

FELIDA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION SAVING & ADVOCATING FOR: Klineline-Salmon Creek Trail/Parks; Felida & Cougar Creek Woods Community Parks; Raspberry Fields, Sgt. Crawford, Sorenson, and Foley Neighborhood Parks; and parks, trails, and open spaces in Clark County.

FELIDA NA BOARD AND PARKS COMMITTEES INVITE YOU TO: THE ANNUAL FELIDA NA CHILDREN'S PARADE & AFTER-PARADE COMMUNITY CELEBRATION* JULY 4, 2018 (Wednesday) 10:45 am – 2:00pm

FELIDA COMMUNITY PARK

(LOCATED BETWEEN NW 122nd & NW 127th STREETS, WEST OF NW 36TH AVE.) <u>NO</u> MOTORIZED VEHICLES OR SKATE BOARDS IN THE PARADE. NO POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS OR SELLING!

Wear red, white, and blue and/or decorate your bike, trike, or wagon to celebrate July 4. Bring a picnic lunch and lawn chairs. Free fresh fruits and bottled water available in the park. All bike riders MUST wear HELMETS and ride with parents/adult mentors. Be SAFE!

THIS FREE COMMUNITY EVENT IS POSSIBLE WITH PARTICIPATION AND SUPPORT OF: THE VANCOUVER COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND; HAZEL DELL-SALMON CREEK BUSINESS ASSOCIATION; STANLEY, SHULL, LILLIE, INNMAN, HUST, EDWARDS, AND ALLEN FAMILIES; HOUSE OF THE RISING BUNS – FELIDA, KOHL'S, CHUCK'S PRODUCE – SC, MCDONALDS; COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS-PARKS, CCSO-SHERIFF'S RESERVES and NOW VOLUNTEERS; CPU STREAM TEAM, SC FLYFISHERS CLUB, HOME DEPOT, FELIDA NA BOARD, OTHERS

PROPOSED PARADE and AFTER-PARADE CELEBRATION SCHEDULE:

- 10:45am gather for the national anthem, announcements and orientation by the Vancouver Community Concert Band stand and picnic shelter in Felida Community Park
- 11:00am move to north park gate and line up behind the County Sheriff's (CCSO) lead vehicle traffic cones and barricades local streets closed to regular traffic along route (see map)
- 11:10am 1.3-mile parade commences do not walk in front of the Sheriff's vehicle and NA banner
- 11:40am parade returns to Felida Community Park for refreshments, activities, and information:
- ➤ Music by the famous Vancouver Community Concert Band listen/applaud our volunteer musicians.
- ► Free fun, educational and community information, displays, games, and activities after parade.
- ★ Kids can earn prize points by participating and learning about safety, health, environment, and community.
- ➤ Redeem points for school supplies, toys, books, and other prizes in the Felida NA booth.
- ≈ Visit Felida NA booth for information on parks projects, Children's Celebration Play Area in Felida Park.

*Felida NA is a 501(c)(3) organization led by a board of volunteers. Permits for this event and other associated event expenses and fees are paid by the Felida NA Board of directors (volunteers). Permits are processed and approved by the Clark County PW, Parks, CCSO, and other agencies. As a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization, recognized by the Clark County, Secretary of State, and the IRS – Charities Division, none of the donations and small grants can be used for religious or political lobbying/signature gathering/candidate campaigning at this event. This is a free community celebration event with information and educational opportunities on public safety, health, welfare; parks, sports, recreation, environment and services for kids from 2-102. Felida NA's permits do not allow sales.

If you would like to sponsor an activity, set up a booth, volunteer, or donate to Felida NA (tax-deductible receipts), contact: Dr. Milada Allen, President at (360)573-4030, or Rebecca Lillie, Vice President (503)348-5492.

Mail to: Felida NA, c/o Milada Allen, P.O. Box 61552, Vancouver, WA 98666, or email: <u>timberline713@gmail.com</u>. Newsletters are posted on Clark County website: <u>https://www.clark.wa.gov/county-manager/neighborhood-newsletters</u>

JULY 4, 2018 FELIDA CHILDREN'S PARADE ROUTE:

Begin in the Felida Park by the picnic shelter and band stand.

