inspector, Ms. Dorn J. Beddow, inspection report of your "tot lot" playground.

Per her inspection, there are no structural or unsafe conditions of the playground itself. The rusted grate can be replaced at a fraction of the cost for a new playground. The paint is faded and worn and can be restored to like new with a new paint job. The major work involves ADA, handicap access and surface material.

I will be happy to meet with you to review our role for sharing the cost of the "tot lot". However, because the school does not use the playground and we feel it does not require replacement, at this time I will have difficulty recommending that the District contribute to this project. If you wish to discuss this further, please contact my office.

Sincerely,



William G. Moore, Jr., Architect
Executive Director
School Support

WGM/djp

c: Nancy J. Graham, Ed.D, Superintendent
Greg Adkins, Ed.D, Asst. Supt., Operations
Keith Martin, Board Attorney
Barbara Von Harten, Principal, The Sanibel School
Dorn Beddow, Fire Safety Inspector, LCSD

MEMO FROM... Dorn J. Beddow
Safety Specialist
Fire, Safety and Inspections



PHONE: (239) 479-4293 FAX: (239) 479-5698

EMAIL: Dornb@lee.k12.fl.us

June 20th, 2013

City of Sanibel
The Sanibel School
"Tot Lot" Playground

On a visit and inspection of the Tot Lot Playground on June 20th, 2013 the following items were noted and in need of correction:

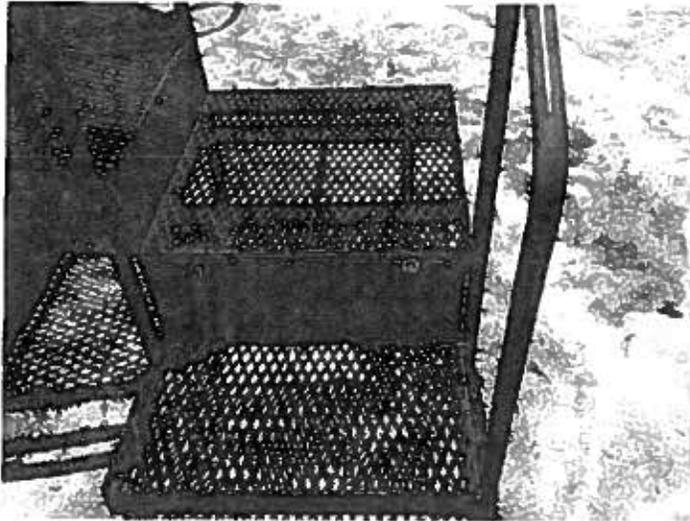
Improper surfacing (sand) not ADA accessible surfacing/buried wood border within use zone



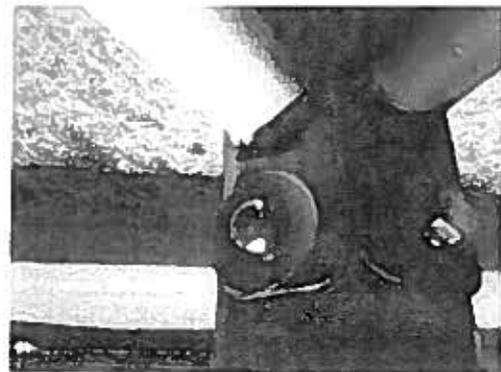
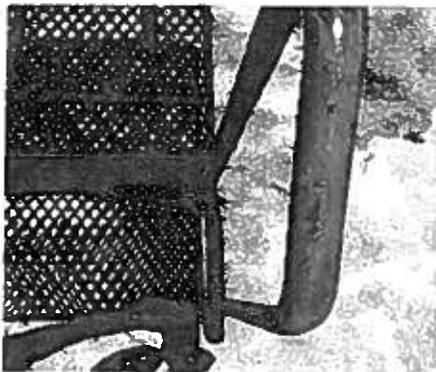
Equipment inappropriate for age's 2-5-Overhead equipment not allowed per CPSC Standards



Rusted transfer platform seems to have surface rust and one spot through and through on upper level. Recommend that replacement of grate in that area.



“Paint highly faded” seems to be more of a cosmetic issue from wear pattern of grasping. Recommend sanding and painting of these areas.



It appears there is adequate space for use zone and fall spacing as well as to bring in proper surfacing to be ADA compliant. If currently in use for ages 2-5 the overhead bars should be removed immediately. Sanding and painting would address numerous issues related to this equipment as well as removal of the sand and replacement with appropriate surfacing. These photos were taken of the unit on June 20th, 2013.

Sincerely,

Dorn J. Beddow
Fire, Safety & Inspections