

CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
June 8, 1993

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AT HENRY GLAVES PARK

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Parks and Recreation Director Williamson presented the following report.

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Below are the results of that inquiry.

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The system does not meet current U.S. Consumer Project Safety Commission Guidelines for safety, and cannot be brought up to these standards. In addition, one support beam and possibly two others are deteriorating effecting the structural integrity of the equipment.

This system should be taken out of service immediately and replaced. If you have any questions please feel free to call (800-368-1366).

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Sales Representative  
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The City has citizen complaints, a recommendation from Duane Wright and a similar one from the manufacturer. All of them indicate this equipment needs replacement. The equipment could be torn out as unsafe. However, this is a popular playground. Our other alternative is to try to get this project funded. Staff is sure it meets the requirements under the Americans with Disabilities Act

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(ADA) requirements, but community block grant funds are already committed.

Staff, therefore, recommended that the equipment be replaced. Cost to replace same would be approximately \$15,000 plus \$3,500 to \$5,000 for company installation. This does not include eventual ground cover replacement to meet ADA requirements, that would be another \$4,000 to \$5,000.

Following discussion, on motion of Council Member Snider, Mann second, the City Council authorized the expenditure of \$21,131.48 to replace the playground equipment at Henry Graves Park by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members - Mann, Sieglock, Snider and Pennino (Mayor)

Noes: Council Members - Davenport

Absent: Council Members - None

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Assistant City Manager's Office

**LODI PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**  
125 N. Stockton Street  
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Parks 333-6888 Recreation 333-6742

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Jerry Glenn, Assistant City Manger  
Bob McNatt, City Attorney  
Kirk Evans, Administrative Asst. to City Manger  
**FROM:** Ron Williamson, Director of Parks and Recreation  
**DATE:** June 2, 1993  
**SUBJECT:** Henry Graves Park Playground Equipment - Unsafe



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This is exactly what we suggest. Cost to replace same would be approximately \$15,000 plus \$3,500 to \$5,000 for company installation. This does not include eventual ground cover replacement to meet A.D.A. requirements, that would be another \$4,000 to \$5,000 dollars.

We can pull it out and not replace it, which would be another way of handling this.

Your suggestions please.

RW:srb  
Attachment

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**To: Scott Essin, Parks Superintendent**  
**From: Duane Wright, Parks Mechanic**  
**Date: May 26, 1993**  
**Subject: Henry Graves Playground Equipment**

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PARK, PLAYGROUND AND RECREATION EQUIPMENT

20 May 1993

Mr. Duane Wright  
City of Lodi  
Department of Parks and Recreation  
125 N. Stockton Street  
Lodi, California 95240

Subject: Henry Glaze Park  
Columbia Cascade TimberForm play system  
Order No. 05393-M

Dear Duane:

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# CITY OF LODI

CARNEGIE FORUM  
305 West Pine Street, Lodi

## CIT. COUNCIL AGENDA

ADJOURNED MEETING— TUESDAY

Date: June 8, 1993

Time: 7:00 a.m.

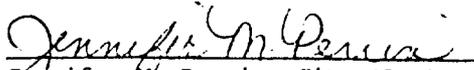
### AMENDED AGENDA

Note: This meeting of the Lodi City Council is an adjourned meeting from the 7:00 p.m., June 2, 1993 meeting of the Lodi City Council.

1. Roll call to be recorded
2. Budget Review
3. Playground Equipment at Henry Graves Park
4. Closed Session
  - a) Labor Negotiations
5. Adjournment

F/U for  
6/8/93

Pursuant to Section 54956 2(a) of the Government Code of the State of California, this Agenda was posted at a public place freely accessible to the public 24 hours a day.

