



West Lincoln Park Playground Opens *October 26 Ribbon Cutting Celebrates New Amenity*

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO-October 22, 2019-With the exception of the ADA pathway to the Core Trail, crews were able to finish the final touches on the new park playground in West Lincoln Park and open the playground on schedule last week, despite the recent inclement weather. The ADA pathway will be poured later this fall, weather permitting.

A community celebration and ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, October 26 at West Lincoln Park, beginning at 11 am. All community members are invited to attend, especially local youth looking to explore the new playground and all of its exciting and unique amenities. The event will consist of a short presentation by several members of City Council, followed by snacks and activities for the kids.

The new playground encompasses the natural environment of Northwest Colorado and weaves an outdoor theme across various natural activity elements. Kids can jump and balance on a series of synthetic logs and stumps, slide down the Dakota Sandstone rock formation, climb across the sandstone arch, swing toward the sky on the glider or disc, defy the forces of gravity on the spinner or play unique outdoor instruments that bring sound to the park.



Envisioned for children of all abilities, the new park enables kids to interact together or by themselves and stands up to the rigorous outdoor conditions with minimal annual maintenance. The features bring out the opportunity for play that moves kids, develops balance, strength and coordination and mixes fun, growth and inclusion.

The playground is the result of a two year process led by a citizens committee driven by Steamboat Creates, with input and direction from city staff and local children. City Council approved the final design and directed staff to execute the project.

In June of 2019, City Council approved the purchase of new equipment for the playground in West Lincoln Park from A to Z Recreation. The final playground concept merged the community's goal for the public park with the shared vision of the Creative Arts District. In addition, children ages 2 to 12, voted on their preferred playground amenities based on a selection of standard features within the industry.

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