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Children's Park Public Meeting July 20th

While the Children's Park structure is currently re-opened, the recent repairs are only a temporary solution. After 24 years, the wooden supports are nearing the end of their safe lifespans. The City hopes to replace the wooden structure with a similarly community designed and built structure in spring 2018. Besides enhancing the safety of the structure, replacement provides opportunities to incorporate newer design elements, use newer materials, and enhance the community legacy of the original structure.

The first steps towards this replacement will be developing a scope-of-work and request for proposals to seek a qualified company to lead the design process. As part of this, we'd like the community to provide input on what they most value about the structure, ways to incorporate the community, and more. After a company has been selected, they'll lead the design process, likely starting late fall.

The planning group will be holding a **community meeting on Thursday, July 20th at 6:00pm at the Hood River Fire Hall** (1785 Meyer Parkway) to collect input in the scope of work, as well as review current status and future plans in more depth. For more information, contact Hood River City Councilor Megan Saunders at megan.saunders@cityofhoodriver.com.

This planning effort is still in the early stages, but we do anticipate funding provided by the City of Hood River, Hood River Valley Parks and Recreation District, and community donations working together to create a new structure that builds off of and enhances the legacy of the original. Rotary has agreed to hold the donations for this project. Tax-deductible donations can be made to the Hood River Rotary Foundation, PO Box 1187, Hood River, OR 97031 (be sure to note "for Children's Park" in your check memo).