  
Jennifer M. Perrin, City Clerk

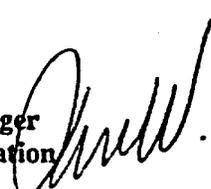
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Telephone - 333-6702

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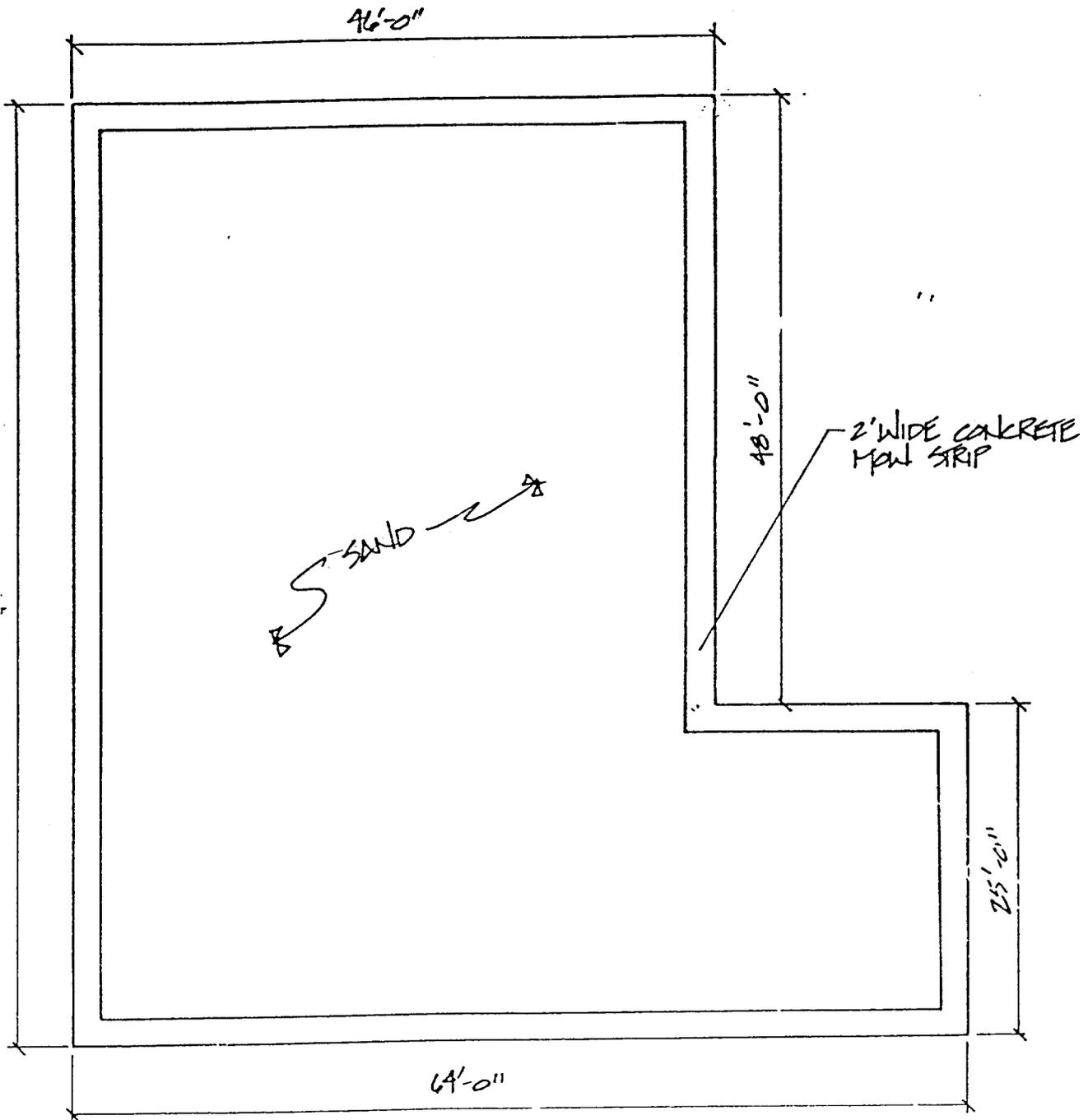
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# HENRY GLAVES PLAYGROUND

SCALE 1" = 10'



S.V. 4/93

MIRACLE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

" LOKVILLE " \$ 10,832.00

MODEL # 162-409

FEATURES:

