

MEMORANDUM

Date: October 7, 2019

To: The City of Gresham Design Commission

From: Taylor Kaplan, Gibbins Kaplan Development
Wylie Gibbins, Gibbins Kaplan Development

Re: Playground Design for Douglas Grove Apartments (18-26000234)

The project team for the Douglas Grove Apartments would like to propose a revised play area design. During construction and excavation, multiple large boulders were found on site. The team selected 10 boulders to be used in the play area that are substantial in size and visually interesting. The team proposes the following:

- Remove the log tunnel (plastic play piece)
- Remove the Tilted Twin Spin (plastic play piece)
- Remove 1 (of the 2) bench and replace it with a large boulder that has similar dimensions to a large bench
- Add 9 boulders for play, clustered in two areas within the existing play area.

Incorporating natural boulders in-lieu of plastic off-the-shelf play pieces will create a better environment for children's play and exploration. The boulders will also create a beautiful area for adults while supervising children or while relaxing outside. The revised design with boulders is not a value engineering decision. Using the boulders will cost a premium due to the cost of moving and setting the rocks. However, we think this revision will improve the property and the experience for the tenants.

Please let us know if you have further questions.

Thank you,

Taylor Kaplan and Wylie Gibbins