


























Start date	Are you the parent or grandparent of school aged children?	How often do you visit the downtown playground?	Is the playground a positive factor in why you come downtown?	What do you like the most about this new playground concept?	What if anything do you dislike about this new playground concept?	What is your zip code? What would improve your downtown playground experience?
4/23/2021 1:57 PM	No	3 times or more per year	Yes	It definitely has a really cool design to it.	N/A	52245 N/A
4/23/2021 2:05 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	The incorporation of art and the book theme.	to see my child. The center structure also seems really imposing. We all know how quickly a child can run from one end of the playground to the next, and some kids even disappear into the library. Good sight-lines need to be a design priority. I'm afraid I also don't like how the design is heavy on primary colors. I would personally vote for neutral colors or a color scheme that blended with the downtown landscape.	52245 Electrical outlets to plug in laptop cords or phone chargers near seating and/or tables.
4/23/2021 2:07 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	The bright colors and shade structures are great.	From my observations during many playground visits, the small disconnected structures don't hold kids' interest for long. Kids seem to gravitate towards the more traditional play structures where they can run around together.	52246 The pandemic being over.
4/23/2021 2:14 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	No	Inventive shapes and forms.	Too gaudy! Based I suspect on the idea that children like bright colors. I think the colors should be more subdued more in keeping with the playground it is replacing and downtown in general.	52246 Being at least 70 years younger.
4/23/2021 2:15 PM	No	3 times or more per year	Yes	The shade	Can't tell but that slide looks pretty open at the top It seems like the toy in the new playground is less than the old one. So it might be crowded in the center climbing toy because it seems like it's the only one stair and slide which kids like most in this new playground.	52245 Make it bigger or multiple playgrounds; more benches
4/23/2021 2:18 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	It still looks fun for kids.	N/a	52246 It would be nice if you could add more slides and swings to this new playground.
4/23/2021 2:23 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	The shade!!!	Hard to tell the level of accessibility for children with disabilities.	52246 N/a
4/23/2021 2:24 PM	No	3 times or more per year	Yes	Interactive play, rubber floor, & shade	would like it to be a little more friendly for smaller children, toddler/preschool age	52246 Outdoor library activities downtown
4/23/2021 2:25 PM	No	3 times or more per year	Yes	looks like lots of nice shade and very accessible I really like all of the interactive options. If it's really going to be this colorful that's wonderful. Children really enjoy vibrant colors. This looks like a wonderful new way to encourage children to be active.	I love the design but it doesn't look very handicap accessible.	52246 would like it to be a little more friendly for smaller children, toddler/preschool age As a lifetime Iowa City resident I've always enjoyed for both myself and my children that there has always been a play area in the Ped Mall. This current one went in when my children were toddlers
4/23/2021 2:25 PM	No	Never	Yes	Children really enjoy vibrant colors. This looks like a wonderful new way to encourage children to be active.	N/A	52240 so it'll be nice to see something new. Making it handicap accessible would be wonderful for all
4/23/2021 2:26 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	The shade! Will be great on those sunny summer days	-	52240 N/A
4/23/2021 2:35 PM	No	3 times or more per year	Yes	Nothing	Its all segmented into mini areas. Current playground integrates kids by having a single flow.	52245 Go back to having a single flow and not mini segregated areas
4/23/2021 2:37 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	It looks fun and safe	Kids have enjoyed running back and forth across the play structure that is currently in the Ped Mall. This would provide limited access to running on a play structure. This structure seems geared towards older kids as opposed to toddlers and younger children. Does not seem like the structures offer a ton for smaller toddlers, the current structure has shorter slides that make it easy for big kids and little kids to play on the same equipment It doesn't seem to have as many slides, not sure if there is a lot for younger kiddos to do. The obstacle course is more designed for older kiddos Would love to see monkey bars... the current one has nice, low ones. The colors seem a little busy, but maybe they'll all come together into a lovely rainbow.	52241 Fewer creepy strangers staring at children while they play  How about a couple of items that kids can rock back and forth on such as can be found at Northridge Park in Coralville?
4/23/2021 2:38 PM	No	2 times or less per year	No	It offers shaded areas as well as interactive concepts for children.		
4/23/2021 2:42 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Shade		52240 The fountains being on :-)
4/23/2021 2:42 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	I like all the colors and incorporating the library into the play equipment (ie books)		52240 More raised walkways, my kiddo loves to run across the playground at a higher level.
4/23/2021 2:43 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Variety of play items and shade!		52245 Make sure items appealing to all ages!
4/23/2021 2:45 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	I love the colors, the brightness, the share, appealing to a variety of ages and abilities. It looks much more interactive and accessible to families. I've had a kid fall off the current playground and get run over by older kids. I like the different play spaces.	Nothing	We love the fountain, playground, the library, and then being able to get a meal or snack. It's a perfect afternoon with kids.
4/23/2021 2:46 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Safe, fun new idea and colorful	Nothing	52240 Bathroom
4/23/2021 2:46 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	It's great that you're including shade elements. Absolutely do not cut those! I like that they are festive looking at or not just gigantic chunks of plastic shade, things for different ages	I think the books are pretty silly. I guess that custom elements like that are quite expensive, and I think it is a bit ham fisted. I'd rather there be other items that are more exciting for kids to play on or climb on top of instead of those vertical books. I think it's pretty cheesy. We can do better	I think that integrated lighting in the playground would be really great. Gestures like that help make downtown feel like a place that everybody can hang out, not just if you're 21 years old and out to puke. I think the pandemic has taught us the importance of outdoor spaces, and how we can maximize our assets instead of just assuming that things will only be used in limited hours or limited seasons. It Doesn't have to be something custom. Even just running some commercial string lights from the same posts that you'll be putting the shade canopy on would make the whole space feel really welcoming and festive.
4/23/2021 2:46 PM	Yes	2 times or less per year	Yes	Nicer playground	.	52353 .
4/23/2021 2:46 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Sunshades	Nothing	52404 Swings!!
4/23/2021 2:48 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	It has some cover from the sun and has interesting areas kids can play with.	Nothing	52240 Sunshades to protect my children from the sun
4/23/2021 2:48 PM	Yes	2 times or less per year	Yes	Multi-age appropriate areas.	None	52317 Nothing other than some sun coverage like this new playground has
4/23/2021 2:48 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes		I can't think of anything.	52240 Water fountains near the play area. I feel like the current playground is in good usable condition. I do not like the new playground design. Similar to current design would be better. Something similar to that. More benches and tables for parents.
4/23/2021 2:50 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Nothing	All of it.	52245 Have water bottle filling stations near by. Kids drink a lot of water when out playing in the summer heat.
4/23/2021 2:51 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Shade, climbing structures that don't have large openings for little kids to fall from high places, the rubberized play surface	I would kind of miss the symmetrical design of the old play structure, but function should be the priority over design.	52240 More natural and creative elements in the design.
4/23/2021 2:52 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Shade sails	Aesthetically it's a little overwhelming. The only "dislike" is that there are other parks in IC that are in much worse shape than the current Ped mall park. For example, Hunters Run Park is in terrible shape. Whoever designed that slide clearly hates children as it's not safe at all.	52246 Free parking. Shade on the benches around the playground. Having the fountain on consistently. When I had younger kids, I would have liked more of an enclosure around the playground. With the sight lines it was too easy to have one kid run off.
4/23/2021 2:53 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Shade		52240 Please consider adding artificial climbing boulders. It would be nice to have a fence or something around at least one side of it to reduce the risk of younger kids just running off
4/23/2021 2:55 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	added shade	Inability to run from one end to the other, like on the current structure	52246 Having a tall fireman's pole. Having monkey bars. Having a big playground structure that groups can play on.
4/23/2021 2:57 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	N/a	N/a	52245 can play on.
4/23/2021 2:57 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	The shade structures will be really nice and it looks like there will be things for all ages of kids	Nothing I can think of I don't like it AT ALL. The GIANT AMAZING playground downtown is like a castle and one of its kind. This is boring. Big kids LOVE to play on the current playground and you can bring summer camps to it. This structure will be a nightmare. It's hard to tell from the pictures, but I'd like to make sure there are plenty of areas accessible and designed for children 5 years and under.	52245 More shaded seating for parents and caregivers
4/23/2021 2:58 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Maybe the rocket? But nothing else. Really. It is too babyish. Not enough for big kids. and NOT good for groups of daycare and such.		
4/23/2021 2:58 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	The shade! As a former parent to a school-aged child, and once a frequent visitor to the downtown playground, I'm adding my opinion! My favorite thing is the shade. I also like the inclusion of objects at ground-level to engage kids who might not be ready or able to clamber up some of the other structures. I also like the way the really active areas are isolated from the structures that are nearer the ground. I'm thinking that the perimeter benches are up a little closer to the play area, too.	Will there still be space for the giant chess board?	52240 Normalcy.
4/23/2021 2:59 PM	No	Never	No			52240 My 8yo twins suggest adding monkey bars, merry-go-round, and zip line
4/23/2021 3:01 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	NA	NA	52245 Ample benches for parents and shade options
4/23/2021 3:03 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Soft base ie not wood chips	Na	

4/23/2021 3:06 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	It looks like there is something for all ages	It doesn't look like there is a way to run from one end to the other Only designed to ADA minimum standards. There is no attempt to create an inclusive playground. This design will leave so many kids on the sidelines with nothing to do but mindless panels. Iowa City can and should do better.	52245 Seating for observing for all areas
4/23/2021 3:07 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Shade feature is nice		A playground where children who depend on mobility devices are allowed to engage with other kids independently and not forced to rely on a helper or stay on the ground.
4/23/2021 3:10 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	I like the shade and having an area for smaller children to play away from older children.	My children really enjoy having monkey bars. The disconnect of the climbing tower and obstacle structure. The interconnection of the current playground was nice with multiple access/exit points.	52245 Water fountains outside would be nice, lots of seating tables for adults and kids would be great.
4/23/2021 3:14 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	There are some unique elements! Love the color and the covered area when it gets hot.	It looks limiting, areas appear very separate which would make it difficult to watch multiple children at one time.	A type of barrier around the perimeter would be so reassuring, not a full fence/gate, but even a waist height plexiglass in order to keep the open look. I have 3 children, one has special needs and is a runner. This makes such an open public space intimidating and definitely limits where we feel comfortable. I have also seen men sitting around the current park, watching children play (maybe innocent, maybe not). Unfortunately, this is the times in which we live and making it safer for our children is always the right choice. Thanks for letting the community voice our opinions!!
4/23/2021 3:17 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	The spaceship in the middle	I don't think the small structures on the periphery are very exciting. I don't think kids will think so either.	52245 Is there a way to make the spaceship bigger, rather than having all those small things on the west side? Also, the news release said the city was releasing "concepts", but there's only one concept.
4/23/2021 3:18 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	I like the colors and shad options.	It seems like it won't be able to accommodate larger groups of kids. This is a big factor as daycares and summer camps frequently use the downtown playground.	52246 Thanks for letting the community have input! 52245 I really like the current playground and equipment and structure. Please think about if there will be enough slides and climbing structures for larger groups of kids.
4/23/2021 3:20 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	inclusive surface	PLEASE - I deplore the use of a ladder to reach the top level of the structure. IC has chosen this style even after voiced community comment/argument to the contrary at both Mercer and City Park - thus leaving out many children young/old, parents, caregivers, grandparents, community members from enjoying the structure because only the nimble can climb the ladders. This particular area is such a community hotspot, please build a playground all members of the community can access. Stairs!! North Liberty Penn Meadows did it. Come on IC - you can too.	doing more than just the minimum ADA requirements. Its all good/great to be given access to a structure, but even that becomes a mute point when you cannot access the structure once you got there. Add stairs to the top level so even more individuals can enjoy the structure and the view.
4/23/2021 3:22 PM	Yes	2 times or less per year	Yes	More play areas to allow more small families or groups to space out and allow for more children to enjoy the play area at the same time.	I like the idea of the shade sails but would there be any issues with them being torn apart by our frequent strong winds or issues with falling snow and ice debris in the winter?	52245 An expanded play area for children. Pre-pandemic we came downtown frequently and larger open air play areas are much needed to allow for distancing.
4/23/2021 3:28 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	The kids will love the rocket ship! It looks so colorful and inviting and I like the shade.	One of my kids loves to swing, but there may not be room for that. I am not very impressed with the "obstacle" course, would rather see something connected to the other climbing structure. Kids love moving from one thing to the other at the higher level. Although I appreciate the efforts at some shade, I think making room for the trellis is taking space away from the playground that is already in a pretty tight space, I also think you may have college students hanging from it.	52240 Plenty of benches to sit and watch the kids.
4/23/2021 3:36 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	The colors, the books, the climbing structure in the middle	Nothing!	I know this is a lot to ask, but all the snow gets piled on the playground, it. Would be great to be able to use it on a brisk winter day after a library visit.
