



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: March 28, 2018
TO: Parks and Recreation Commission
FROM: Administration Division, Parks and Recreation Department
SUBJECT: Kids World Volunteer Recognition

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Commission recognize Joseph Garred for contributing his custom wood-working projects and long-term commitment to Kids World.

DISCUSSION:

Kids World was originally constructed in 1993 through the volunteer efforts of thousands of community members. The playground was recently renovated for another generation of Santa Barbara children and families, while keeping the original, whimsical design intact. Although the playground designer, Leathers and Associates, is responsible for the overall Kids World aesthetics and layout, individual volunteers provided the unique features that make Kids World so special. Joseph Garred is a community volunteer that donated hundreds of hours to make Kids World exceptional.

During the original construction of Kids World, it quickly became apparent that Joseph Garred's fine woodworking skills could be put to use on the project. Mr. Garred is responsible for much of the detailed woodworking at Kids World, including the tower spires and the fingerboard and tic-tac-toe games. Mr. Garred also designed and built the "Sound Wall" and the teak viewing bench located just outside the hand tile entry area. During the recent renovation Mr. Garred refurbished the teak bench and rebuilt the Sound Wall with the assistance of his six-year-old granddaughter. The Parks and Recreation Department is grateful for Mr. Garred's contributions to Kids World throughout the past 25 years.

ATTACHMENT: March 16, 2018 Letter from Joseph Garred
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