PVC THERAPEUTIC TRANSFER POINT

INCLINED LADDER

TEPS

CARGO NET

TUBE SLIDE

CYCLONE II SLIDE

CURVED CLIMBER

WALL W/ WHEEL

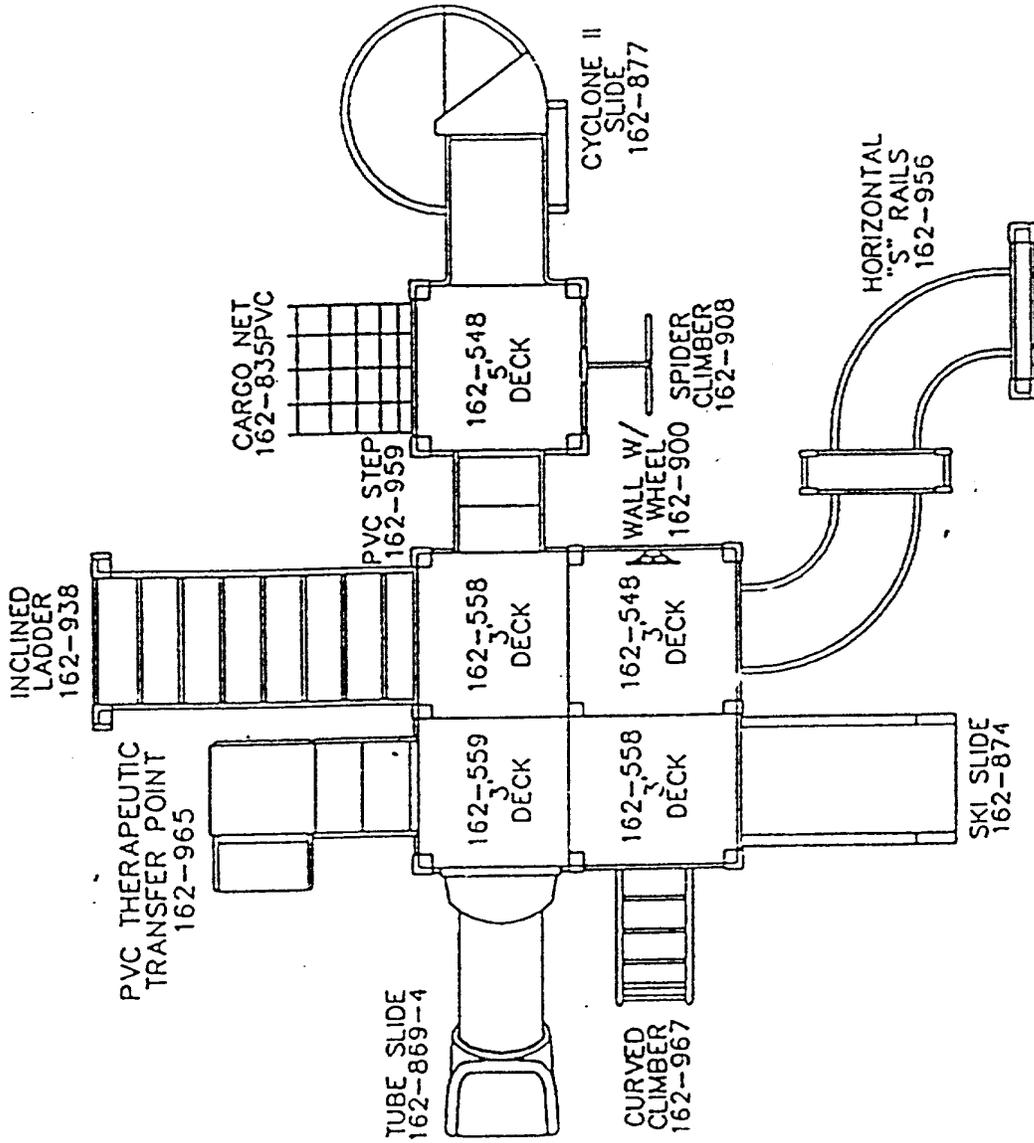
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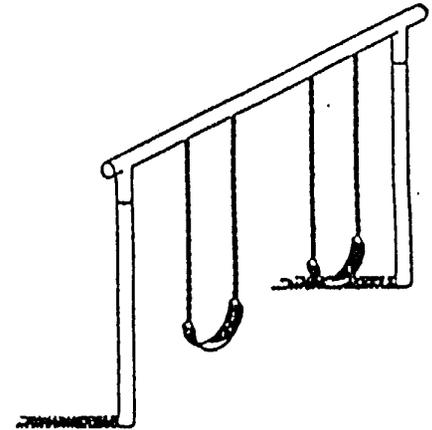
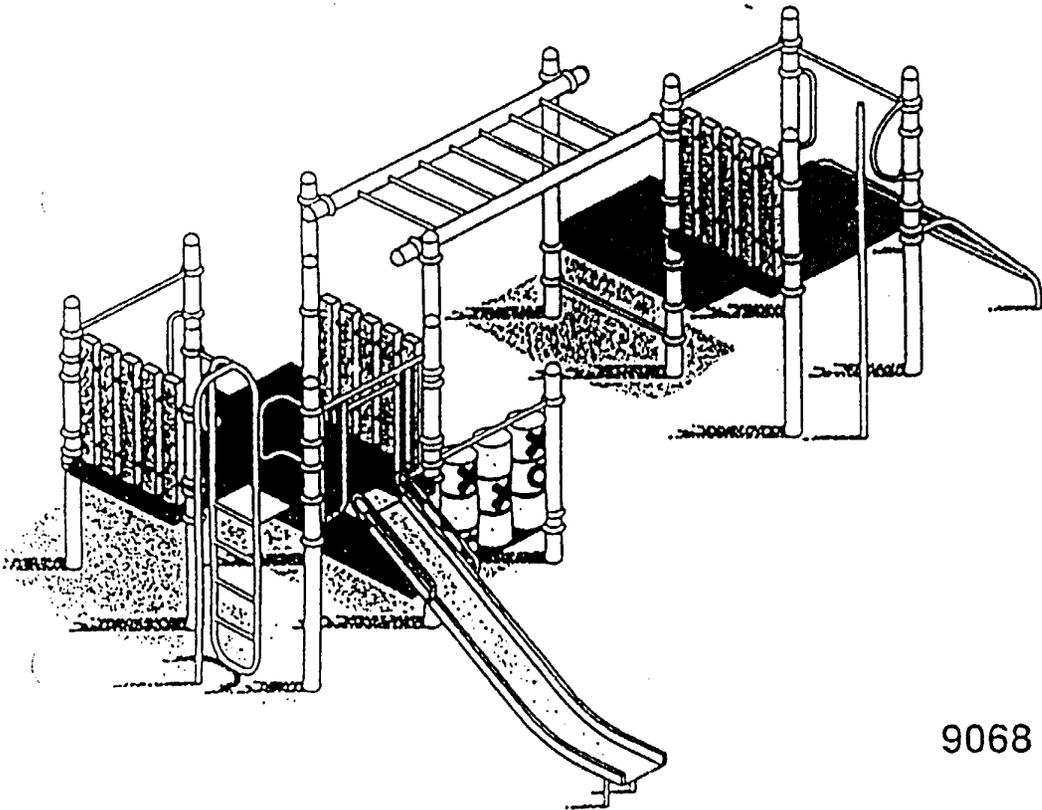
SKI SLIDE

HORIZONTAL "S" RAILS

(4) 3' DECKS

(1) 5' DECK





9068

COLUMBIA CASCADE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

" PIPE LINE " \$ 11,367.00

MODEL # 9068

FEATURES:

VERTICAL SAFETY CLIMBER

CARGO NET (CHAIN)

ARCH LADDER

OVERHEAD LADDER

FIREFIGHTER'S POLE

TIC-TAC-TOE

SLIDE CHUTE

WOOD WALLS

DOUBLE SWING

**Playground Expense Recap\***

°	Playground Equipment	\$ 10, 832.00	
	Tax 7.75%	\$ 839.48	
	Shipping	<u>\$ 600.00</u>	
	Subtotal Play Equipment		\$ 11,771.48
°	Installation of Play equipment	\$ 3610.00	
	Subtotal forward		\$ 15, 881.48 ,
°	Fibar Playground Surface @ \$ 1.75/sq. ft. approximately 3000 sq.ft.	<u>\$ 5,250.00</u>	
	Total		\$ 2 1,131.48

\* These prices are based on information we have on file regarding current prices.  
Bid prices are expected to be lower. However, actual price will be determined by  
competitive bid.