4/23/2021 3:38 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	The colors are so bright and happy! Love the variety of things to do and play!		52241 If the water feature next to the playground starts back up too!
4/23/2021 3:42 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	It is a change, some of the previous structures where dangerous, we saw some nasty falls. Also, there seems to ve a little bit of everything.	We live in Peninsula Neighborhood and have that same #2 structure. Kids use it because there is nothing else but they do not like it and they get easily stuck up high in several areas.	52245 The equipment and floor should be cleaned every once in a while. Like lots of benches. Are bike racks close? Smaller seating option for one or two, stools?
4/23/2021 3:46 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Like Plan 1	Do not like the Obstacle play piece. Will have injuries.	52245 Place to store items while playing (realize hard to make storage secure)
4/23/2021 3:47 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Coverage	Size	52240 Interactive music
4/23/2021 3:50 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Much bigger	No swings	52241 Maybe add swings, or splash pad
4/23/2021 3:56 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	The design is really cool	No swings :(	52241 Need swings
4/23/2021 3:58 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	The shade and bright colors	Get it built :)	52340 Easier parking
4/23/2021 4:00 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Bright colors	The current playground is spread out nicely, climbing components over a wide range, whereas this new playground seems to have only a small "fun" space	52246 Spread out the climbing towers, bridges, etc
4/23/2021 4:02 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Bright colors, theming and shade. Lots of different activities for kids to play so that big groups can use at the same time.	Wish it were larger.	52241 nothing
4/23/2021 4:05 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	I like the shading features and the various components of the playground. I love the update to the current playground. I frequently visit the current playground with my toddler and I love that I can grab a coffee nearby.	I strongly dislike the colors. It feels overwhelming as there is always so much going on in that space. I think it will compete with the architecture of the buildings in the area as well as the performances occurring on the stage nearby. As a parent, I think it would difficult to locate your child with all the strong colors. Some more sedate softer colors will be more in line with the classic pedestrian improvements that have been made.	52245 See above. Please reconsider the colors.
4/23/2021 4:07 PM	No	3 times or more per year	Yes		I haven't looked closely at the plans.	52241 I'd like to have a toddler-friendly portion for multi-age families. Making sure parents can easily see kids from the bench. Nursing and baby while a toddler plays,
4/23/2021 4:09 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Shade and climbing	None	52317 having sight lines is important.
4/23/2021 4:10 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Shade	Less actual play area.	52317 Swings. I don't think the new playground has anything wrong with it!!
4/23/2021 4:12 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	I love the library in conjunction with the playground. It's great to go the the library and pick up some books play at the playground and then head a bite to eat and drink!	I also want to be sure there is enough seating around the playground for parents to watch their kids but I like what is proposed looks bright, fresh and inviting! I think it's comforting to have a familiar place for children. The current play equipment and spongy cork surface was very recently updated. I like the current earth tone colors that are calming on children.	52240 I hope they keep the sprinkler that's always fun too! The City has lower revenues due to Covid lockdowns and low Ulowa student population. There have been way too many aggressive park projects since 2018. Why keep spending needlessly? Is the director overbudget?
4/23/2021 4:13 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	I like the novel sphere and spiral, but they aren't that different from the current play structure. Why keep spending needlessly? Is the director overbudget?	Having one small play tower is not ideal. The playground now is great because it has lots of entrances, slides, things to climb, etc. and everything is spread out. If it's crowded there's still plenty of room for everyone to have their space. The proposed play tower has fewer slides and everything is crammed into a small space. It won't accommodate older and younger kids at the same time. It would be better to have a larger, more spread out play tower similar to the current one.	52240 the director overbudget?
4/23/2021 4:14 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Looks fun, lots of colors, different activities, partly shaded, appears to be an area for younger kids.	I think the book displays will get in the way of kids running around and possibly be a hazard. Also my kids have never spent much time playing with sensory activities at parks.	It's a pretty good spot as-is. Additional seating options near the playground such as picnic tables would be nice rather than just benches.
4/23/2021 4:15 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Cushioned surface. Multiple age ranges offered. Benches around the park.	Needs swings.	52245 Add swings. It is usually a busy place to play so having more ramps and play structures for kids to climb on might help. Something similar to what is currently downtown but updated with more of an age range.
4/23/2021 4:16 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Variety of ages will enjoy this, and I love the sun shades.	It doesn't seem like there are enough spaces to play for larger groups of children.	52245 range.
4/23/2021 4:18 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Big , multiple kids can use . Lots of different aspects for kids	To small.. looks like it's more for looks than accommodation to the publiv	52401 Another playground close by

4/23/2021 4:19 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	It is ok, not terribly exciting	Most playgrounds in all of Iowa City lack things for pre-teen and kids ages 5-12. Everything is for toddlers. Make more adventurous play available. Don't put in the same old insurance friendly playground that is in 99% of America. Be different	52240 Splash pad
4/23/2021 4:25 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	The shaded concept and different playscape options	I would like to see some sort of swinging function	52245 More seating Make sure the bonded rubber material is PAH- and heavy metal-free. Recycled tire materials are usually contaminated with these toxic chemicals.
4/23/2021 4:26 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	I really like the separate play space for younger kids, and the shaded seating+play areas	none	
4/23/2021 4:29 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	I like that my youngest can't fall from the higher areas in the play tower. I like the shade features.	I don't like the ladder option to get to the top of the play tower (and in turn the spiral slide) because it is not easy for younger children, as well as others, to use. I don't feel like this design uses the space well. Currently, the space has many slides and areas to play, allowing a lot of children to play at once. This design doesn't seem to allow for numerous children at a time. I also don't see obstacle equipment getting used much at other playgrounds that have similar equipment. The obstacle equipment also seems catered toward older children. The left side of the design seems to be for younger children but my young children always gravitate toward the slides and playground structure rather than those types of items. I would rather see the playground structure expanded and not have the small items on the left side.	52327 We love the playground that is currently there and don't feel it needs an update like this. My children love all the slides, various sections, and running across all the current bridges.
4/23/2021 4:30 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Looks great!! So bright and colorful... looks like there is space for all ages	The center point(rocket ship?) looks small. The current large structure gets very crowded with kids and parents with little kids... I'd worry the new piece couldn't handle many children at once.	52240 A new playground would be great... although the construction time is worrying. We live the pedmall and it was areal drag when it was closed down.
4/23/2021 4:31 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Obstacle play equipment, since it is most similar to a natural playscape. Only indicating this since it is a required field. Kids like to chase and climb. More monkey bars and climbers.	I completely dislike this concept. It is unattractive and very contrasting to the other recent PedMall improvements. The colors are terrible and have no relationship to the surroundings. Shade is nice in the summer, but not wanted in the winter. How can the shades be removable/configurable. Any book theme should be eliminated. This is such a forced attempt to acknowledge the City of Literature. The book play sculpture is a waste and a missed opportunity. This should be all play fitness and activity. There are plenty of other sculptural experiences in the rest of the pedmall. Don't force it on kids who want to run and play.	52240 an error in the zip code field above and is adding a digit separator. 52240 Comfy benches Definitely challenging terrain and fun playground geared toward younger and older kids. I have found that even when my son was really young, he found more challenging parks to be the most interesting! My children are age 2 and a baby. Hope this playground will safely accommodate a range of ages as my kids grow up! Love the downtown play area. One of my favorite spots in Iowa City. Get a treat to eat, play, and go to the library.
4/23/2021 4:32 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	It's more colorful. The awnings are brilliant!	Would like more variable heights	52245 Shade A fence might be nice to enclose the kids and not worry about them roaming off when trying to watch more than one kid. 52241 More space to sit around it. 52245 Plenty of seating for adults
4/23/2021 4:37 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	My son says he likes the idea of the tower- 8 years old. Shade and obstacle course!	I dislike that the parks seem to be geared mainly toward really young kids	
4/23/2021 4:37 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Looks colorful and I appreciate the shade!!!	Can't tell what ages it is geared toward.	
4/23/2021 4:47 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Space, location to restaurants, shopping and festivals	I like the shade on the playground- the benches for parents are always placed in direct sunlight.	
4/23/2021 5:06 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	I can grab coffee, lunch, shop and play!	Closed areas from the pictures could be questionable after dark with the night life.	
4/23/2021 5:14 PM	Yes	2 times or less per year	Yes	Different age levels can play, different physical abilities.	Na	
4/23/2021 5:18 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Colorful!	Is there space for younger kiddos?	
4/23/2021 5:34 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	The variety of ways to play & Shaded areas	The lack of equipment for mobility disabled children - something like a large swing that could hold a wheelchair or small group of kids to sway on, at the least, would be nice. I'm not expect in ADA playground equipment, but I've seen quite a few neat configurations for disabled kids around Indianapolis. Ladders. I'm 13 and need assistance to walk. I cannot climb ladders but I love slides and these slides look cool. If there are no stairs, I can't use the playground. It's no fun to watch everyone else having fun.	52245 Frankly, I would appreciate more resources devoted to maintenance and upkeep staffing around the area. I was just there with my 4yr old this afternoon, and there was dried puke (assuming from last night) near the area and the small bench&tables were filthy. The novelty of the new equipment will wear off quickly if the area doesn't feel safe and somewhat clean/kempt.
4/23/2021 5:41 PM	No	3 times or more per year	Yes	the slides	Enclosed slide. Not sure how easily parents can get inside with small children or if someone gets hurt inside how easy is it for the children to get hep. Pictures are not easy to see this. Looks fun, it would be terrible if more people brought kids downtown.	52245 Being able to use the slides. Having other things to do other than climbing stuff.: see saw, merry go round. 52246 More natural features, like large trees, boulders, logs, etc. similar to Kiwanis and Riverfront crossing. Would also be nice to see more water features for kids to play in downtown. Thanks for doing this for our community! 52245 Turning it into an adult playground (free outdoor gym)
4/23/2021 5:45 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	More toddler friendly :)		
4/23/2021 5:52 PM	No	2 times or less per year	No	Looks like it offers more shade		
4/23/2021 5:53 PM	Yes	2 times or less per year	Yes	Bright, fun colors.	Nothing	52241 Please consider kids with life threatening food allergies when making an area handicapped accessible. Our littles can't be near peanuts. Having signs keeping food off the playground and frequent surface cleanings would allow our kids to play with the other kids and use the space.
4/23/2021 5:56 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Shade structure, options for varied ages	There are not adequate opportunities for individuals with diverse abilities (especially physical disabilities). The sensory panels are not enough (and it is unclear from the drawings if these are even wheelchair accessible). I would also prefer that the design be something that will not appear out of date in a few years (i.e., the rocket ship shaped structures). I don't really understand the color choices made, they seem random and I don't see how they connect to the overall design theme. Also what is the design theme, it's a bit unclear just by simply looking at the renderings. I wish there was a larger main structure rather than just one "rocket ship" structure to climb on. I personally always enjoyed how large the old play structure was growing up. N/a	52245 Please further consider the principles of inclusive playground design.... <a href="https://www.playcore.com/programs/me2">https://www.playcore.com/programs/me2</a>
4/23/2021 6:22 PM	No	2 times or less per year	No	I like the shade structures included in the design scheme. I also like the connection some of the play structures have with library. (i.e. book climbing structure)		52246 less crazy of saturated color scheme! Also a larger central play structure!!!!!!
4/23/2021 6:44 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	More "baby" friendly spaces and shaded canopy	It's kind of hard to see from the renderings, but this playground has always been stressful for me as a parent because it's extra hard to keep track of my child due to the flow patterns and the sheer number of entrance/exit paths and equipment pieces. This doesn't look like an improvement on that. It also looks like there are just a lot fewer equipment pieces for the kids and more "fluff" pretty things to look at that the kids aren't interacting with. Worry a bit about it's ability to host lots of children like the old one.	52245 Maybe a gate type enclosure that surrounds all or most of the playground. Some kind of enclosure around most of the playground so I can feel like I can relax while my child plays. Also does the current concept incorporate any accessible equipment for children with disabilities? The library gets visited by large groups of kids from the arc every summer and it would be super if they could go outside and use the playground and I'm sure many other kids would benefit. The arc has built an accessible playground on site do they have some experience with this. 52245 A safe space for kids to run around where they are easily visible.
4/23/2021 6:51 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Shade is an excellent addition		
4/23/2021 6:55 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Multiple areas and bright colors!		
4/23/2021 6:57 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	The shade	I don't care for the playground with the red hoops and balls for climbing. This exists at a park in another town we go to and kids don't seem to like playing on it. Its rarely used. I dislike almost all of it. Here is a place where a cross section of the community and a wide variety of ages play (college students included!). This playground design is incredibly shortsighted and blah. There should be steps for older people. There should be a playground that bring parents together to play WITH their kids. The books randomly around the design will hinder pathways of running.	52240 Having the library open.
