



February 17, 2023

Current Resident
<Address Line 1>
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Re: Park Name and Planning for New Playground

Dear Park Neighbors:

We are writing with a couple of updates regarding your neighborhood park.

NEW PARK NAME

As you have likely been aware from previous communication, conversations at events, and signage in the park; over the past two years the city has been reviewing the name of Pocahontas Park, and seeking possible new names for the park. Last month, the process formally concluded with Keya (pronounced Kay-Ah) Park selected as the new name for the park.

Keya means *turtle* in the Dakota language. The name was originally suggested by a neighbor of the park in reference to the turtles that can occasionally be found in the park and as a nod to the Dakota history of the land where the park resides. The new name was supported by Dakota individuals who participated in the process. New signage to reflect the change will be installed in the park later this year.

Visit cityofroseville.com/pocahontaspark for further information on the name change.

NEW PLAYGROUND FALL 2023 – PLANNING HELP NEEDED

We are also planning to begin the process of designing and installing a new playground in the park. As part of the City’s community asset replacement program, the Keya Park playground, which is more than 20 years old, is scheduled to be replaced this fall.

You can help us shape the future of the Keya Park playground! We are ready to begin with a playground design process and **we need your ideas and feedback** to assist us with planning and designing the playground. Kids and adults are welcome!

The planning process will include three public meetings:

Initial Design Meeting - Tuesday, February 28 at 6:00 p.m.

Initial concept planning and input. This will be an interactive discussion on what you would like to see in your new playground.

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Second Design Meeting – Wednesday, March 29 at 6:00 p.m.

Review proposed concepts and make decisions on possible tradeoffs. Staff will present multiple concepts based on the feedback from initial meeting for interactive discussion.

Final Concept Open House – Thursday, April 6 at 6:00 p.m.

This meeting will be an open house where we will showcase the final preferred concept.

**ALL MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT THE CEDARHOLM COMMUNITY
BUILDING, 2323 HAMLIN AVE. N.**

Neighborhood feedback is crucial to a successful playground project, so we strongly encourage you to attend.

Installation of the playground is anticipated to occur in fall 2023 and will be installed, in part, using community volunteers.

We look forward to seeing you at the upcoming playground planning meetings.

Sincerely,



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