Fort Kid Renovation

Phase 1 (COMPLETE)

- Demo, site prep, new slope, accessible parking completed summer 2020 by PBA.

Phase 2

- Play Structure design and construction
  - $200,000 donation from Thomas Boyd
  - $250,000 Parks and Recreation – new equipment

Phase 3

- Slope access design and construction

Hedstrom Landscape Architects

- Overall site design and landscape plan

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- RFP for play structure released Dec. ‘20 with amendments in Jan ’21
- RFP objectives
  - Unique to Knoxville
  - Inclusive
  - Per community survey – multi-level modern structure with climbing, hiding, and sliding features
  - Submit multiple options
  - No budget amount stated to not restrict creativity
- Seven proposals received end of Jan 2021
- Evaluation Committee reviewed proposals in February 2021
- Highest ranking company selected in March to develop concept plan for Council approval

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Fort Kid Play Structure
Top Proposal – Great Southern Recreation

- Only submission to include multiple design options
- Proposal costs ranged from $390,000 to $470,000
- Clear vision based on the community survey results
- Woman-owned business based in Tennessee
- Designer and project manager both live in Knoxville

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Great Southern Recreation
Fort Kid Play Structure – Zone 1
3-level, 30-foot tower with enclosed slide

Great Southern Recreation
Fort Kid Play Structure – Centerpiece
3-level, 30-foot tower with enclosed slide

Great Southern Recreation
Fort Kid Play Structure – Centerpiece
Park Entry Viewpoint

Fort Kid Play Structure
Top Proposal – Great Southern Recreation

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Objective - Climbing, Hiding, and Sliding

Great Southern Recreation
Fort Kid Play Structure – Zone 2
Objective - Accessible and Inclusive Play

Friendship Spinner - Ground Level Wheelchair Accessible

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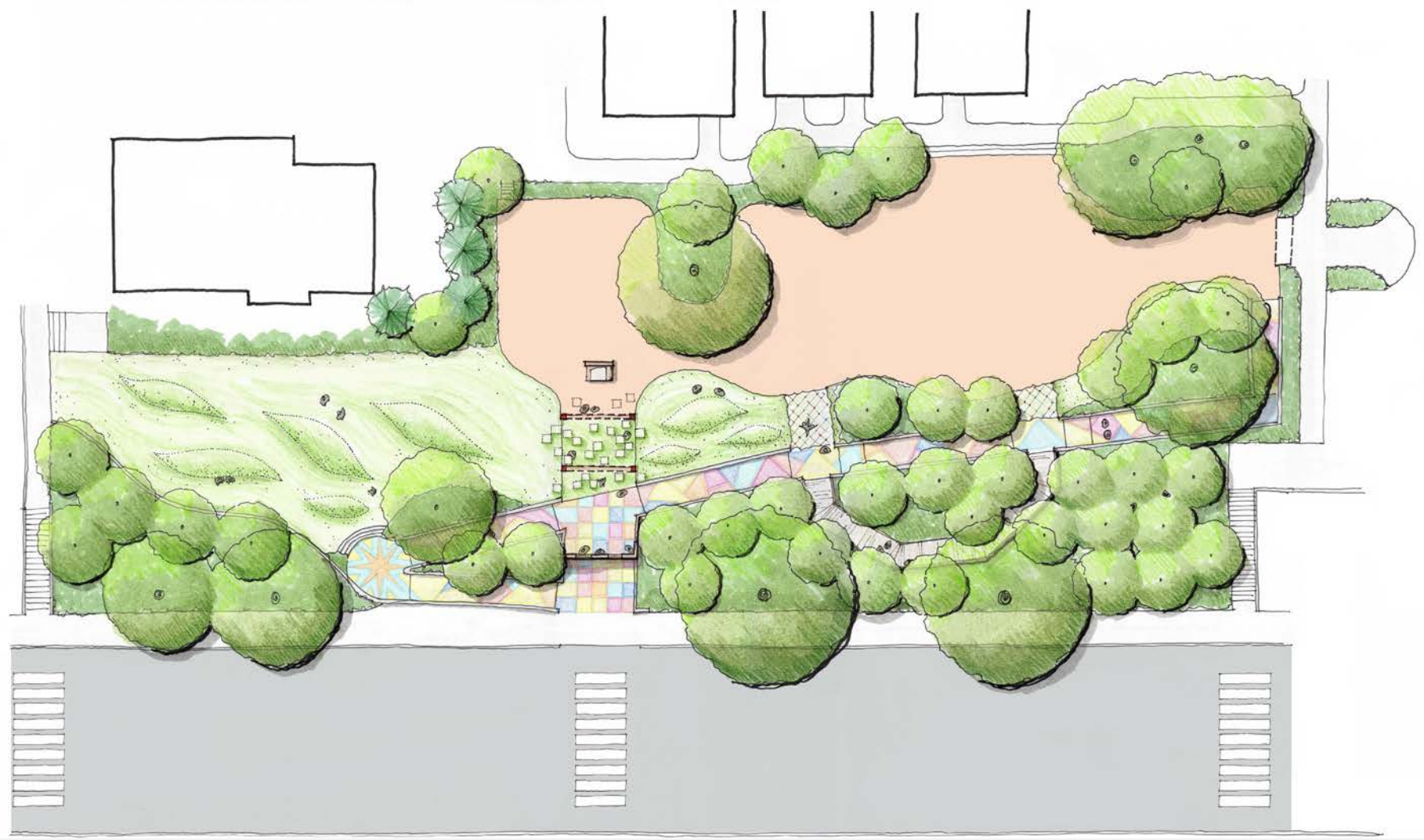
Great Southern Recreation
Fort Kid Play Structure – Zone 3
Objective - Small children play area

Fort Kid Renovation – Objective - proper fall zones with ADA rubberized surface (image not to scale/surface colors TBD)

Fort Kid Renovation – Phase 3
Hedstrom Slope Site Plan



Fort Kid Renovation - combined Play Structure and Slope Site Plan

If approved by City Council for a contract with Great Southern not to exceed $450,000…

June 2021

- Final contract negotiations with Great Southern for contract start date of July 1, 2021 ($450,000)

Summer 2021

- Coordinate surface materials, colors, and connectivity between play surface (Great Southern) and slope (Hedstrom)
- Final play structure designed and materials ordered
- Slope design completed and bid for construction ($250,000 donated by Downtown Alliance)

Fall 2021

- Construction of play structure and slope
- Fort Kid Reopens

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