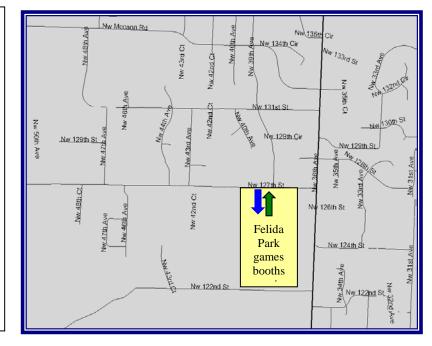
PROPOSED parade route* is as follows:

- S North on NW 39^{0h} Ave.
- L West on NW 131st Street
- L South on NW 47th Avenue
- $L-East on NW 127^{th} Street$

Return to the Felida Park

*Route is subject to slight change (depending on weather and road conditions).

Roads will be blocked along the parade route. **Be safe!!! STOP!**



*NOTICE TO RESIDENTS AND DRIVERS ALONG FELIDA NA CHILDREN'S PARADE ROUTE: Roads will be BLOCKED along the parade route on JULY 4 from 11:00 AM to about 11:40 AM.

March or ride in the parade from the Felida Community Park* to Sgt. Brad Crawford Neighborhood Park* and back (about 1.3 miles). Do not walk in front of the Clark County Sheriff's and Children's parade lead vehicle. (NOTE: the only motorized vehicles allowed in the parade.) Or watch, cheer, and waive as the parade goes by.

COME BACK TO THE FELIDA PARK FOR AFTER-PARADE ACTIVITIES AND COMMUNITY CELEBRATION. *

Listen to the Vancouver Community Concert Band live performance in the Felida Community Park. Visit with community partners, health, safety, sports, art, fishing, face painting, and other booths set up by volunteers, boy scouts, library, public service providers. Enjoy free refreshments and snacks provided by: The House of the Rising Buns - Felida, Chucks Produce – SC, McDonalds, and Edwards/Felida Village ice cream. Stop by the Clark County Parks Advisory Board booth to inquire about parks, trails, and open space plans. Meet your old and new neighbors. Bring family, friends, picnic baskets and blankets for an old-fashioned picnic in your park. Check out free activities for kids from 2 to 102. In short, celebrate July 4, community, and your park. Stop at the Felida NA booth (volunteers/organizers) to redeem points for prizes and get information.



Photos by Sean Allen

*FELIDA AND SGT. BRAD CRAWFORD PARKS WERE BUILT BY THE COMMUNITY, FOR THE COMMUNITY, AND IN PARTNERSHIPS WITH: THE VANCOUVER/CLARK AND COUNTY PARKS; FELIDA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION BOARD; AND VOLUNTEERS FROM PUBLIC, PRIVATE AND NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS. SEE THE ALL-ABILITIES CHILDREN'S CELEBRATION AREA PROPOSED, APPROVED AND SOON TO BE BUILT IN THE FELIDA COMMUNITY PARK. (See page 4.)

FELIDA NA Executive Board **Officers (Volunteers):**

Dr. Milada Allen, President Rebecca Lillie, Vice Pres A.J. Sallee, Secretary Brad Inman, Treasurer

Board Directors (Volunteers):

Ron Edwards Kay Hust Andrew Loescher Maxine Kelly Helen Koeppen Gary Shull

Ex-Officio President & Parks Committee Chair

Jamie Allen (Volunteer)

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PARKS COMMITTEES: Cougar Creek Woods **Community Park and Trails:**

Terry Allen, co-chair Gary Shull, co-chair John Trujillo, block contact Christine Kukula, trails Dr. Milada Allen & board

Felida Park -- Phase III:

Jamie Allen, co-chair Dr. Milada Allen, co-chair

Foley Neighborhood Park:

Rebecca Lillie, co-chair Terry Allen, co-chair All board members

Sqt. Crawford Park – Phase II:

Jamie Allen, co-chair Helen Koeppen, co-chair Dr. Milada Allen & board

Sorenson Neighborhood Park:

A.J. and Jerry Sallee, co-chairs Dr. Milada Allen 2003 - 2017 (park dedicated) **Raspberry Fields Park** Dedicated – no changes planned.

