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### **Windsor Town Green Park Playground Expansion** **Community Comment Invited**

The Town of Windsor Parks and Recreation Commission invites Windsor residents, park neighbors and other interested individuals to learn about the Town Green Park Playground Expansion Project and provide input. The Commission will host a public workshop at its regular meeting on Wednesday, February 13, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers (Building 400) located at 9291 Old Redwood Highway.

The playground expansion project includes the addition of enhanced and inclusive play elements that will be added to the existing two play structures that were designed for ages 2 to 5 years and 5 to 12 years including accessible rubberized surfacing. This project is being sponsored by the Windsor Parks and Recreation Foundation (Foundation) which is a non-profit corporation initiated by the Windsor Parks and Recreation Commission and supported by the Windsor Town Council. The purpose of the Foundation is to serve as a vehicle to receive contributions; establish, maintain, manage and invest endowments; and provide a mechanism for funding from non-profit organizations and grant programs. Efforts of the Foundation will solely support and advocate for the Windsor Parks and Recreation Department while taking into consideration Town values, mission, priorities and guidelines.

The Playground Expansion Project was identified by staff and approved by Town Council as a Capital Improvement Project, originally funded by Redevelopment Capital Funds during the current fiscal year. Since the dissolution of Redevelopment, the Foundation selected the Playground Expansion to be its first fundraising project.

The Foundation has been working closely with staff to determine what elements will meet existing needs while ensuring a successful fundraising campaign. Proposed additions will enhance the playground area while maximizing the appeal to potential donors and volunteers. This includes the ability to solicit and receive donations for a variety of new add-on playground element and amenities such as shade structures, benches, a seat wall with donor tiles and engraved brick pavers that will replace the decomposed granite walkway that parallels the existing timeline walk.

It is estimated that the project will cost \$200,000. To date, the Foundation has received support from the Town Council and a contribution in the amount of \$15,000 for design work of the playground project. In addition, the Windsor Rotary Club has pledged \$25,000 toward the project.

At the Public Hearing on February 13, Staff and design professionals will present alternative play elements that will be used to expand the existing playground and offer a more inclusive play experience for children of all abilities and development levels. The community is encouraged to attend and provide comment related to the available options. Based on the presentation and input from the public, the Parks and Recreation Commission will forward a recommendation to Town Council at its regular meeting of Wednesday, March 20, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. Upon approval of the project, the Foundation will initiate its fundraising campaign to solicit donations and sell naming rights for playground areas and or individual equipment pieces.

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