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**ONLINE SURVEY AND IMAGES RELEASED
AS COMMUNITY IDEAS ARE SOUGHT FOR RENOVATION OF FORT KID**

In preparation for the Fort Kid public meeting on Thursday, March 12, the City of Knoxville has released several photos, a site analysis and an online survey as part of its renovation plan for the park.

The three photos are from existing playgrounds and will be displayed at the public meeting as possible inspiration for the new play structure at the site. The images showcase the kinds of materials and structures that families may want to consider as they are being asked what they would like to see at the renovated Fort Kid.

“We are hoping families will bring their children and having photos of real climbing walls, slides and other elements might help them put into words what they want to see at Fort Kid,” said Community Empowerment Director Charles Lomax.

Lomax along with representatives from the Public Building Authority and Hedstrom Landscape Architecture will be leading Thursday’s meeting. They will also be sharing a site analysis that highlights the playground build area and existing shade trees that the City intends to retain at the site.

All of the images have now been posted on the City of Knoxville’s website along with an online survey that will help the City get even more feedback about the community’s favorite elements of the park and to learn more about the memories families have shared at Fort Kid over the years.

Mayor Indya Kincannon said, “It is important for us to rebuild Fort Kid in the spirit of the original park constructed nearly 30 years ago. I am looking forward to working with the community on this project and making sure that Fort Kid will be here for generations to come.”

The survey will be online throughout the month of March, and paper copies will also be distributed at Thursday’s Fort Kid public meeting, scheduled for 5:30 p.m. at the Knoxville Museum of Art, 1050 World’s Fair Park Drive.

In February, the City announced it was moving forward with plans to dismantle the existing play structure at Fort Kid, replace a failing wall with a grassy slope and rebuild the playground so it is more easily accessible by visitors.

The closing date for the park has also been updated to April 6, 2020.

For more information and to find a link to the survey, search Fort Kid Survey on the City's website or go to knoxvilletn.gov/fortkid.

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