



Woodland Park Red-eared Slider Play Sculpture

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Background: The Friends of Woodland Park (FWP) plan to replace the Woodland Park Trolley with a structure for children to play on and enjoy for decades. As an homage to the wooded/bayou portion of the park we have worked with Dylan Conner (the sculptor of *Firefly Field*) to design a woodland creature. He has created the design as seen in the attached photo. The play sculpture will be a permanent climbing structure for children visiting the park.

The Turtle: The proposed climbing sculpture will be 12 feet long, 8 feet wide, and 4 feet high. It will be fabricated from one inch diameter steel tubing and plate steel that will be powder coated after it is assembled. When installed, the Turtle will be oriented such that it will face south toward the woods and bayou with its tail closest to Parkview Street.

Playground Area: The bordered and mulched playground area for the former Trolley is larger than what is needed for the necessary 6 foot wide “drop/fall zone” surrounding the Turtle play sculpture. Thus the existing play area will not need to be modified. The proposed site for the Turtle play sculpture is adjacent to the jungle gym/swing set/playground equipment currently in the west lawn portion of the park.

Safety Certification: As with the Trolley and *Firefly Field*, FWP will fully comply with all Houston Parks and Recreation Department specifications regarding safety requirements for playscapes.

Costs: FWP will be launching a community fundraising campaign on November 6, 2021 to raise the remaining \$15,000. Our initial fundraising campaign was postponed for 18 months; however, the early pledges that were secured for the turtle are still in place. We are proud to say that over half of the fundraising goal has already been secured in pledges. We will fundraise for the project until the full amount is secured. Any excess funds received will be dedicated to future park amenities and improvements. The projected end date of fundraising is December 31, 2021. Details of the project budget can be found on our website at www.fwp.fund.

Donor Recognition: A donor plaque will be installed near the playscape sculpture which will be similar to the plaque installed at *Firefly Field*. Donations of \$250 or more will be recognized on the plaque and donors will be listed by level of support. Please see the attached donor information sheet.

Name the Turtle: FWP will hold a “Name the Turtle” competition so that children can participate and join in the anticipation of our new play sculpture. Children may submit suggested names for the turtle on our website until December 31, 2021. They can also submit names on the day of our fundraising launch on November 6.

Timeline: On November 6, FWP will host a family day in the park to kick-off our community fundraising effort. We hope to secure the remaining donations necessary within a few weeks. Our fundraising deadline is December 31, at which time construction can begin. The turtle should be installed by late summer 2022.

Adoption Agreement with HPARD: As with the other improvements in the park funded and sponsored by FWP, we will “adopt” the structure per the terms of HPARD’s standard adoption agreement.