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CITY UNVEILS NEW, UNIQUE THEMES FOR THREE OF ITS PARK PLAYGROUNDS

Preparation for the new playgrounds is underway and will be completed by this summer.

LAKE ELSINORE (March 12, 2015) – The City has unveiled its new playground equipment designs for Yarborough, Machado and Summerlake Parks inspired by tree houses, nature and the ocean. The themed park equipment is expected to be installed in the months ahead.

The playground equipment is just one of many steps the City is taking to fund, expand and improve all of its existing parks. The new playground equipment has been underway for some time and the City is excited to reveal the new designs that will bring a new look and feel to some of the City's oldest parks.

"We are a young, active community and we need more amenities and recreational opportunities like these to appeal and serve the needs of our young families," said Mayor Steve Manos. "These designs demonstrate that we are going to go above and beyond to make our parks fun and inviting for our community. Our residents should expect to see a lot of changes in our parks in the next couple of years."

Below is a brief description of each park and the new creative theme used in each design:

Machado Park

- **Location:** Corner of Machado and Joy Street, adjacent to Machado Elementary School
- **Playground Size:** 3,762 sq. ft.
- **New Theme:** Ocean
- **Key Features:** Two new slides, a large whale and a fish climbing wall.

Yarborough Park

- **Location:** Corner of Flint and Poe Street
- **Playground Size:** 3,467 sq. ft.
- **New Theme:** Tree House
- **Key Features:** Tree house with slides and walking stumps. Mushroom table and chairs for the kids.

Summerlake Park

- **Location:** Broadway Ave. between Outrigger and Grand Ave, adjacent to Terra Cotta Middle School
- **Playground Size:** 7,247 sq. ft.
- **New Theme:** Nature and Fitness
- **Key Features:** A dragonfly bridge and a trio of chime instruments called, Weenotes. The Weenotes are designed so anyone can create melodies and harmonies.

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Each of the parks will include shade structures over most of the play equipment and various amenities for special needs children, including a special needs swing at each park. These inclusive designs ensure this is an activity for every child to use at the parks.

The total cost for the design build contracts for the three parks is estimated at \$491,679. Both Machado, \$135,069, and Summerlake, \$141,385, equipment is being funded through Park Development Impact Fees (DIF). The Yarborough Park improvements will be made with the Housing Related Park Grant the City received last year to improve the two parks in the downtown area. There is still approximately \$800,000 available from the grant for additional improvements to Yarborough and City Park. In addition, Storm Baseball is providing a small donation toward the Weenotes at Summerlake Park.

The park equipment designs and installations are being completed by Great Western Park & Playground, which was chosen as the selected vendor for the new playground equipment after a formal bidding process that began in November 2014.

Other park improvements planned in the City for the coming year include the expansion and renovation of the baseball fields and park amenities at Rosetta Canyon Park, addition of a skate park at Serenity Park, and a complete park assessment to prioritize and plan for improvements in all of the City's parks. Last year, the City completed improvements to the parking areas of Lake Point Park and opened new dog park at McVicker Canyon Park.

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