



Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church

Playground Replacement Task Force Charge

August 2019

A. Background

In summer 2019, the bridge on the existing playground structure became unsafe for use and was removed by AUUC Building & Grounds Committee. The two entrances to the bridge area will be blocked with wooden barricades.

Based on an inspection by the playground's manufacturer which estimated that the entire structure only has 1 to 2 years of use remaining, the quoted cost to fix the broken bridge slats or to replace the bridge alone are overly expensive. Because this playground is an important recreational area for Accotink families, as well as an integral feature of the preschool that rents our space, we seek to replace the entire structure as quickly as possible.

B. Playground Replacement Task Force Charge

The Playground Replacement Task Force is charged with working with the representative from Spring-Mar Cooperative Preschool and researching options for playground replacement. The replacement must:

- Fit the existing structure's mulch/bedding footprint
- Be designed for children ages 3 to 10
- Be available for installation within three months
- Be of reasonable cost
- Be agreed upon by both AUUC and Spring-Mar

C. Task Force Composition

The Task Force will be composed of two congregational members (one of whom is a member of the Board of Directors) and the Director of Spiritual Development. The congregational members will have a dedicated interest in the safety and recreational enjoyment of the children of our congregation and renters. The Task Force will work directly with one or more representatives from Spring-Mar.

D. Task Force Oversight

The AUUC Executive Committee will provide ongoing oversight of the Playground Replacement Task Force. Given the short timeframe for this task, progress will be reported to the Executive Committee as it occurs so that decisions can be made in a timely manner.

E. End Products

- Provide a recommendation to the BOD for replacement playground equipment that meets the criteria described in Section B above.
- Provide assistance as needed to the AUUC Building & Grounds Committee and/or the Administrator in ordering the equipment and arranging for installation.

Approved by AUUC Executive Committee on: August 25, 2019