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# Hayward Area Recreation and Park District FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Grand Re-Opening at Kennedy Park

**HAYWARD, CA, April 27, 2022** – After years of planning and designing, the Grand Re-opening of the Kennedy Park took place on Friday, April 22, 2022.

Kennedy Park was a complete renovation of the 13.3-acre park with a total project cost of \$19.2 million dollars. Construction started in March of 2019 and finished late March of 2022. The project was delayed down due to Alameda County Health Department COVID-19 restrictions and supply chain issues, along with additional requirements approval for safe maintenance and operations by the State Department of Occupational Safety and Health, Amusement Rides and Tramway Division.

The scope of work included renovated picnic areas, group picnic shelters, new central farm-themed play areas with custom play equipment, a new teacup amusement ride, train ride track improvements, a new electric train engine and ADA accessible car, a new concession building with public restrooms, new bocce courts, improved pathways, new signage, informal lawns, fencing, irrigation, and landscaping. The antique carousel remains the same. Another addition to the project includes the area between Kennedy Park and McConaghy House that now hosts an event lawn area that better connects the park and historic residence. The design consultant was RRM Design Group and the General Contractor on this project was Sausal Corporation.

The Petting Zoo area will not be re-populated with animals, but used as an area for animal education, pet adoptions through a partnership with local agencies and occasional visits by critters from Sulphur Creek Nature Center.

The Kennedy Park Concessions and rides, Train, Teacups, and Antique Carousel will be open on Saturdays and Sundays from 11:00am-4:00pm. Tickets for the rides can be purchased at the Concession area, please check the ride rules for restrictions prior to purchasing tickets. The picnic sites can be reserved online at [www.haywardrec.org/picnic](http://www.haywardrec.org/picnic).

This is an exciting time for the District as it continues to complete projects with Measure F1 funding. In 2016, the Hayward Area Recreation and Park District put Measure F1 on the ballot. Measure F1 is a \$250,000,000 bond measure that authorizes funding for needed repairs, upgrades, and new construction projects to the District's parks and facilities that was passed on November 8, 2016 by over 78% of the voters.

The District is excited to use this funding to create, repair and improve District's parks and facilities. The other Measure F1 projects include: Edendale Park, Via Toledo Park, Fairmont Terrace Park, San Lorenzo Community Center and Park (Phase 2), Hayward Area Senior Center, Mia's Dream Come True all-Inclusive Playground and more, as well as the purchase of 8 parcels for future parks in park deficit areas of the District.

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