

Meeting Minutes

Project: Eggleston Park Playground Renovations (2026 Playground Renovations)

Meeting Date: March 24, 2026, 6 pm

Meeting Location: Ecology Center

Meeting Purpose: Neighborhood meeting to discuss revised playground concepts

Attendees: Audrey Thompson, Director of Parks and Recreation
Michael Callahan, Deputy Director of Parks & Recreation
Matt Poole, Deputy Director of Parks & Recreation
Stefanie Levine, Senior Project Manager
Kenon Boehm, Landscape Architect II
Parks and Recreation Board Members
Community Members (6 attendees)

PRESENTATION:

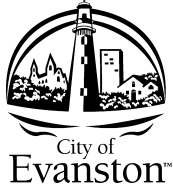
Public Engagement meeting #2 was held at the Ecology Center.

Staff went through the planned presentation, detailing project timelines, anticipated scope, existing conditions, and the two refined concepts. These concepts were refined from previous comments and voting at public meeting #1. Both concepts featured the same color scheme that was selected from the previous meeting. Also discussed were the resetting of wall stones and the addition of amenities, including the fence repair and the new fence extensions along the East side of the park.

Following this presentation, Staff opened the conversation to allow for open discussion and general questions/answers. Attendees had various comments and questions as listed below.

- Will there be any new trees?
- Can we address an additional point of access to the playground?
- Address the water issues on the East side of the park
- Potential to add additional toddler swing?

The meeting then moved into the breakout activities where residents could provide additional feedback. Attendees were provided post-it notes for additional comments as well as a sticker to vote on their favorite concept.



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Additional board input included:

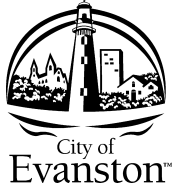
Option 1: Farm Theme

- Preference for no spinner
- Wish there was more climbing
- Budget for adding more trees
- The three stumps look useless
- Are there swings that can convert from belt to toddler? If so, I recommend those.

Option 2: Woodland Theme

- Add another toddler swing
- Remove spring element
- Try to eliminate flooding of the grassy park areas

The meeting concluded with staff indicating that the live voting link would be going out in the upcoming ward 7 email blast.



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EGGLESTON PARK PLAYGROUND - EXISTING CONDITIONS
LAST RENOVATION IN 2004

PROJECT SCOPE

- RENOVATE PLAYGROUND
- REPLACE MCCORMICK BLVD FENCE POSTS AND EXTEND FENCE 350' TO SW
- ADDRESS OTHER CONCERNS IDENTIFIED BY RESIDENTS



EXISTING PLAYGROUND LOOKING N



PARK AERIAL

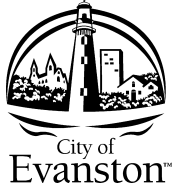


PROJECT TIMELINE

2026 PLAYGROUND RENOVATION | EGGLESTON EXISTING CONDITIONS AND PROJECT TIMELINE

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Image 1: Presentation board illustrating existing conditions and the project timeline.



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TELL US MORE! ADD POST-IT NOTES TO SQUARES!!

ACCESSIBLE PICNIC TABLE

PARK BENCH

PANEL FENCE - REPAIR EXISTING AND EXTEND SW ADDITIONAL 350' TO SW (4' HT.)

DRINKING FOUNTAIN W/ BOTTLE FILLER AND DOG BOWL

SELECTED PLAYGROUND COLORS: GOLDEN GROVE

Primary Polyurethane LEMON	ProField Cling LEMON
ProField Post HONEY	Secondary Polyurethane PCOBS
ProField Composite GRASS	Primary Polyurethane LEMON
	Tender-Tuff BROWN

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2026 PLAYGROUND RENOVATION | EGGLESTON PROPOSED AMENITIES AND COLOR SELECTION

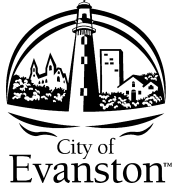
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Image 2: Presentation board illustrating proposed amenities, fence repair/extension, and color selections from the previous public meeting.

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Image 3: Presentation board illustrating playground option 1, titled Farm Theme. The board features the plan view as well as key plan updates and select renderings.



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Image 4: Presentation board further illustrating the Farm theme playground concept. The board features four votes as well as public comments.

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Image 5: Presentation board illustrating playground option 2, titled Woodland Theme. The board features the plan view as well as key plan updates and select renderings.