4/23/2021 7:01 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	The shade and colors		52245 An aside, your questions about visiting is lacking some options and are written with bias. Pre COVID I was at the playground once a WEEK. This playground is a weekly part of lives.

4/23/2021 7:04 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Separate play areas/structures for smaller and larger kids	Lack of things to climb up (ropes, poles, monkey bars, etc) or under Running and playing tag is a typical game here. Having a small barrier to somewhat separate the smaller kids would be beneficial to keep them from being run down.	52246 Enlarge the play space and have a running space around the perimeter with obstacles to be climbed under/over/up & on that support & enhance the tag experience. Also lights				
4/23/2021 7:05 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	The shade	There doesn't seem to be as many climbing structures as the current playground. The sensory panels: too much sensory play, not enough climbing/running/playing. Get a seesaw. Install swings. In my experience, kids usually don't play much with these semi-didactic sensory panels. Monkey bars for the win - our kids already get enough sensory input. They need to run, play and use their imagination.	52317 I like the playground the way it is. Just add shade coverings to the existing playground.				
4/23/2021 7:09 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	The shade area. The slide and climbing structures.	I feel like the current one has so many options- my kids would adventure from one side to the next and underneath. I love the current one.	52240 Wheelchair-accessible ramp? See above. Also: water features. More climbing opportunities. Less "sensory panels." Find something accessible for kids with disabilities that is actual fun. - wheelchair accessible swing?				
4/23/2021 7:21 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	The colors are beautiful- it looks like art. The shade and the seating around the edge. The rope thing looks good for older kids. I love the current flooring of the playground.	Colors are ugly. My kids are less interested in the slide and say they'd like a rope ladder instead. Too many kids will congregate in the spaceship bc it's the largest thing on the playground. Kids are likely to get hurt up there and parents will have difficulty reaching them. There should be more items for toddlers. Maybe a splash pad?	52245 Anything is great - thank you for continuing to improve the downtown 52240 I wish there were no dogs allowed in the ped mall. 52245 My kids would like climbers, merry go rounds, and ninja warrior type obstacles				
4/23/2021 7:24 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	4/23/2021 7:27 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	The obstacle playground equipment is most appealing to my kids	Nothing. Nothing Na	52241 Splash pad, small playground for toddlers (I have a 1 and 5 year old) 52246 This new playground. 52317 Hopefully the water fountains turn back on this summer? 52241 Love that area
4/23/2021 7:31 PM	Yes	2 times or less per year	Yes	Different attractions to spread kids out, shade, different levels of difficulty Looks fun. Things for all ages, and SHADE The colored panels that will provide some protection from sun.	Nothing. Nothing Na					
4/23/2021 7:32 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes							
4/23/2021 7:33 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes							
4/23/2021 7:43 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes							
4/23/2021 7:44 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	The shade	That it's not very spread out. The one currently is perfect for our 3 year old and our 5 and 7 year old. Such a hot spot I think there needs to be more larger equipment and not only a ladder to get to top. I appreciate the other things that are not equipment but the equipment is so used especially Friday nights.	Please see above. I really hope you take into consideration the comments from other moms and caregivers in the area. I'm excited for the new structure but the length and options of the current seem to disappear with this option.				
4/23/2021 7:46 PM	Yes	2 times or less per year	Yes	Bright colors, lots of different things to do, some shade	It doesn't appear to remove many barriers for those with disabilities or mobility challenges	52317 Some disability friendly items...large wheelchair swing, ramps to reach certain elements				
4/23/2021 7:51 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	The shade is nice	I would like to see it be more sculptural and open ended instead of typical play equipment. Some of the ideas that Shannon Gassmen was suggesting on your Facebook post are what I was imagining. Not sure it has as many slides	52246 A more open play area that isn't just equipment. Similar to some of the European ideas. 52245 Not sure				
4/23/2021 7:54 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	The various areas	It comes after two years of ped mall construction followed by a pandemic year (or two?) when nobody was playing at the ped mall. I'm leery of another summer without a playground on the ped mall.					
4/23/2021 8:01 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Shaded	Can't tell if it will still have soft flooring. I like that the current one has the soft floor.	52246 Having two or three summers of normality before the disruption of more construction. 52240 Accessibility for all kids				
4/23/2021 8:05 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Shade						
4/23/2021 8:06 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	The colors.	This design will make it difficult for toddlers and pre-school age children to play. It is not spread out enough. This seems like the accessibility is the credibly limited for so many.	52245 Something that can spin, easier monkey bars, ropes, and imagination station, swings.				
4/23/2021 8:09 PM	No	2 times or less per year	No	Colorful	It doesn't look wheelchair friendly It's ladders                                             					

						From what I can see in the design, the two main dislikes are 1) the red hoops in area #2 - there is a structure like this in my neighborhood and I never see kids on that part - it's awkward and hard to use. 2) all the little book structures on the ground seem like a waste of space, unclear what is the purpose unless I'm missing something in the design	
4/23/2021 10:04 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Shade		Needs to be more accessible, not just ladder. Needs more slides. I love bridges across structures too, they love to be up tall on current structure	52245 More slides for all age kids, more stairs
4/23/2021 10:12 PM	Yes	2 times or less per year	Yes	Yes for improved shade, maybe also canopy over the main play structure so more like a tent.		The obstacle play equipment. It's difficult for little kids and toddlers to play on it without parents help- The Peninsula neighborhood has this same structure and virtually no small kids ever can play on it. Also, I'd love to see more slides.	52251 Benches/picnic tables to rest
4/23/2021 10:19 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	The shade			52240 More shaded table seating would be nice
4/23/2021 10:21 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Shade		It doesn't seem to offer much more than the present playground. Why not leave well alone and spend the money elsewhere? Though I get it if this is about ADA accessibility.	52240 More adventure. Playgrounds are too tame and prescriptive.
4/23/2021 10:22 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Color is good.		It is all theme, no play. What is a toddler going to do with	52240 Scrap every thing but the colors and the locations.
4/23/2021 10:36 PM	No	3 times or more per year	No	Very colorful and alot of different items for learning, yet have fun		A big tower. How do you keep kids from congregating around the one or two fun things to do. Kids do not care about such a literary design. Where are all of the swings or built in bouncy toys? We would not go back often with	52241 Hope the college students don't ruin it
4/23/2021 10:46 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Great size, soft surface, surrounding seating		these plans. Kids come out n different ages and are not all interested in climbing to nowhere. I like it	52240 N/A
4/23/2021 10:50 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	I like the shade pieces over the sides.		I don't like that it's a lot of separate items, rather than one large thing to roam. It seems like there's too much color, just for the sake of color.	To leave the existing one intact, so as to have continued access to a playground rather than
4/23/2021 10:51 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Shade!		Might be harder to see children from all sides	52240 disrupt a summer waiting for something to go in.
4/23/2021 10:51 PM	No	3 times or more per year	No	Very colorful and interesting		Nothing	52241 Shade, easy to watch the kids, places to sit
						My impression is that compared to the old one there are very few things to climb or go up and down on. Only two slides? There will be lines of kids when the place is busy.The big books literary display. looks pretty trite and frankly boring. May be that suppose to be for the little ones. The old one had a lot of moving around possible. Lots of smaller sections for kids to hang out or move through multiple times. The whole thing was integrated so there was a sense of travel and a big space.	52245 larger space
4/23/2021 10:55 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	It is colorful. and the shade looks like a big plus. not sure the the climbing thing to the east is all about but it look interesting.		It would be nice to make sure that children of all abilities can play here and have easy access to play areas.	Young parents and even Grandparents like myself are often asked to join in by their children and
4/23/2021 11:24 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	The shade and sensory additions!			52245 little one often need hands on help. Is this design usable by adults? It should be.
						I don't see a fence. Please, I beg you, consider a fence. The last time my partner and I took our kids to the playground, our (then) 2 year old ended up inside the library despite both of us actively watching our children at play. We were very lucky that a helpful stranger saw him running gleefully toward the children's section of the library and stayed with him until we found him.	52241 Swings! Or maybe even a rock wall climbing structure!
4/23/2021 11:27 PM	Yes	2 times or less per year	No	It looks very fun.			52245 A fence.
4/23/2021 11:53 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	It is extremely colorful and will be so inviting and exciting to children.		There's nothing to dislike.	Actually, the downtown playground experience is always a positive one for all the years I've been
4/24/2021 12:01 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Equipment appropriate for different age groups, middle tower structure, shade!		No dislikes - love the look of the equipment and love the book theme. This looks amazing!!	52240 going there w/ children.
4/24/2021 12:18 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Love the literature theme		Loved the playground concept drawing that had included the pencils. I wish the pencils could have been kept just made to be less climbable from the outside than the concept drawings showed.	52245 N/a
4/24/2021 12:28 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Nothing		I have to say it is a bit overwhelming. I think given the small surrounding space, this will really limit the area for free running/play. The colors are too bright too.	Making the literature theme more noticeable. Would love to see the book sculptures with books
4/24/2021 12:32 AM	No	3 times or more per year	Yes	Very cool looking design		Seems like not a lot of things to climb on. Kids will bottle neck in certain areas. Also, doesn't look very ADA friendly. Maybe a few pieces comply, but we can definitely do better to be welcoming to ALL kids and families.	52240 written by Iowa City children's authors.
4/24/2021 12:57 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	I like the shade aspect, separate play areas. Overall nice design. Still has slides		Would like some natural features- can help kids be more inventive	I would just keep it cleaner and better maintained. I really don't see a reason for changing the entire structure. One idea would be to have another area downtown to have a playground rather
4/24/2021 12:59 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Shade		Too colorful. Would prefer a more natural looking playground and a smaller one for younger kids	52245 than creating such a busy environment in a single location.
4/24/2021 1:25 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Shade + places to be pretend		Nothing in particular	Climbing structures for all ages. I love the built in shade of this new design, but the actual
4/24/2021 2:37 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Shade, safety, the variety of ages that can enjoy the space		Looks great!	52245 playground seems to be lacking.
4/24/2021 5:52 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	In another context I'd like a ton, but this is a terrible context		It's the absolute worst time to propose replacing a perfectly functional playground when there are mass cries in the streets to spend money on more important things.	52245 Adding natural features
4/24/2021 6:07 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Looks safe and sturdy. Nice sun cover.		No	52241 Shade and easy way to watch the kids
4/24/2021 6:16 AM	No	3 times or more per year	Yes	The shade and the flooring		.	52240 More tunnels, houses, bridges, places to explore
4/24/2021 6:50 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	I like that it is colorful		It is lacking the fun fort feel of the old!! My kids love the current one. Please don't make it babyish.	52245 Can't think of anything
4/24/2021 7:10 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	The shade area		Nothing	Seeing an actual representation of our town's makeup, instead of the predominantly white people
4/24/2021 7:13 AM	Yes	2 times or less per year	Yes	The colors and unique design, structures I have not seen before		The unique design, structures I have not seen before	52245 that can afford the time and money to go there.
						Honestly, this seems like a major downgrade. Appears to be lots of structure but not much for kids to actually do except a few slides and some stuff to climb on. My 5 y/o would not play on the rope/disc structure. Doesn't look ADA friendly	52440 Cool down area on hot days
4/24/2021 7:15 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Colorful, shade from sun			52241 Some water fountain for drinking
4/24/2021 7:17 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Shade features		So flashy and artificial looking. I strongly prefer a more toned down natural playground aesthetic.	52245 A playground for elementary age children. An edible garden, water fountain, more plants.
4/24/2021 7:18 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	The shade.		Nothing	52358 Drinking fountain
4/24/2021 7:25 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Variety of activities, shade, vibrant colors		Just a smidge of nostalgia for the current structure (one big continuous structure was fun).	52245 Nothing
						There are currently a couple picnic tables near the playground. I can't tell in these pictures if those are gone or not. If so, I think it'd be good to try and keep a couple close to the playground. While there are others not too far away in the ped mall, having some close to the playground is so nice for lunch, snacks, picnic, etc.	52317 Room to run, climb, small-kid friendly, shade, more benches
4/24/2021 7:27 AM	No	3 times or more per year	Yes	It's updated, fresh, and has something for all ages. My daughter is not school aged yet and while she enjoys the current playground, the new concept looks like there are more things designed for younger children.		It doesn't look like there is a slide for younger children. One of the things I don't like about the current play structure is that when it gets busy the older kids are on the same structure as the younger kids and often end up knocking them over.	52240 Shade. Otherwise, I do think the current playground is already fabulous.
4/24/2021 7:29 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	The sun shades.		N/A	Shade and benches. I love that the concept seems to have equipment for various ages as I have a
4/24/2021 7:34 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Sensory play and exploration			52245 3 year old and a 6 year old.

4/24/2021 7:34 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	The added shade.	The enclosures	52240 We like the current playground, especially the monkey bars.
4/24/2021 7:35 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Love everything. I hope the colorful shaded structures are lit up at night	Nothing- please keep the same soft ground as before	52241 More equipment
4/24/2021 7:41 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	The shade and benches closer to the play space.	The book displays are cool, but not really functional for kids.	52245 Shade and benches that aren't separated from the play space!
