



**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA**  
**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT**

**AGENDA DATE:** February 28, 2018

**TO:** Parks and Recreation Commission

**FROM:** Administration Division, Parks and Recreation Department

**SUBJECT:** Director's Report

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Commission receive a presentation on the status of the various Parks and Recreation Department (Department) initiatives and activities.

**DISCUSSION:**

Kids World Ribbon Cutting

The Department held a very successful ribbon cutting event for the renovation of Kids World on January 25, 2018. The renovation project, which was needed in order to keep the playground safe and accessible for future years of use, included major structural improvements. Worn wooden posts and deck boards were replaced, and the structure was reassembled with building code-compliant hardware. Access to the play area for 2 to 5-year-olds was improved, and additional gates and fencing were added to better secure play areas. At the same time, the renovation ensures the aesthetics and adventurous atmosphere remains intact.

Franceschi House Renovation

On February 13, 2018, the City Council considered the options for Franceschi House and concurred with the Commission's recommendations and the staff recommendations to further evaluate the feasibility and develop preliminary plans for an interpretive pavilion. In addition, the Department will update the Park Master Plan to provide guidelines for renovation and enhancements throughout the park.

Carousel House Renovation

Although the Department and Santa Barbara community were very sad to say goodbye to the historic Allan Herschell Three-Abreast Carousel that came to the Chase Palm Park Expansion in 1999, we are undertaking some renovations of the Carousel House to provide recreation and community use opportunities within the park.

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