Get involved with the Felida NA. projects, committees. Contact:

Dr. Milada Allen, President Felida NA, c/o P.O. Box 61552 Vancouver, WA 98666 360-573-4030 timberline713@gmail.com

JULY 4 CHILDREN'S PARADE AND CELEBRATION IN FELIDA

- The July 4 Kid's Parade was organized about 20 years ago. It began with a few families/about 40 participants marching for several blocks - from the church/returning back to the Family of Christ Lutheran Church (on NW 36th Street) for a potluck. Several years later, the Felida Neighborhood Association Board was asked to organize this event. The Felida NA Board volunteers have continued to organize the annual FREE July 4 Children's parade and formal Community Celebration activities in Felida Community Park. Participants are encouraged to decorate their bikes and wagons in patriotic colors and wear red/white/blue clothing. They come from Felida, East and West Hazel Dell, Lakeshore, Salmon Creek, Fairgrounds, and the adjacent Three Creeks area.
- Felida NA Board volunteers pay for 90% of expenses (e.g., permits, insurance, supplies) to offer this free event to our community. Some partners provide fruit, cookies, and beverages. Community participation in the event had increased from 500 (in 2003) to 5,700+ (by 2016).
- In 2003, the Board introduced free learning and fun activities to our participants. These include environment, library, parks/trails/open spaces, health, safety, and outdoor sports (e.g., fishing).
- Many businesses, public service providers, nonprofit/public programs, and partners set up preapproved booths (at no charge) to network and provide information to improve the quality of life.

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE JULY 4 EVENT

- No, there are no fees charged for membership, parade, displays, outreach, and information.
- No, Felida NA does not have paid staff, office, or revenues/income to pay for events, expenses. •
- Yes, NA no longer offers free BBQ in the park -- the number of participants and costs skyrocketed. •
 - Yes, bring your own picnic lunch and blankets or chairs.
 - Fresh fruit and bottled water will be available from NA partners. (See pages 1-2).
- No, Felida NA Board cannot sponsor a formal neighborhood potluck with 1000's of participants • cooking/bringing food. The Felida NA Board members have valid health and safety concerns. •
 - Yes, activities/booths must be pre-approved by the Felida NA Board/ -- organizer of this event.

OTHER FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs):

- Yes, Felida NA Board is involved with many community projects and concerns.
- Yes, donations are welcome. (501(c)(3) deductible receipts. Check w/ your CPA about deductions.) ٠
 - Yes, the Board votes on events, programs, and/or projects to support, partner with, and/or organize.
- No, Felida NA does not get subsidy/stipend/allocations from Clark County or other agencies. •
 - No, Felida NA Board only can use Felida NA's 501(c)(3), tax exempt ID. Check with the US-Treasury - Internal Revenue Service/website for directions about how to apply for your own tax IDs.
- Yes, since 2003, Felida NA has been reaching out to military/combat veterans and legitimate public • and nonprofit organizations created to benefit Felida NA and Clark County residents.
- No, Felida NA does not manage/oversee/regulate HOAs, boards, or enforcement of HOA CCRs. •
- No, Felida NA does not assess or collect HOA, Felida NA, or any other fees, penalties, or dues
- No, NAs are not HOAs (see Felida NA, July 2017 newsletter posted on Clark County website). •
 - No, Felida NA does not keep lists of active or dormant HOAs within its boundaries.
 - Participation in any Felida NA activities and projects is voluntary -- not mandatory.
 - If you wish to receive e-mails, you must provide your e-mail to be used for Felida NA Board communication purposes only. (Felida NA Board does not sell or share these e-mail lists.)

FELIDA NA MEMBERSHIP, FEES, AND BOUNDARY

If you reside within Felida NA boundaries, you are automatically a member of the Felida Neighborhood Association, you do not need to apply to become a member, and there are no membership dues or newsletter subscription fees for residents within Felida NA boundary; or for e-mails to outside of the Felida NA. The Felida NA boundary area contains +/- 5,700 homes and lots and is described as follows:

> North – Salmon Creek East - 1-5

South - NW 104th Street West - Lake River

Felida's Neighborhood Association map is online at:

https://gis.clark.wa.gov/ccimages/MapGallery/PDF/NeighborhoodAssoc_Felida_36x48.pdf

Clark County Neighborhood Outreach Program supports neighborhood organizations in the unincorporated areas to assist with communication between public and agencies. More information about the program is available at: www.clark.wa.gov/neighborhoods

ALL ABILITIES CHILDREN'S GARDEN/PLAY AREA IN THE FELIDA COMMUNITY PARK UPDATE

As you known, several years ago, the Felida Neighborhood Association (Felida NA) Board of volunteers had proposed a first Clark County *All Abilities Children's Play/Garden Area* project to be added to the Felida Community Park. This proposal was a result of many community requests and extensive public outreach for several years (see page 5, Background) by the Felida NA Board. The preferred alternative, Alternative 4, was approved by the Clark County Parks Advisory Board (PAB) and the County Parks Department in 2016/2017.