4/24/2021 7:43 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Colorful, love the shade areas as there isn't much there currently. Like the library theme additions.	Can't think of anything	52333 Have the water features working again?
4/24/2021 7:44 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Shade!	Very bright colors	52245 Hand sanitizer stations
4/24/2021 7:45 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	It includes fun for all ages	Maybe a sandbox, swingset for babies	52240 Atmosphere
4/24/2021 7:46 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Book details and shade	Adding a million colors doesn't make it more fun for kids to play on - just more garish to look at. They'll have the same amount of fun regardless of what colors are incorporated. The view from the hotels and ballrooms would be concerning to me.	Adding some shade for parents and caregivers. Consistently in Iowa City I find the zip line is the most popular piece of equipment. New playgrounds in IC have put in these rotating merry-go-round alternatives and I've yet to meet a kid who liked them because they're so slow and difficult to establish any momentum. The design of these looks fun in theory but at Napoleon and City
4/24/2021 8:01 AM	No	2 times or less per year	No	Bright colors	Not able to see child	52246 Park I've found disappointed kids. 52246 Fencing
4/24/2021 8:06 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Shade, it get so hot on the plastic in the summer	Small play space, this will get packed with kids. Spread out the design like it is now. I don't like the plastic fiddle things and knobs, those don't get used. Needs monkey bars.	52338 Shade, space where kids aren't crowded and you can keep track of where you kid is at.
4/24/2021 8:07 AM	No	2 times or less per year	Yes	Love the color, excitement and wonder it fosters. Makes Iowa City feel welcoming to children.	Na	52245 Na
4/24/2021 8:19 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	The shade element	That the tower is the only playground element the kids will really play on and it will be packed.	52250 Shaded sitting for parents.
4/24/2021 8:23 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	No	It's different from other playgrounds in the area.	I think it's too bright and flashy...something more organic and sculptural would be nice.	52245 Other things in the area for kids.
4/24/2021 11:29 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Shade!	Nothing	52246 Having shaded areas.
4/24/2021 11:37 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	the boundless sphere and the ropes climber thing	Seems prescriptive and plastic. Needs more open play, like the logs at the City Park playground.	52245 More open play structures.
4/24/2021 12:13 PM	Yes	2 times or less per year	Yes	Colors, unique equipment, and the variety of equipment	There's nothing I dislike	52776 This equipment and more convenient short term parking options Having better surveillance or regulations during the weekend as sometimes there's is people
4/24/2021 12:34 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Shades, sensory display	None	52240 drunk and yelling profanities (daytime)
4/24/2021 1:10 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Looks like there is more for younger kids.	Too colorful and obnoxious. Please use more neutral colors or maybe a pop of one color/color shade.	52240 Adding equipment safe for young toddlers (mine are 1 and 2.5)
4/24/2021 1:25 PM	Yes	2 times or less per year	Yes	Colorful. Lots of options.	It also seems like the structures block sight lines and might be easy to lose a kid/not see them. Didn't see anything for special needs children.	52242 Something for special needs children.
4/24/2021 1:33 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Shade and link to the library	The current structure can hold lots of kids of many different ages. This design looks really limited in the number who can actually use it.	Doing the construction in the winter rather than taking up another summer season like when
4/24/2021 1:56 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Surface	Not inclusive for children and adults of all abilities.	52246 redoing the ped mall for two summers.
4/24/2021 1:59 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Soft ground, proximity to food and fountain.	Smokers too close.	52245 More thought put into inclusion of those normally left out of typical play. 52317 Inclusivity.
4/24/2021 2:04 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Shade. Seems safer than the open towers of the old playground.	It seems disjointed. No monkey bars, nothing to challenge kids physically.	Having a play set large enough for older and younger kids to explore together without fear of the
4/24/2021 2:07 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Shade	Nothing	52245 younger ones accidentally getting pushed off of the higher elements. 52245 No smoking on the ped mall
4/24/2021 2:10 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Rubber mulch and shade are wonderful.	First and foremost, my daughter has cerebral palsy, and this playground looks decidedly accessibility unfriendly. The tower does not appear to have ramp access	52246 See last remark.
4/24/2021 2:16 PM	Yes	2 times or less per year	Yes	It looks colorful.....the curly slide is awesome.....	It's strangely lacking in theme. It would be so easy to create a book theme throughout the structure. Instead, books are stuck up in the middle of the ground (4), with no apparent purposes except decoration, although (9) is a book climbing feature. The entire playground should be built around such a theme. And items like (4) should have play purposes with it. For (2), why not make it a spider web with a Hobbit or Charlotte's Web book in front? For (1), why not make it a grain silo for Little Red Hen? It is so easy to think of ways to make these with inclusive, accessible, popular, timeless literary ties.	52240 If it was sanitized on a daily basis.
4/24/2021 2:35 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Nothing	....but the playground that's there is not that old and there's nothing wrong with it. There are other playgrounds that could use upgrading before this one gets a new one again Dislike it strongly Concept seems to value style over substance. Book displays are cute but look like they would impede flow. There seem to only be a couple of actual play options so when downtown is busy it's not going to work well.	52245 Leave it the way it is
4/24/2021 2:38 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	The added shade.		More functional structures for actual play. There also is accessibility issues which need to be more thoroughly considered moving forward.
4/24/2021 2:42 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Benches without bars	There's not enough space to climb and slide all the kids will gravitate towards that one spot	52240 More benches without bars
4/24/2021 3:05 PM	No	2 times or less per year	Yes	I like the books and slides	N/a	52245 I wish there was a smaller toddler jungle gym for my littles.
4/24/2021 3:39 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Plenty of shade. Seating for parents (although this appears to be existing and not added with this design) My kids say they like everything about it and that it will make it much easier to play "going into outer space."	Not a fan of the color choices tbh. Looks very stylized but this may be at the cost of play options. Looks like there is minimal play options (books to climb through left, slide center, climbing activity right). How accessible is this for children and families with disabilities?	Accessibility. More physical play options guarantee kids are going to bottleneck that center slide - 52245 think function over style. The color is not great. Is there a bubbler/drinking fountain close by?
4/24/2021 3:51 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes		N/A	52240 N/A
4/24/2021 6:20 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	lots of area to run around, maneuver strollers and wheelchairs My daughter says "It looks colorful, it looks fun to play on. The rocket ship looks cool." I like the shade, but especially for playing in the summer.	I'm sorry, but the colors are hideous. Would strongly prefer something more naturalistic.	52245 Making it a place where ALL kids can play and have fun.
4/24/2021 6:44 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes		While wheelchairs can move around here, what is there to do, really, for kids in wheelchairs? This seems pretty lousy for kids in wheelchairs. No wheelchair accessible "sway" glider? No "merry go round" type component with harness? no ability to enter any of the major components in a wheelchair? Just shows a lack of creativity. Why always the bare minimum for our kids with disabilities?	52245 My kids suggest a slide off the library roof ; )
4/24/2021 6:57 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Nothing	Nothing Needs to be way more handicap accessible- for adults w disabilities to play with their kids and for kids w disabilities to fully access the structure	52241 Get rid of COVID?!?

4/24/2021 7:49 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	It's colorful	I do t like the shade structure. Those flimsy triangles are a poor idea for shade. It gets really hot and sunny and we parents always complain that there is not enough shade relief.	Kids like to run and there seem to be lots of obstacles to keep kids from running. Kids will be running outside of the playground area into other people.
4/24/2021 8:02 PM	Yes	2 times or less per year	Yes	Nice colorful. Like bonded rubber for accessibility purposes.	I would like to see a few more wheelchair accessible spots throughout besides just the literacy wall. Perhaps a few music spots with drums or xylophone.	52246 Can't think of anything
4/24/2021 8:06 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	I do not like this new concept	If these are the colors, they are garish. For a city of art and literature, using plastic is tacky and unimaginative.	Hire a child playscape artist to design and build an imaginative wonderland, full of child opportunity and risk to use their bodies in their abilities. Less close-ended activity boards and more open-ended suggestions for children to own their play choices.
4/24/2021 8:10 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Bright colors. More open play space. More shade	It is much too busy - children do not need to be overwhelmed by choices.	INCLUSIVE of all body abilities
4/24/2021 8:16 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	More spread out	What are the items that allow those with less able bodies to play and enjoy, and more than a board with moving puzzle pieces?	If the playground is for school-aged, 5-12 years old, then it needs to include age-appropriate risky play.
4/24/2021 8:19 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	The rope climbing. Similar to the Peninsula park one.	OK as presented	52246 Hand sanitizer stations
4/24/2021 8:53 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	1) There are Plenty of opportunities for my squirrely kids to climb and interact with other kids. 2) There is a wide range of ages that can play; including a preschooler-safe area of the playground.	Needs more accessibility	52358 More shaded areas where the seating closest to it is
4/24/2021 9:19 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Climb structure	It needs more slides, bridges, the type of structures that are higher up like #1 (currently a very small space to share). The majority of the activities are at ground level in this design. Too much shade.	52245 It is pretty good now.
4/24/2021 10:11 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Shade and updating the structure	1)The sensory board area is something I have never seen kids interact with and are often broken on a playground. The space may be better suited for a different item.	52240 Allowing space or a redesign of the slide structure to have a wheelchair accessible area.
4/24/2021 10:14 PM	No	2 times or less per year	No	Variety of activities.	2) there is no opportunity for a child in a wheelchair to play and interact with the other kids. We have seen multiple kids in wheelchairs around the library, but never on the equipment.	52317 the summer it's really uncomfortable.
4/24/2021 10:37 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Climbing/obstacle structure is great.	I don't dislike it but sensory panels don't get used much.. we playground hop the area (did three today, 2 IC and 1 North Liberty) to justify this observation	52240 Additional benches around playground
4/24/2021 11:01 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	The addition of shade	Too many colors, does not appear to have multiple options for elementary aged kids to climb or run on.	I am wondering what will become of the current structure.
4/24/2021 11:06 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	The shade is lovely!	I could not tell if handicap accessible?	52245 Repurpose? Elsewhere?
4/24/2021 11:55 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	I like the shade canopy and the literary theme. I also appreciate that the play structures are a little separated. When my on kids were little enough to play, they would often get knocked down my older kids running on the play structure.	Are the surfaces the type of materials that do not get hot, similar to those at College Hill Park once?	52240 Keep it simple, kids love climbing, slides, etc, and the overall look should fit with the site.
4/25/2021 12:29 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	No	Looks safer	The colors are awful, too garish, and the overall spaceship/gerkin/bullet/tampon shape isn't really pleasing or in fitting with the site.	52241 stuff.
4/25/2021 1:37 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Not very much	My kids (6 and 9) can play on the current structure (with multiple slides, ramps, climbing options up to one connected structure) for an hour - easy. This new concept seems as if there would be limited playability. My kids would be bored. Those rope climbing disc areas are the worst and don't allow for safe playing with other kids. They tend to be an independent type of thing. And I don't think we need to add the play board style toys near the ground. I think all the kids would pack onto the rocket ship pieces and it would be packed because no would want to play on the other stuff.	I like the current structure with ramps/bridges to multiple connected platforms with slides, climbing ladders, etc. I would just refresh the same concept and not add some of this weird new stuff.
4/25/2021 1:56 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	The colors and lighting.	Too many little pieces and not one big playground structure. This playground is used by everyone! And by groups! It should have many access points and be tall so you can run under it and on it. It should have steps and a ramp and ladders and a fireman pole and monkey bars and slides. Little kids can play up, big kids cannot often play down (I have 20 years experience with childcare/camp/school settings)	52245 Shade. I love what is currently there, truly a beautiful place. I have loved it with toddlers, school kids, teens, and college students.
4/25/2021 2:55 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	That there is some shade worked in, not sure how effective it will be, but it is needed.	I can't tell very well from the drawings but it seems as if this will not accomodate as many children on the play structure. The fireman's pole and climbing up to the tall platform on the old structure are a big hit with kids. The new one seems much more geared to younger kids.	52240 Drinking fountain by the playground would be fantastic.
4/25/2021 6:16 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Shade. And apparent range of ages addressed.	I like all the colors!	52240 Shade over the playground is great!
4/25/2021 7:03 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	The play structure and shade	It seems designed for very young children. Most of the play space is on the ground. I don't think this design will last anywhere near as long as the current structure has.	52245 Model it after the current design
4/25/2021 7:13 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Colorful. Provides some shade.	I'm concerned about accessibility here, both for myself as a wheelchair-user and my daughter who has muscular dystrophy. This is 2021, ableism is out, and it's profitable for you to make inclusivity a priority. Accessible terrain, accessible swings, shallow steps, merry-go-rounds, etc. We have a large disabled community that would be happy to offer more suggestions.	52240 If the environment was inclusive and accessible.
