



SAN SIMEON NEWSLETTER

Tot Lot UPDATE and Link for Zoom on Wednesday, Aug. 14

Dear San Simeon Community Members,

I would like to take a moment to address, with complete transparency, several concerns that have been raised regarding the ongoing playground project.

*As many of you are aware, our beloved playground has been in need of refurbishment to ensure it meets safety standards and continues to be a fun and secure environment for our children. After extensive evaluation, we have obtained a quote from Playmore for a complete overhaul, which would cost **\$103,938.80**. This includes the installation of a new custom play structure, a spin cup, safety surfacing, and more.*

*However, in addition to Playmore's quote, we also received a quote from GameTime, the original builder of our playground equipment, to refurbish the existing structure. The total estimated cost for this refurbishment is **\$46,827.78**, which includes:*

- **Installation of New Poured-in-Place (PIP) Rubber Surfacing:** \$29,635.20
- **Installation of a New Sunshade:** \$8,154.00
- **Removal of the Existing Roof and Damaged Equipment, Removal of existing flooring and Installation of the New Shade:** \$6,825.00
- **Permits and Related Costs:** \$1,400.00

This quote also accounts for site preparation and compliance with the Florida Building Code, including sealed drawings, necessary permits, and more.

It's important to note that GameTime is the only company willing to refurbish the existing playground structure due to liability concerns. They are ready to begin work as soon as we provide the site plans required for permitting. Unfortunately, after a thorough search of our internal records, it appears that our site plans were inadvertently disposed of. Despite contacting the City of Fort Myers, there are no records of our playground on file, only the master site plan for San Simeon.

Whether we choose to refurbish the existing structure or pursue new construction, creating new site plans will be necessary to move forward. This is a critical step in ensuring that all work is completed safely, legally, and to the highest standards.

If the community chooses to move forward with refurbishing the existing playground, we can do so efficiently and with the assurance that the structure remains fundamentally sound. However, as a father, I personally lean towards new construction. I believe that building a brand-new playground, despite the higher cost, would provide a fresh, updated, and safer environment for our children. I understand the need for fiscal responsibility and transparency, and I am committed to working diligently to gather additional quotes if the community decides to pursue this option.

I initially planned to provide this update at our next board meeting, but given the urgency of the concerns, I felt it was essential to communicate the current status of the project immediately. My goal is to ensure that all of us in the San Simeon community are well-informed about the steps we are taking to provide a safe and enjoyable playground for our children.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support. Together, we can make the best decision for our community.

God bless,

Chris Luizzi

Vice President, San Simeon HOA

San Simeon Budget Committee is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Town Hall Meeting

Time: Wednesday, Aug 14, 2024 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89360099169?pwd=NbataQ1bJP4glTaxip9MHZORgn90R.1>

Meeting ID: 893 6009 9169

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