This project was included in the final <u>Clark County Parks, Recreation & Open Space Plan (</u>adopted through resolution in September 2015) and added to the Clark County General Plan update (2016, project #C-26, Felida Park – Children's' Garden project) with a \$10,300 funding allocation from the County Parks Budget.

The final design and conceptual site plan -- for the long overdue inclusionary project -- was reviewed and approved during several public hearings by the Vancouver-Clark Parks, Vancouver/Clark Parks Advisory Commission (PRAC), Clark County Parks, Parks Advisory Board (PAB), and Clark County. (See Conceptual Site Design approved by the Clark County Parks Advisory Board and Clark County Parks.)

The total projected cost for the *All Abilities Play/Garden Area* project is approximately \$750,000. Approximately \$600,000 must be financed through "outside" sources such as: private grants, donations, item/category sponsorships, partnerships, and in-kind contributions of supplies and labor as approved by the Clark County. The remainder is provided by volunteer hours, in-kind donations, and Felida NA Board.

As listed on page 3, Felida NA Board and Parks Committee volunteers have been and are still involved with several public parks/trails projects and phases (e.g., Felida Community Park, Cougar Creek Woods Community Park, Sgt. Brad Crawford Neighborhood Park). The Felida NA Board wrote letters of support for State (RCO) grants, established Parks Foundation accounts, and donations paid for expenses for outreach and amenities.

The Felida NA Board is now asking for your support for the first *All Abilities Garden/Play Area* project in Clark County. We know from experience that when the community comes together, our common goals to improve livability, sustainability, and the quality of life in our community can be accomplished. We would appreciate your partnership and support for this all abilities, inclusive play area in a public park. A Foundation account is being established by the Clark County Parks. Information will be available at the July 4 event.

Please let us know if you, or someone you know, would like to get involved with this all-abilities-children's garden/play area in Felida Community Park and make our parks more inclusive and user-friendly. Your support will be acknowledged by the Foundation and Felida NA. Do not hesitate to contact Felida NA Board members for details; and to provide your input, suggestions and/or comments by mail, e-mail, or at the July 4 event.

Conceptual Site Plan -- All Abilities Play/Garden Area project

- Many participants --during proposals and events talked about a rainbow representing dreams, hopes and wishes at the top of the heart-shaped pathway design.¹
- Boards with cutouts for faces or other designs for kids to pose for pictures (e.g., the "pot of gold").
- The paths were designed to accommodate two wheelchairs side by side.
- Many kids drew pathways to look like hearts or overlapping ovals that looked like hearts.
- Many locations were reserved for all abilities play equipment in strategic locations/access.
- No picnic tables were planned for the play area there is a picnic shelter nearby with tables.
- The "rubber"/soft ground cover will be placed by play equipment (Exhibit C by merry-go-round).
- Many parents suggested Educational interpretive plaques including: Clark County and Felida area history and maps; flora/fauna; native plants; and other plaques for educational purposes.² OMSI, PSU, Native Plant Society, Audubon Society, US Fish and Wildlife; and several local historians, botanists, artists and others will help design interpretive plaques and check accuracy.
- Native plants will be planted in strategic areas as recommended and approved by the Clark County.

¹ See attached Conceptual Design/Site Plan

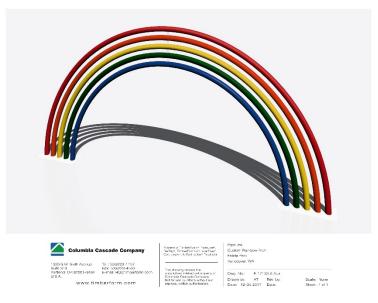
² In English and Braille.

- Plantings may be done in cooperation with the Boy Scout troops/Eagle Scout candidates, like the plantings done by them previously in this Park (built by the community for the community).
- County Restorative Juvenile Justice Program will be partnering for volunteer opportunities in the *All Abilities Play/Garden Area* project in several sub-areas and dedication/celebration event.