4/25/2021 7:17 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Colors!! The shade looks good too and seems like a good variety of activities	There isn't a lot for kids to play on. This park is heavily used, everytime we have been there, and these plans do not have enough to support all of the kids of all ages that use it! The one in place does this quite well, it should be modeled after that design.	We love using the playground and library as a destination for our family, or a place for the kids to play while we listen to music. Please continue to have this park!
4/25/2021 7:56 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	The shade	Nothing. Looks good.	52240 This new design.
4/25/2021 8:18 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Shade sails over play structures	There is not enough to make this more inclusive for kids with disabilities	52240 Increased inclusivity.
4/25/2021 8:42 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	I don't really like much at all. I guess having a couple things for babies to climb on is nice.	I worry about capacity—does the space as designed have a maximum suggested capacity and does that align with observed past usage? The main tower will attract the most attention, and again I question capacity. The existing structure is spread out the length of the playground, offering many points of entrance. The proposed is a single structure and if it is full, there isn't much else for older kids to do. An overcrowded tower seems like it will be a safety issue, and also drive away children who are more shy.	I appreciate the increase of nearby benches in the past few years. Having a lot of seating for grownups is necessary, as long as they provide a line of sight to the playground. Thank you.
4/25/2021 8:51 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	It would be new	Nothing that I can trll	52240 play on the down town playground
4/25/2021 9:48 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	DONT LIKE THIS PLAN! The only nice thing is it's colorful.	Seems to be more suited for kids 5+. Would prefer to see something kids 2+ could play in too.	52240 An area for small children
					NA	52240 shaded benches for caregivers
					I don't like it at all - there's not enough room for several kids to play together on any one structure. Kids chasing each other across the bridges, etc. is a lot of what makes the current one fun. They also like getting below the current structure and playing hide and seek. There's often a lot of children, and many of them are older. This design offers nothing much for the older kids to do and not enough play space.	Honestly, the current playground is great and just needed a water fountain and a shaded area for babies to climb.
					Not enough fun areas to play in and climb around on less actual playground equipment than now. Now you can run from one side to another and can get down multiple ways and go a different way every time. Just very fun.	52240 babies to climb.
					LOVE the current one... the new one needs to be more like the old one.	52240 A better design, more slides more ways to get up and down different kinds of slides
						52246 It's great the way it already

4/25/2021 9:56 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	That there are shaded areas to play and that there are numerous age levels that could safely play. Lack of stairs on running surfaces which possess a safety hazard, accessibility of the new structure, larger climbing structure	I can't tell how high and how open the slide is but little ones like to go right to edges of high places (which is what I dislike about the current playground)	Lots of seating near it so that mom/dad/caregiver doesn't have to cross pedmall traffic to sit and children don't have to cross pedmall traffic to get to mom/ dad/caregiver.
4/25/2021 10:47 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes		Fewer slides	52246 Even more space for the playground :)
4/25/2021 10:54 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	None	Too compact, no flow of movement. Not handicap accessible or entertaining	52338 Large spread out with lots of slides and climbing opportunities. Not one compact tower
4/25/2021 10:56 AM	Yes	2 times or less per year	Yes	Safety, gated and safe for all ages!	Doesn't seem all age appropriate. Too garish, busy and looks Disney park like. I would expect something more artistically attractive in downtown Iowa City and unique. Not sure this would provide anything for disabled children to play on.	52240 Bigger, gated and safe for ALL ages.
4/25/2021 11:18 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	The shade component		I am fine with the one that is there. Pretty simple and my kids live running across the bridge and looking out at the Ped Mall. Providing shade would be an improvement though.
4/25/2021 11:21 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	It's not really for my family, sorry.	The colors are circus like, the equipment looks far too small for anyone above the age of six. There isn't a lot to do and it's not very spread out. I love the idea of having a playground for smaller children but the playground that is there now is great for all ages and kids can spread out and run and play tag and hide and go seek. None of which can be done on this one. I'm sorry but this is just a very poor design for large groups of children which is what I hope will again happen downtown soon after covid.	Climbing walls larger structures for older kids interactive things for smaller kids you can't combine all of these into just one small area like you're trying to do. The playground we have now works really really well and a large number of children and families can enjoy it at one time. I'm sorry but this design is just very poorly executed and needs a lot of changes to be anywhere nearly as good as what we currently have.
4/25/2021 11:36 AM	No	3 times or more per year	No	The shade structures and the benches.	Too many clashing colors.	52245 Please do not put bars or other "hostile" design elements on the benches.
4/25/2021 11:40 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Much more things for all ages	I think it needs to be more Accessible for children who have disabilities of all kind.	52317 Benches, picnic tables
4/25/2021 11:43 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Any parts our kid can climb on!	The more slides the better	If the area could be gated. Not sure if that was described and I just missed it or not. *Is the current structure unsafe? Just curious why a new one is going up.
4/25/2021 11:51 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	I like the different areas that spread out across the space. Shade is great.	I have a lot of dislikes. The closed nature of the big slides (rocket shaped), kids can get up there but can't really spread out. I can see littles getting up there and not sliding down. Overall accessibility is problematic, what can kids with different mobility needs be able to do? Did we seek input from families that have kiddos with special needs? needs a circular plan to keep the kids in motion and bringing them to different items. Lack of living materials	Water experience, multiple options for different aged youth from 2-12. Accessibility and open line of sight for supervision.
4/25/2021 11:56 AM	Yes	2 times or less per year	Yes	climbing and activities that challenge children	Seems complicated and less user friendly	use of trees or vines to create shade rather than artificial material which will likely break or wear down and are still there in the winter when we want the sun.
4/25/2021 12:10 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	No	Lots of different play opportunities		52246 Ability for kids to both share and play on their own
4/25/2021 12:16 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	colorful and inviting	It needs swings for children of all abilities. I think the colors are too loud. I think a more natural color scheme (excluding the colored glass panels) would suit the downtown area well and still be inviting to children. They're doesn't seem to be a lot of play equipment for disabled children or older children. I think also considering what the theme is here, right now it has kind of a spaceship vibe? I don't know if that really fits in with the rest of down town. I think including little town/book/farm/art related themes would suit this space well	It should be fenced in. My autistic 8-year-old is a runner who has no fear. The only places in town in which she can safely play are the playground at The Arc on Muscatine Avenue and the playground in the center of the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. Parents of a special needs children really want a fenced-in playground in Iowa City!
4/25/2021 12:21 PM	No	3 times or more per year	Yes	I do like the focus on the visual and shape oriented nature of this plan. I think the colored glass panels and the climbing sphere are beautiful.		Iowa City is a quirky town, I think making many opportunities for nature, random kindness and art to be a part of the space would continue to improve the downtown area. This can be done in a modern and upscale way too. I'm thinking pinboards just for art. Little libraries, little pantries.
4/25/2021 12:27 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Sun shades	The flow of the design	52245 Picture opportunities/unique plants or botanical features. Something similar to the World of Wonder playground in Athens, GA. It has a nice flow to keep kids moving around.
4/25/2021 12:30 PM	Yes	2 times or less per year	Yes	Intentional structural elements that provide shade, items that engage children of multiple ages.	N/A There doesn't appear to be much room for running around without possibly interfering with pedestrians.	52245 This concept looks great!
4/25/2021 12:35 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Variety. Shade panels	.	52240 I would like to see one of those "spider web" rope climbing units
4/25/2021 12:44 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Shade!!!	The rocket shaped structure— it will get too busy and not accessible to all.	52246 More shade by the playground Food vendors, splash pad and activities for kids to enjoy. Like Saturdays have a booth that does activities like mentos and coke. This will make the playground fun, interactive and allow kids to elanr and be wowed.
4/25/2021 12:46 PM	No	2 times or less per year	Yes	Colorful. Offers shade	Looks fine	52317
4/25/2021 1:01 PM	Yes	2 times or less per year	Yes	Shade seems looked good idea, "sensory" stations too.	The design looks very crowded with objects -- no room just to run. Please open it up! There doesn't seem to be any wheel chair accessibility and there are a lot of blind spots that will make it difficult to see children	Until the pandemic is under better control, I won't be likely to go downtown for much of anything - but a more-open playground would certainly relieve some of those concerns for disease.
4/25/2021 1:01 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	The shade covers	Need more room for kids to play games (hide & seek).	52240 Ensure wheel chair accessibility around structures and if possible use translucent materials to allow greater visibility of children
4/25/2021 1:10 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Not much. Maybe the coverings to block the sun.	This should not be open after sundown on Fridays and weekends	52240 N/a
4/25/2021 1:15 PM	No	Never	Yes	It will be something to go visit with kids		52241 Kid friendly stores nearby
					The ladder access to the tower structure makes it difficult and dangerous for younger children, differently abled, and older people to get up. Adults should have easy access to all levels in order to help children quickly. Having only one access point will cause conflict between children as well.	Please take a look at the Penn Meadows tower structure! It is the perfect combination of exciting and challenging as well as accessible to the majority of people.
					The ground level interactive elements are well intentioned, but these things usually get dirty, faded, and stop working fairly quickly. Do you have a plan to maintain or replace these when that happens?	I would also REALLY like to see a spinning toy that is accessible to all kids of any ability. (Again, see the merry go round at Penn Meadows.)
					The literary display doesn't seem to serve much of a purpose, and it blocks carers' views of small children. Imagine you are trying to keep track of 3 kids at this playground- you NEED clear sightlines! There will be too many kids on the central tower. Not enough to climb on. Too many obstructions like the book display	Have you considered a unique water feature? What about a permanent water table and/or pump with water channels for water to flow through? A water element accessible to kids in wheel chairs would be excellent!
4/25/2021 1:38 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	The shade, the elements that don't require climbing up high	nothing	52241
4/25/2021 1:54 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Shade structure	Why do we need a new playground? Is there something wrong with the current one?	52246 Plenty of climbing, sliding, running options
4/25/2021 2:13 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	THE SHADE!		52245 COFFEE CART
4/25/2021 2:15 PM	Yes	2 times or less per year	Yes	I enjoy the variety, I just don't understand what is wrong with the current one.		52240 It has always been great.
4/25/2021 2:16 PM	No	Never	No	I think it looks really fun. When my children were small, they enjoyed playing on the playground by the library. I think this will be very enticing to children. I love that it has some shade.	Are you expanding it as well? It looks bigger than the current one. Just want to be sure there is enough space so that children don't get injured.	As a parent, just making sure there are enough benches. Maybe cubby holes to store diaper bags and such if parents are playing on the playground with their children?



						The play structures are way too compact. Why have something like the rocket ship and not something open and inviting like the structure that is there now? This encourages kids to play on top of one another (not ideal for the pandemic) and discourages companion play. What a disappointment. Did someone sit and watch how children and families play in the space? It's one of the biggest age ranges of all playgrounds in the city. The recent playground remodels have been disappointing. There is benefit in simplicity and openness.	
4/25/2021 2:20 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Shade			52245 More open play structures and shade.
4/25/2021 2:20 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	The book display is a perfect idea for that playground. The whole concept looks very unique.	I don't see anything.		I hope this will not have any big drops to the ground like the current one does, and I hope that this
4/25/2021 2:27 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Looks fun - 10 year old	N/A - 10 year old		52246 will be appropriate for all ages.
						i would like to see more slides and an area where kids (especially toddlers) can climb up on and actually run across (like the playground one that is already there). This one doesn't look like kids can really run around on anything that is up high. The slide playground design is enclosed maybe too much, there is no where else to go. The other web like play area is too big and only for really big kids. Littles will not be able to use this.	52240 Add an ice cream shoppe -- 10 year old
4/25/2021 2:27 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	lots of different activities. colorful. shade. totally new and different from any other playground in IC.		All the pieces are so separate from one another. What was so genius about the old one was how the central structure stretched across the whole space and the kids could run from one side to the other, and that was how they played. With such separate structures, I feel like it divides up the play into separate tasks more.	I wish the slide playground design was bigger and more expansive and had another bridge to take you to another play area. So kids can spread out more and run around on it. To me, it's too enclosed with not much else to do except go down a slide. Also, maybe a sand box. AND SWINGS!!!! where are the swings? OR teeter totters? Or merry go rounds? OR a grocery store stand? Also, small MOD seats for kids would be fun too, they could hang out and sit on to read
4/25/2021 2:31 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Shade covers.			52240 Those slides are for big kids. A slide option for the small kids would be nice.
4/25/2021 2:34 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Good for variety of ages	Nothing		52240 A water feature would be awesome.
4/25/2021 2:38 PM	No	3 times or more per year	Yes	Shade sails. Separate areas for younger kid. Athletic flooring (not sure what it's called)		The largest structure appears to be a great place for congestion.	Kids seem to enjoy the current structure being able to go from one end to the other. Adding
4/25/2021 3:02 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	The overhead covers & the obstacle course. Do like there are separate areas for kids, but....		But, seems to have many separate areas. Not a lot of slides, climbing ladders I could see. The sensory areas are okay, but even when my kiddo was little she didn't really care about them.	52245 swings would be nice.
4/25/2021 3:25 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Colorful, has some interesting climbing features		Not sure that the tower has enough ways up, wish there was an enclosed way to climb from the tower over to the over to the other climbing features, some sort of monkey/hanging bars like the other one had. Hard to tell what exactly is under the shaded area.	52240 Really like the overhead covers- how would they work in snow/ winter?
4/25/2021 3:33 PM	Yes	Never	No	I've never been downtown		It looks interactive	Have those few places to "hide" that incorporate other ways to keep them moving. Rocks to climb that also have a cave inside. Our kids LOVE the logs to get across in NL. Or some vented tunnels going around/through the shaded features. I think I also provided ideas in the previous
4/25/2021 3:43 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	The book theme		I don't like the garish colors. Its not nice to look at as an adult and may be overstimulating for children.	52241 answer
4/25/2021 4:00 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Inclusive.		No	52722 Not sure, I've never been there
						This does not look like it would accommodate lots of children running around playing together.	It would be great if it had a tie in to nature. Like a massive tree house. My daughter also loves
4/25/2021 4:02 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Climbing structure		This looks like more individual activity centers. The idea when kids come to a playground is to interact with other children.	52246 monkey bars.
4/25/2021 4:05 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Tall slides		I prefer the current one as it's more diverse and friendly for younger children	52240 Inclusiveness
						Colors. There is no need for colors. The City is going backwards thinking this is attractive. Subtle earth-tones are both pleasing to the eye, calming to the mind, and inviting to kids' brains to imagine and play with their bodies and minds being stimulated by how they play, not the colors of the eqmt.	52245 A larger interconnected structure more similar to the previous structure with bridges and slides
4/25/2021 4:09 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Currently nothing. Although there is just one design handout available, it seems, there needs to be more information provided -- what are the planners looking at that the public isn't seeing?			52240 Less people
						Eye sore, misplaced and more "how great thou are" from Parks and Recreation Dept. and commision. Why don't you put lights in like a committee member suggested after you ruined James McPherson Park and wanted their child to be able to shoot baskets at night.?	It seems that the City needs to read up on what experts on playground eqmt recommend for
4/25/2021 4:24 PM	Yes	Never	No	Nothing as with the complete waste of money spent on playground and other cementing over of green fields.		Hard to tell but would want it to be inclusive for kids of various abilities.	52240 fostering and nurturing children's (and adults) mental health. This
4/25/2021 4:25 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Provides shaded areas and takes up more of the designated space.		Is it wheelchair accessible? Can children of all abilities play it in?	52245 Get rid of it.
4/25/2021 4:25 PM	No	Never	No	Somethings		Not enough climbing equipment	52240 Having a gate around the play area so college kids can't just walk through
4/25/2021 4:58 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Accessible			52240 More accessible
						The kids love to play tag on the current structure. This new concept doesn't lend itself to the game. Also it's not accessible for smaller children and lacks slides. It seems like this was designed based on what adults think children want instead of how they actually play.	52246 Anything for climbing
4/25/2021 5:21 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Colorful, things to climb on.		It does not appear to be inclusive	Fewer ladders so the smaller kids have less risk of falling through it. But honestly the playground is awesome like it is. Our kids were disappointed when it was shut down for an entire summer previously and doing that again is going to be a huge disappointment and make us less likely to go
4/25/2021 5:24 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	The colors		The color scheme. Please choose something more neutral or Hawkeye themed.	52246 downtown.
						It is not designed for older kids. I used to come here as a kid and love playing on the slides, the different steps, and monkey bars. This new concept looks boring, for young children, and not right for our community.	52245 More functional for kids with disabilities
4/25/2021 5:34 PM	No	2 times or less per year	Yes	The shady parts			I love the play set now and did as a child. It's always packed down there because of the fun
4/25/2021 5:42 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	The canopy covering		Like it all and the colorfulness	52240 equipment.
4/25/2021 5:56 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Nothing. Terrible		Everything	52245 playground smells like uhrine.
4/25/2021 6:08 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Looks colorful. Looks larger than the old one. Looks more accessible to disabled children.		I do not see many sitting areas for parents to sit and watch their children. Immediately it appears that the center structure is much too small. A centerpiece that is competitive or becomes easily overcrowded does not seem like a good idea to me. Also, the current playground has levels for children to play above and below, which diminishes the inconvenience of attending parents. With this playground, any caretakers would be taking-up playspace.	52245 this space. Please consider the tenants of adventure playgrounds.
4/25/2021 6:16 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	It is colorful and provides some shade, which are both shortfalls of the current playground.			52245 Next to it....disabled accessible bathrooms and drinking fountains.
4/25/2021 6:16 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	No	That the playground is kept there in functional manner!		Cant tell until actual use occurs	So long as profanity is spray-painted on any surface in the downtown area, my family will not come downtown. It does seem that we parents often talk about how a bit more shade would be
4/25/2021 6:19 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Nothing. It looks like a carnival gone bad. Horrible design, children and how they play are not even being thought of.		EVERYTHING. WHere is the sense of adventure with this design. It is all show but no substance. This new design has children bunched together in the center weird slide thing. NOPE NOT A GOOD IDEA. Whoever the archetect was must have never played on a playground...pathetic.	52240 nice - but really there are a lot of great things about the existing playground.
4/25/2021 6:24 PM	Yes	2 times or less per year	Yes	It's colorful.		It's not possible for me to see if this concept includes equipment that children who are in wheelchairs will be able to use. It's very important that every child is able to play on at least part of the equipment.	52240 when fountain was on
4/25/2021 6:29 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	I don't like any part of it. There is nothing wrong with the current one and it's a waste of money to build this new one when other things can use the funding.		I dislike that it's a waste of taxpayer money when the current one is just fine. Maybe give more artists a chance to put out their work around the ped mall	52241 and spread out. Where kids can play together and not be on top of each other.
							52240 I need a sitting area to be able to sit and watch my grandchildren play on the equipment. Bring back the benches where artists could actually paint them. The variety of art and the opportunity for artists to get their name out was one of my favorite facets of the downtown until
							52245 they were removed.

4/25/2021 6:45 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	The bright colors and sun shades	Too abstract. Can we please just have a regular playground	52245 I like the idea of multiple structures.
4/25/2021 6:55 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	The large and long footprint for tag and creative play with several children.	The shrunk and smaller size of the play tower. The separate climbing and obstacle sections from the play tower limits interactive and creative play with several children.	Incorporate several of the proposed separate feature into a similiar large size play tower for interactive play with several children. I would prefer the current playground remains than being replaced and the new playground is a huge waste of money at a loss of function and enjoyment.
4/25/2021 7:05 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	The colors.	There isn't any large & long area off of the ground for kids to run along. Kind of a large playground staple to not have.	52240 Enough seating for people around the play area.
4/25/2021 7:07 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	I don't like it at all	Looks too small, not enough room for all the kids who like to play there.	52246 I think the current playground is great and does not need an update.
4/25/2021 7:12 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	I like that there are things for different-age children to play on.	I wish it were more inclusive for children with special needs or disabled kids. There isn't much for them in its current state.	I think my statement above says it best. Iowa City can and should include a more inclusive play structure so all kiddos can play!
4/25/2021 7:21 PM	No	2 times or less per year	Yes	Not a parent, but a teacher and someone who takes care of friends' children. I love the current playground because of the way all the elements are connected. It allows children to move and explore the length of the structure in a variety of different ways. It also allows access for adults to assist younger children.	I don't think this design has as much to offer as the current playground. It doesn't seem like it would accommodate as many children at one time, has fewer movement and climbing options, and the flow isn't as good. Also, it doesn't appear to be accessible.	For a major investment in our downtown, this playground should be design with children of all ages and abilities in mind. The center tower is not accessible to adults with young children or to children with mobility issues. The colors are over stimulating, will fade quickly in the sun, and will detract from the overall aesthetic of the ped mall. Please consider something more inviting with natural colors and textures that would provide a range of sensory input in more subtle forms.
4/25/2021 7:22 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	The shade created by the canopies and the climbing structure	The main section looks like it loses accessibility (no ramps) and it appears more compact and disconnected. It looks smaller than the current playground structure	52240 Ensure that the playground is large enough for many children to use and accessible to children with differing ability and ages.
4/25/2021 7:42 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	The shade is my favorite feature! I also like the fact that the tall play structure isn't open so that a child could fall off the higher level.	The middle tall play structure doesn't seem big enough	52245 Lots of shade and seating
4/25/2021 7:51 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	I don't like it	The new plan offers offers one structure so all the children will be concentrated in one area. And the rest is just open space. I don't like the super bright colors.	I would like to see a play structure similar to the existing structure with some additions to accommodate children with disabilities. The existing structure allows multiple areas for kids to play and climb.
4/25/2021 7:57 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	It is colorful and offers shade.	Is it large enough?	52245 Make sure it has playground equipment for all ages & for children with disabilities.
4/25/2021 7:58 PM	Yes	2 times or less per year	Yes	I honestly don't like anything about this new playground	The colors are too bright/unnatural, and there doesn't seem to be as much for kids to do as the current play structure, especially kids with disabilities.	A play structure that was more inclusive for kids of all ages and abilities, and one that perhaps wasn't so ridiculously bright colored.
4/25/2021 8:04 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	The shade components and options for children of various ages/physical stages of development	No objections	52240 Access to a water bottle fill station
4/25/2021 8:35 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Colorful. Shade. Variety for ages. Lots of color Lots of variations for play	Need seating for parents and grandparents	52240 Handwriting station
4/25/2021 8:39 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	A definite upgrade!	Nothing	53240 The New design
4/25/2021 8:41 PM	No	3 times or more per year	Yes	Shade, various options for children of different ages	N/A	52245 Swings
4/25/2021 8:59 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	The shade	Is it big enough?	52245 Make it the best as possible
4/25/2021 9:11 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Bright colors and sun shades, inclusive.	Only one climbing structure	52245 More tables by playground
4/25/2021 9:24 PM	No	Never	No	Nothing. Why change a fun structure upon which kids excitedly play?	"Inclusive" apparently means "if everyone can't climb on or in it, then remove it so no one can".	We enjoy the Friday night live music on the Ped Mall and (until Covid last year) frequently ate supper outside at Bread Garden while watching the kids of various ages play on and explore the playground structure. The proposed structure offers far less physical activity and challenges for the children. What part of the word "playground" do you not understand? You are contributing to a generation or more of sloths.
4/25/2021 9:41 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	I don't like it at all	Need more to run and jump on	52245 Leave the current one, it's fine.
4/25/2021 9:57 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	I like the vibrant colors and the shade the canopies provide as well as the slide structure.	Didn't see much to dislike. Excited about a new playground!	Different play structures that different age groups can enjoy (one for toddlers/preschool and elementary age). Plenty of benches and seating for parents. Love to have more plants/trees in this area too.
4/25/2021 10:06 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Shade and obstacle structure	Nothing	52240 The shade looks great. This design is also nice in that it's not all one connected structure. Might make it easier to keep big kids from trampling little kids. That seems to happen a lot on the current structure.
4/25/2021 10:11 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Shady spots! The PedMall can be a pretty warm place to wait for kids during the summer, and there are several spots where adults can stand nearby and wait for the kiddos to finish playing.	It doesn't look like it has a lot of options for kids with mobility aids. Providing for kids of all abilities should be a high priority.	My kids really like the downtown playground. The current structure can make it hard to get to a child who needs help, though, so I appreciate that the new proposal is a little more broken up.
4/25/2021 10:31 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	I don't like the new playground concept	The colors. The lack of play equipment.	52240 And the shade is a wonderful addition.
4/25/2021 10:54 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	I like the colorful aspects of the new playground	I do not like that the new concept does not allow for running and playing the way the current playground allows for that. Part of the fun of the downtown structure is the ability to play tag, hide and seek, etc. I, honestly, think it's great just the way it is!	52245 Something similar to the old Shimek wooden playground
4/25/2021 11:35 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Shade	There are no monkey bars or long "runs". There doesn't seem to be enough slides. The old design had so many slides. And a bridge. The design from 35 years ago had an AMAZING bridge.	52245 I like it just as it is.
4/26/2021 12:04 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Nothing. The existing playground is fun and good as it is. Take whatever money is raised for this and spend it improving parks that are in disadvantaged neighborhoods. Or ADD a new park where there ISN'T one already in a disadvantaged community.	Would remove good playground already there, environmental impact of new materials and waste of the existing materials - all when not necessary.	52245 I wish there were swings.
4/26/2021 1:07 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	I do not like anything about it. It looks crowded, there are no places for kids to just play, and some of items look like they are just wasting space,	everything, see above	Nothing. It's already great. If there are any safety concerns then design the REPAIR of the existing playground insted of replace. (In an indirect way my experience would be improved if I heard about more efforts to achieve equal access to playgrounds and parks for all communities.)