The Top 10 "Wish List" Items (in descending # of votes):

Felida NA Board volunteers conducted extensive outreach for several years to gather input from the community at more than 30 annual events in public places including: *NA's July 4 Children's Parade & Community Celebration in Felida Community Park*, ³Special Needs Klineline Kids Fishing, and Clark County Public Safety Open Houses (11,000+ participants provided input). The top 10 Wish List" items are:

- rainbow arches (with "children" photo opportunity cutouts or features at the end of the rainbow)
- boat (already purchased with a grant and stored on County Parks premises)
- sheriff's car (subject to County approval)
- airplane (subject to County approval)
- drums (vibrating cylinders for sight/hearing-impaired)
- merry-go-round⁴
- teeter-totter (rounded/subject to County approval)
- "lily pads" (natural pads/slices of cut trees)
- carved rocks or sculpted shapes (e.g., ducks, owls, toad/frog, turtles, deer, bear, fish, shells)
- benches and/or curved wall segments suitable for sitting for "kids" from 2 to 102



Background for Children's Garden/Play Area

The Felida NA board originally named this inclusion project as Children's Celebration area, then Celebration of All Kids. However, kids are now describing it as a garden with rainbows, rocks, animals, plants, and special play areas." Therefore, "Children's Garden/Play Area" is the preferred name.

In 2007, after receiving 73 requests, the Felida NA Board voted to advocate for an all-inclusive play area in the Felida Community Park -- built in partnership with the Vancouver-Clark Parks and Felida NA Board and partners. To avoid an expensive Felida Community Park Master Plan revision, the Felida NA Board decided to propose that this project be

³ Proposed by the Felida NA -- built in partnership with the Vancouver-Clark Parks, organizations and community.

⁴ See Exhibit C – merry-go-round on "rubber ground surface" -- 2 views.

located in the area improved (in 2005) with landscaping, plantings, and irrigation donated to the Vancouver-Clark Parks pursuant to partnerships between Waste Treatment Plant – Felida, Vancouver/Clark Parks, Felida NA Board, Hazel Dell Sewer District, Clark County, the Allen Team and community partners. The Felida NA Board developed 4 alternatives during several phases and with extensive public input at events and meetings.

The "Do Nothing" alternative (Alternative 1 - 2007) was rejected at every phase. Pursuant to Felida NA Board proposals and meetings with officials, a conceptual drawing (Alternative 2 - 2007), for the Children's Celebration Area was prepared by Jean Akers (Vancouver-Clark Parks). Proposed Alternative 2 was reviewed by the Vancouver-Clark Parks and Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee and informally approved by the Clark County Board of Commissioners with a proviso that it would be funded by the community. It was also determined that the proposed Alternative 2 design was a de facto landscape project and no permits were required at that time.

In 2015, Felida NA Board proposed a concept of inclusive play area with specific proposals, plans, budget estimates, potential donors, and a summary of input -- from over 7,500 children and parents at public events – including Klineline Kids Fish/Kids with special needs events. 1,000s of kids with all physical and mental abilities, and sight and hearing impairments shared with us their wishes for play areas activities and drew pictures (e.g., rainbows, animals, and boats).

From 2007 – 2016, the design for this all-abilities inclusive area kept expanding as the public expressed desire to celebrate and empower children with all abilities and impairments. The County Parks and County Parks Advisory Board supported Felida NAs efforts and Clark County Parks staff, using Felida NA information, applied for a grant from the Parks Foundation of Clark County. As reported in Felida NA's June 2016 newsletter, the Parks Foundation awarded a \$10,000 grant for the Children's Celebration Garden Area project to the Clark Parks, this grant could not be used for soft costs.⁵

On June 8, 2017, Clark County Parks Advisory Board voted to formally support Felida NA Board to proceed with finalizing draft concept site design (Alternative 3 - 2008). The draft Alternative 3 includes rainbow of wishes arches at the east end where the wheelchair accessible pathways meet to form the top of the heart.