4/26/2021 1:11 AM	No	2 times or less per year	No	Bright colors, shaded areas.	Much less play space for climbing, looks like less play activities. Space for those with disabilities is important but the new design doesn't seem to offer much for those without.	I enjoy the plantings that change with the seasons. Good photo ops as well as just relaxing. I like places for toddlers to play safely as well as places to just quietly and watch or read.
4/26/2021 6:22 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Nothing at all. It is awful. Younger children cannot use large parts of it.	It's greased for older kids. It's not as inclusive for all ages as the current structure. Please don't mess up a perfectly wonderful playground.	Current playground seemed to offer a lot of variety for most children. Add some activities for disabled to existing area if feasible, but keep old design.
4/26/2021 6:31 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Shade	Do not like new concept. Much of the new design looks geared toward smaller children. I also think the design is too bright. Less space for multiple children to play on equipment together. My children love the current design of the playground.	52246 Leaving the existing inclusive site in place!
4/26/2021 6:52 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	I LOVE the colors! And thank the goddess someone thought about creating shade. Looks like a nice range of activities for a fairly small space	Are there features that will be accessible to disabled children and their caregivers?	Make sure older school age children can use the equipment. Seems like most of the new park designs are designed for younger children.
4/26/2021 7:00 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	We like the climbing rings, because unlike traditional "monkey bars" the rings allow kids with a little less upper body strength (younger, less developed) to experience the thrill of being 'up high' and accomplishing the goal of getting from A to B. My 3 and 7 year old love these rings at other playgrounds. And they're also able to go in the rings together, as a team.	The colors are overstimulating, and the dome-like structures look like cages. You cannot see your children and they can't see you very well either. One of the joys of a playground is to share the experience with your child (seeing their proud wave, catching their eye as they smile). The domes are obstructive and too much like a cage. They look like a habitat for a set of rainforest Macaws, and not a place for children to play. And they may be difficult to clean properly, too.	52245 The end of COVID :-)
						52245 Various kid-friendly vendor pop ups would be cool.

4/26/2021 7:05 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Not much, shade and book-theme	It is not very ADA accessible and honestly tacky, it is overwhelming to look at. Can we do more to incorporate natural elements and be more inclusive?	52240	More natural elements more inclusive.
4/26/2021 7:31 AM	No	3 times or more per year	No	I don't like it at all! Doesn't seem to have interesting play areas. Aside from the too brightly colored equipment I don't see much to entice interactive play	It's too brightly colored, I feel like it should blend in with the downtown area and surroundings rather than stand out. It doesn't seem to have equipment that inspires kids to run and jump and chase each other in fun. Initial thought when I saw the new design was it looks boring except for the overly brightly colored equipment.	52241	Leave play equipment as it is or if it needs to be replaced because it needs to much repair, replace it with something similar.
4/26/2021 7:32 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	It looks very inclusive.	The colors and it would be nice to have a fence to keep younger kids contained.	52240	Something to keep kids more contained so younger kids don't sneak off.
4/26/2021 7:35 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Nothing, there isn't a great area for kids to run around and play. With obesity on the rise this should be a priority.	It's horrible, where's the imagination? Leave the current one and call it a day.	52240	More climbing equipment to keep kids active and in shape. A lot are saying this design is great for handicapped children. Why can't you have things for both?
4/26/2021 7:37 AM	No	2 times or less per year	No	something new to look at	colors are so LOUD and will fade and look sad in 5-10 years. seems like a playground for very small children, more like a daycare center yard than a playground	52240	Getting Rid of it. There are plenty of not closed in areas where parks already are that allow for various types of play on actual equipment and in green space. this has always been a weird feature to me and I honestly don't get it. Why would I want my children to play on stuff drunk college kids were on last night? Where they can run off into giant crowds of passerby? or slip into building by barely leaving the park?
4/26/2021 8:09 AM	No	3 times or more per year	No	The climbing books in different sizes and shapes	The main play structure is an odd shape and wouldn't match the buildings or rest of the playground.	52246	Swings
4/26/2021 8:11 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	the jungle gym (2) looks like it will be well received.	There seems to be an overall reduction in the amount of physical activity children can engage in.	52240	There is something called a Jungle Jumperoo that I've found is exceedingly popular with active children. Perhaps adding a few of these or design something similar but larger.
4/26/2021 8:16 AM	Yes	2 times or less per year	Yes	I like the obstacle course equipment and the incorporation of literacy.	It seems much smaller than the current equipment. Only two slides will create a backup during festivals. Also, the shade structure needs to extend over the benches for parents and caregivers.	52358	An extended shade structure to cover the benches and a larger central climbing structure.
4/26/2021 8:18 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Thoughtful evaluation of the present condition of the playground is a good idea to provide access to all ability levels.	The colors in the new design create sensory overload for me and imagine those with autism would be disturbed by such bold color contrasts in an already busy playscape.	52240	I'm a grandma whose grandchildren visit from out of state. in planning for their lodging location during their time in Iowa City the playground is an important component. That playground has been torn up too many times in recent years and I'll be happy for a final design to stay in place for more that a couple of years. Just keep the playground intact.
4/26/2021 8:32 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Lots of coverings for shade!	There are no ramps, not a lot of accessibility for young kids. Unlike prior structure this is very fragmented and disconnected. Would be difficult for multiple children to run in the main structure at once.	52245	Creek side park is great with so many ramps to run on and lots of ways for kids to run around together. Modeling on this but larger in the pedmall would be ideal. Also having multiple sections (e.g., one end for older kids and one end for younger kids) is really helpful.
4/26/2021 8:48 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Science theme, colorful, more interactive aspects	Na	52246	Little cubbies or shelves for kids to put bags down etc. Hand sanitizer station.
4/26/2021 8:50 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	I love the book theme and think the tall feature in the middle will be very popular.	Maybe not be so literal with the primary colors, making it bright and colorful but with colors adjacent to primary colors?	52240	Continue to have a lots of seating available all around and a soft, squishy surface for kids to play on.
4/26/2021 9:04 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Some shade, unique structures	Lack of smaller slides and swings, but not sure I'd take away anything to accommodate this. Too close to the library building. It would be uncomfortable to walk between playground and library, especially if you are in a chair, use a walker, or have a stroller.	52241	Enough space/places for families to sit. A sort of home base to be able to eat, send kids to playground, park strollers, etc.
4/26/2021 9:09 AM	No	3 times or more per year	No	Some accessibility features	Also, is there a place to get drinking water?	52240	Have designated seating right by playground that is comfortable for parents. Have adequate walkway space around playground.
4/26/2021 9:37 AM	No	Never	No	Adding shade -- very good idea!	Is it really necessary to spend money on this, especially right now? What's wrong with the existing structure? It seems fine to me. There are so many other needs in our community that seem much more urgent than this.	52245	I'm surprised that the new design will emphasize group play between kids from different households. Given the reality of the pandemic, which I believe will be ongoing into the future, it seems like it would be wise to choose a design where separate households can play separately.
4/26/2021 9:49 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Shade provided	Concerned it would not be as usable to younger children (1-3 years old)	52240	Why not add some shade/rain shelter for the benches where adults sit, too? Play area for smaller kids
4/26/2021 9:54 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	I like that it has ground-based interactive items—not everything requires a climb. I like the concept of including shade (though these awnings are ugly.)	I am told that this design does not adequately accommodate children with disabilities and would like to see a more accessible design. (I recognize this is ADA compliant, but only meets basic requirements. I would like Iowa City to set an example for broad inclusivity. Go beyond the basics. I think the colors are garish and out of step with the rest of the downtown and Ped Mall aesthetic.	52245	I would like to see elements that are accessible to children of varying physical abilities and varying ages (size and strength.) This is a great community gathering spot and we want to support the broadest possible use and participation.
4/26/2021 9:57 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	It looks like you'll continue using the soft ground material.	It seems there is less structure to actually play on. More just random things sitting on the ground. Looks very busy and the rings/bridge thing reminds me of the controversy of the Park Road Bridge, which could be dangerous.	52361	Fence in the play area to prevent kids from running off
4/26/2021 10:11 AM	Yes	2 times or less per year	No	Very vibrant colors.		52245	Include hand sanitizing stations.
4/26/2021 10:24 AM	No	Never	Yes	Spaces for children to play separately if they are or become uncomfortable in group play Some what but, I think they need more than just one area for a slide and pod area. It will cause crowding and frustration amongst the children fighting over an area..it just seems really small. Maybe consider adding more smaller areas around them for climbing. I do like that there is areas for the impaired children that can't access the climbing. They too need to have the sensory options available	Is the slide structure to confining and claustrophobic?	52240	Children love to run across bridges.
4/26/2021 10:24 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes		I just dislike the small amount of different climbing areas and also areas for hiding underneath like the current installation has.	52240	I love the rubber area. It's good for absorbing falls and its just more forgiving on the joints of parents and children alike.
4/26/2021 10:45 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Not much. It has a slide?	Color is ugly. Also it doesn't look like the equipment can handle very many children at a given time.	52245	Two big playground sets. One for 2 to 5 year olds and another for 5 to 12...like Longfellow.
4/26/2021 11:10 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Shade! And it looks inclusive, with good sight lines.	The tower. Not accessible, fall risks.	52240	A fence!!! And more cleaning so it's always ready for kids to play.
4/26/2021 11:38 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	The sun shades.	Doesn't look like enough play space for multiple children.	52240	Integrating picnic tables for outdoor dining with some sort of shade, especially right now.
4/26/2021 11:47 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	compact	I would like more for toddlers, separate from the older kids.	52240	Love downtown!
4/26/2021 12:04 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	The shade structure	The amount of plastic.	52245	Natural playscapes.
4/26/2021 12:14 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Shading.	Palette. Too jewel toned and intense.	52241	More natural toned palette. High contrast can be achieved with less brightness. Also fading of colorful materials is always disappointing to see.

4/26/2021 12:15 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	The shade! In general, playgrounds in Iowa City are inadequately shaded, so it's great to see this feature. I hope the feature will be prioritized in this playground (and others).	A lot. For a location at the heart of downtown - and a location that could be a big part of a visitor's experience to downtown Iowa City - this playground seems almost completely unexciting (especially the Book Play Structure; the playground is next to the library and in the City of Literature, but the theme doesn't need to be carried into every piece of plastic we install on city property). The city has an opportunity to design a space that is interesting, interactive, and unique from other playgrounds. Instead, we have a design that looks like it was copy and pasted from a Google Image search for "Conventional Plastic Playground." I am sure that replacing and building a playground is expensive; for this reason (and environmental ones!), I wonder why the current playground needs to be replaced at all. If the playground does have structural or functional reasons for replacement, could it be replaced with something special? Something different? Something that, for example, recycles trees that had to be taken down during the derecho and be reappropriated as a natural play structure?	52240 More shade! Better lighting in the evening.
4/26/2021 12:26 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	The benches around the playground. So parents can sit and watch the kids playing.	The layout of the new one might cause congestion because there's only main climbing toy in the playground.	52246 Thank you so much. The idea of changing to a new toy is good but the flow of this design might make it congestion. It's because in this model there is only one main climbing toy in the playground so the kids will stay and play mostly in that toy.
4/26/2021 12:34 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Difficult to determine from the pictures.	Colorful.	I bring my daughter to the playground every weeks after go to the library. I always sit on the bench and see the kids running "along" the playground because they have so many toys that the can do.
4/26/2021 1:01 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	The shading	Most everything else. There is so little playscape area.	I feel cheerful to know that the city have a plan to change the toys in the playground. However from my perspective as a parent I think it would be better if this design could have changed to make it easier for kids to run along and avoiding the congestion.
4/26/2021 1:04 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	I like that it appears ADA and inclusive	not enough play to space ratio- too many objects drunk college kids would abuse. The playground as is is more age inclusive- kids from walking- tweens can play. this looks like it is only for really small children.	52246 Have somewhat separate areas for ages 2 to 5 and another for older kids (i.e., a more challenging area). Currently, it is too easy for a younger kid to get to an area that doesn't have adequate barriers to keep them from falling from a height. These less "protected" areas are also the areas where older kids want to play.
4/26/2021 1:06 PM	Yes	2 times or less per year	Yes	multimodel interactive pieces for sensory experiences; climbing; places to move; shade!!!	Not clear children with mobility challenges can actively interact- they can passively interact with standing boards but that doesn't seem like enough movement (a swing for wheelchairs?). sensory area with different textures would help kids with sensory needs. kids with attention difficulties may be overwhelmed by very bright multiple colors.	52240 Leave the playscape as it is, just add shading
4/26/2021 1:10 PM	No	Never	No	It seems to have different play areas; the shade covers since trees/natural shade is sadly lacking from the downtown.	It's garish. Must it contain *every* color in the crayon box?? I may not have school-aged children, but I do visit the ped mall/eat outside at the Bread Garden and other venues and this is a bit much visually. Children and parents deserve beautifully designed spaces as much as anyone else. The playground provides the stimulation--it doesn't have to be visually over stimulating as well. It does a disservice to the library and other structures in the area and plays down to its primary audience.	perhaps a storage area (small cubbies, or shelves to place items and more recycling and trash options
4/26/2021 1:11 PM	Yes	2 times or less per year	Yes	Colors	The old one is just fine, don't change it	When my children were young it was very difficult to keep my eyes on my eloping autistic child there- ease tracking of your kids somehow. Now they are large teens so we never use the play area.