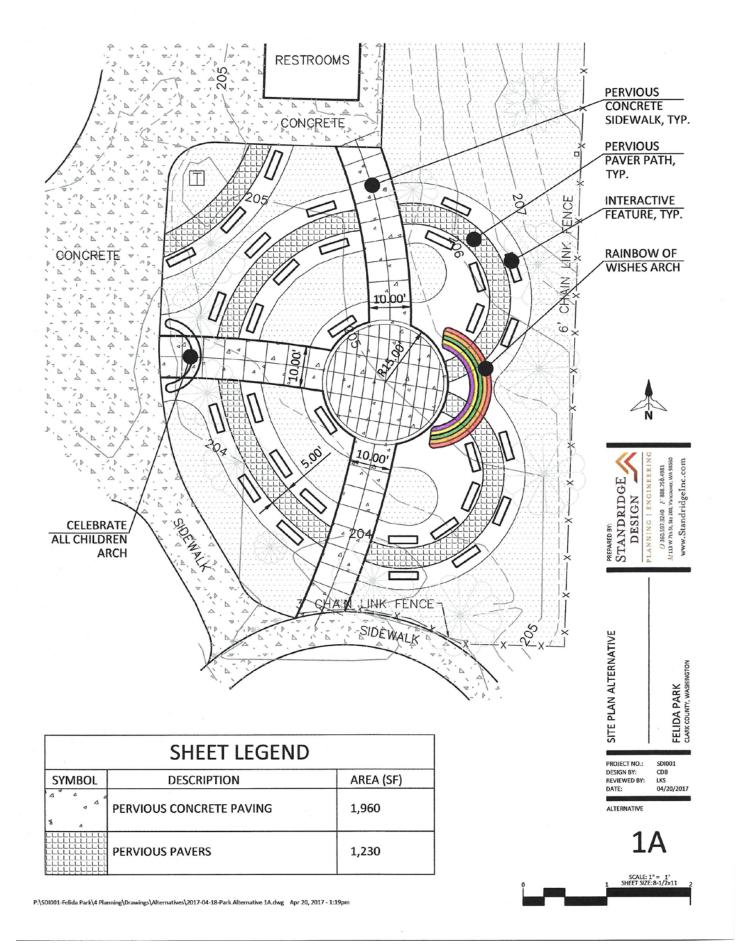
Felida NA Board members and partners developed a concept plan (Alternative 4 - 2015) for all abilities inclusive play area and wheelchair-accessible amenities in the proposed Children's Garden/Play Area approved for Felida Community Park. It was reviewed and approved by the Clark County Parks Advisory Board (PAB). A conceptual site plan for Alternative 4 was revised and prepared by the Standridge Design firm in 2017. It was based on the cumulative final summary of input (2007-2017) by the community and reviewing agencies, as discussed above. As in the past, the final selection and placement of play equipment, play features, plaques, boulders, benches, carvings and pathway alignments are subject to approval by the Clark County Parks. Scope of implementation and installation of proposed to date or similar play equipment and categories depend on final costs, availability of parts, safety, level of private funding, grants and donations to the proposed Foundation account.⁶ This process is further complicated by the new storm water ordinances. The Felida NA Board and partners will be re-designing pathways. However, wheelchair accessible pathways and ramps may trigger storm water concerns resulting in higher costs.

The \$10,000 grant from the Parks Foundation was issued to the County Parks to purchase a play structure (boat) by the for this project. To date, Felida NA Board paid for all expenses associated with outreach, proposal packets, and other soft costs for this project in a public park. Just the value-added for over 4,370 volunteer hours accumulated by the Felida NA board volunteers and partners engaged in outreach, information gathering, research, design, public hearings presentations, and preparation of documents is \$43,700 @ \$10/hour. However, value-added is much higher when calculated at skill level rates (e.g., Standridge Design, or Dr. Milada Allen/public policies/LU planning/permits/+). To date, Felida NA Board, members, and volunteers donated over \$29,000 of office supplies, copying, parking fees, postage, plus.

See proposed site design on the next page. It was reviewed and approved by the Clark County Parks and Clark County Parks Advisory Board. Pursuant to recent discussions, several of the proposed play structures are required to have a safety-fall zone. Therefore, the cost estimate was revised to include more "soft" fall, pre-manufactured ground cover on-site. Much of the heart shaped area be lined with this ground cover.

⁵ Outreach, site maps, land surveys, engineering designs, permits, review/approval process, shipping and taxes, ⁶ The Foundation account is in the last phase of being established — for the Children's Corden Play. Area in Falida Park

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Information on July 4 Children's Parade and After Parade Community Celebration in Felida Park.