4/26/2021 1:15 PM	No	Never	No	Very little. What's wrong with the existing park.	It's allegedly more "accessible", then why no examples of it being used by anyone other than upright figures. Why not accessible structures instead of an essentially flat park?	52245 The space seems appealing, but as I mentioned above, it is not visually coherent with its surroundings.
4/26/2021 1:15 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Climbing contraptions and tall slide, shade sails.	It looks like a ton of children won't really be able to play at once (the current structure is already pretty crowded with a lot more to do). The concept is pretty, but with more open space and "art" type equipment than play equipment, it looks like aesthetics were the priority over capacity for play.	52246 Porta potty somewhere?
4/26/2021 1:15 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	The bright colors and vibrancy	Nothing	52245 kids/big kids (like at Mercer park)--so many toddlers get knocked down by older kids playing tag.
4/26/2021 1:23 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	The shade component - especially in an area surrounded by stone.	Obstacle Play Equipment (Item #2). The Peninsula Iowa City has similar equipment - it is unpopular and underutilized.	52245 Nothing
4/26/2021 1:37 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	The canopies will be a great way to keep children out of the sun, and I love the bright colors	No	52240 Honestly, we love the existing playground. I'm not sure why it's being replaced, but we won't fight progress.
4/26/2021 1:38 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Shade	Seems like less stuff to do, seems like it would handle fewer kids	52241 Water Bottle fillers and dog drinking fountains
4/26/2021 1:55 PM	No	2 times or less per year	No	Colorful. Looks to be protective from the sun	Does looks to be handicapped accessible or have swings or things that all kids can enjoy.	52245 hopscotch? other simpler things?
4/26/2021 1:59 PM	No	3 times or more per year	Yes	It's colorful and has a book/learning theme to part of it. Adequate shade is provided to keep surfaces from getting too hot in the summer (hopefully). Rubberized surfacing is nice for safety.	The distinct lack of accessibility and inclusivity for children with disabilities (mental and/or physical). The tiny sensory wall looks like the smallest thing in the whole playground while every other item requires physically climbing over/under it to experience. There is a huge opportunity being missed to provide a service for children with and without disabilities to come interact and have fun equally on a playground, not to mention it makes the Ped Mall more appealing to the families of disabled children for an afternoon of fun as well. Even changing up one or two of the smaller structures to something more accessible and inclusive would make a huge difference.	I would add things that all kids could enjoy even those who are in wheelchairs. Add some wheelchair accessible swings and playground equipment
4/26/2021 2:00 PM	No	2 times or less per year	No	The slide tower.	Seems inferior to the existing playground and I feel it would be wise to assume drunk adults will be using this and take that into account when thinking about durability and safety. I just don't see the advantage of this design though perhaps I'm too out of touch but i was quite the playground conoecur as a child. Also the sight lines on the existing structure seem better	52241 wheelchairs accessible swings and playground equipment
						52240 A little bit of shade over nearby benches would be nice.
						Honestly we might do well to try and move it closer to Chauncey park if that's possible or just use these funds across other playgrounds. It really seems like the existing one is still pretty good - I played on it with a family friends kid and the design seemed robust and allowed for both structured and unstructured movement and play.

					It is impossible to tell anything from a conceptual sketch (especially when the legend is barely readable) What are the materials? Will it be resistant to vandalism? The structures will be used (or misused) by a variety of adults in various stages of intoxication. It must be designed for this or it will not survive the first football weekend. Previous ped mall designs (benches) failed to take this into account. Nothing	52245 not putting out poorly designed surveys to make the public think we have input 52245 Nothing
4/26/2021 2:15 PM	No	2 times or less per year	Yes	It is impossible to tell anything from a conceptual sketch (especially when the legend is barely readable) It is colorful.		
4/26/2021 2:28 PM	No	2 times or less per year	No	Everything		
					I do not like the colors and materials selected for this new concept. The colors do not relate to the surroundings in any way and do not teach anything to those that use this area. The materials are not chosen with sustainability and resilience over the life of the playground in mind. Natural materials could be used instead that would teach something about natural materials available in our region (stone, wood). Muted colors could be chosen that aren't necessarily exact matches to the existing buildings and built context but that harmonize with the color palette rather than defy it arbitrarily. Even if bright colors are used, there could be an improvement in how the color palette is composed instead of having so many different colors used all together without any type of system or aesthetic judgement exercised.	This playground is a great asset to our community and provides a valuable gathering space in the heart of downtown. The playground could contribute as a symbol and manifestation of sustainability and resilience goals that the city has expressed in other ways. The playground could prove to be a didactic tool that surrounds our children with natural materials from our region and expresses to them that we care about their future on this earth. Providing arbitrarily colorful, plastic and metal playground equipment provides a short-lasting joy and is grown out of quickly as children become teenagers and then adults in our community. Thinking more critically about place and integrating this into the playground design creates an asset in the community that is meaningful to many different age groups and will be taken care of more meaningfully in the future because it contributes to what downtown Iowa City means to the people that use it regularly.
4/26/2021 2:30 PM	No	3 times or more per year	Yes	The idea to improve this area in general. I am in this area of downtown everyday and I enjoy seeing the community using this area in front of the library and local restaurants. However, I do not like the current concept as it is shown. It distracts away from the beauty of what is already there without adding anything to the improvements that have taken place on the Ped Mall in the last few years (new canopy, new paving)		
					This playground looks as though there is less play space than the one that is currently there. While I do appreciate that I won't have as many heart-stopping moments when my little one attempts to go to the top with the big kids, there's not a lot of space to play for kids that are suited for kids at the 4-7 mark. The obstacle play equipment tends to get overtaken by older kids, so that my almost-6 year-old doesn't want to play on them, and my 3-year-old cannot. I personally would prefer a bigger space like the play tower. The multiple play towers are my kids' favorite part of the downtown playground right now. I think the existing playground is quite nice and I really do not see a need to replace it. The new design also seems highly cramped for space.	Having multi-age areas, more shade, and more places where grown ups can sit/interact with the space (rather than benches far away from the action). Whenever we are there, the slides and the talking tubes are a hit! I think adding something like a shaded portion or "pavilion" style area could be very nice as well as an exterior drinking fountain for hot days. Our family likes the current structure, but I understand that it needs to be updated. I'm grateful that we have a playground adjoining the public library and food options. Though it is small, the experience packs a punch! Inclusivity- access for children with all levels of ability and adaptive equipment
4/26/2021 2:35 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	The shade options. It also has areas for age-appropriate play		
4/26/2021 2:38 PM	No	3 times or more per year	Yes	I enjoy the overhead shades and coverings.		
4/26/2021 3:06 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Potential for shade. Obstacle course and play tower look great. How many kids can be on the obstacle course at the same time?	Doesn't seem as integrated as the current one. The structures are not connected; don't seem to allow for mixed age play.	
4/26/2021 3:25 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	The colors and variety	It doesn't look very inclusive	
					Overall it feels uninspired for the space, incohesive, and that there is less for kids to do. This doesn't feel well thought out but rather hodgepoded together from a catalogue. There is an opportunity to do something really cool and true to the character of Iowa City. Think about how it will be incorporated into the surrounding space and events—for example, relate the design to how kids will play in the fountain or Friday night concert series. The designers need to come observe these events and how children interact with the environment to be properly inspired.	
					The resources for the shade structures could be better applied to the overall cohesiveness of the design.	Do we really want to tear up the ped-mall again for another year? Please don't do this. Iowa City used to have such a great playground, this feels like a shame and a waste of resources to tear it up again for this lack luster design.
					With the only two slides on the same structure this presents a congestion point and a point of conflict. There should be more for big kids to enjoy.	Keep the day-drinkers and drunk kids at bay. I don't want to take my kids around that, especially little kids.
4/26/2021 3:28 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	That shade and seating are considered.	I'm worried that the shade structure above the obstacle equipment will prove too tempting to climb and damage to drunk students. I would hate to see the playground shut down because of that (think about the Park rd bridge). This looks like it's for little kids. I need something that can also support a 21 yr old after the airliner. Looks like less climbing and structures for kids to play on. As a park goer all over the corridor, this seems like a mish mash of ground level 'interactive' items that in theory are cool, but only keep the attraction of kids for a few moments. I like the existing off the ground play structures that allow kids to climb around and have fun being up off the ground, which is a big hit with our 5 year old son. Nothing that I can think of, it looks pretty good, I like it a lot.	It looks like this design tries to incorporate a lot of activities for little kids, there has to be activities for little kids and big kids alike. Adult equipment.
4/26/2021 3:28 PM	No	2 times or less per year	No	Very artistic looking. Coolfactor		
4/26/2021 4:14 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	The shade features are nice		Age limiting, seems like there can be some highspeed preteens kids who are way too old to be running around past the <5 year old crowd.
4/26/2021 4:22 PM	No	3 times or more per year	Yes	I like the shade and the general cool modern design. The new playground equipment looks modern and like it will stand the test of time. I appreciate it's subtle literary theme, which tie both to the adjacent Iowa City Public Library and the UNESCO City of Literature recognition. It looks like it would be enjoyed by many age groups, including as a backdrop for photos for young adults and families. The books double as a literary statement and an interactive element.		I like those seat things that spin around.
4/26/2021 4:34 PM	No	3 times or more per year	Yes		I'm worried the black shade canopy poles will encourage graffiti or damage or could be hot to the touch for kids, posing a safety hazard. Overall I really like the shade canopy, particularly the color variations. There is less to do for kids than the current playground. It seems to be designed with aesthetics in mind, not kids. I'm concerned about apparent lack of interactive play space for disabled children.	I'd love to see Edison bulbs strong between the center of the new playground or creative uplighting to match the Weatherdance Stage.
4/26/2021 4:58 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	The colors.		52246 Keep the bouncy floor.
4/26/2021 4:58 PM	No	2 times or less per year	No	Variety of actives, shade, and room for wheelchairs to maneuver.		52240 Inclusivity. I like the design so far, however! Make it more accessible for young toddler children and blind children - they enjoy swings, spinning etc - movement that doesn't require visual input. Having enough SPACE for wheelchairs is not making a playground accessible. Having pieces of the playground MEANT for people in wheelchairs is how you make a playground accessible. There are many playground swings and other interactive options specifically designed for children in wheelchairs that should be included.
4/26/2021 5:39 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Shade, activity variety	Not sure	52246 Leaving it as-is. 52245 More sitting areas for parents that are shaded.
4/26/2021 5:51 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	The revamp in general is great. The current playground is getting too old.	It's not accessible.	
4/26/2021 5:56 PM	No	2 times or less per year	Yes	The slides and the climbing equipment.	It looks smaller and less expansive with less things to do.	
4/26/2021 6:39 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Shade!! It gets so hot down there, shade is a must.	I think it looks great.	
4/26/2021 6:55 PM	No	3 times or more per year	Yes	Bright colors. Some shade over seating benches would be nice.	Looks like a spaceship and seems too confining, doesn't look very accessible to adults if need to reach child, too much shade, kids need some sun.	Similar structure to what is currently there, but add some outdoor music making type pieces (areas that make sound when you stand there, outdoor xylophone type equipment, etc).
4/26/2021 7:19 PM	No	2 times or less per year	Yes	Interactive and sensory panel	No	52245 No
4/26/2021 8:24 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	No	More things to do, hands on.	Not sure.	52240 Not sure.
4/26/2021 8:40 PM	No	3 times or more per year	No	Love that it is colorful!	Takes up a lot of space that could be used for a variety of activities and not just 10% of the overall population in that age group.	52240 .

						I very much disapprove of taking out the old so full of history and memories and milestones that have happened there. It rips my heart out. The trees and space by the farmers market was destroyed for construction parking. That space will never be the same again. It held such dear memories. Now you want to replace the ped mall space.	
						All the equipment looks fun, but unmanageable for younger children. Families survive their small child years in this space. Bread Garden, Library, and the play structure are all vital. Add to the places we can go down town with play structures in other locations. Don't congest this space with more pieces and bigger things that parents have to navigate with more people and more spaces to manage.	
						Honestly I am just sick knowing this is probably going to happen. .... 600,000 dollars to work with? How can it be used to expand experiences in multiple spaces all close by? Families need options to shift throughout downtown. NOT be congested all in the same place or have no where else to land within walking distance. Bigger is not better! Creating options is better. What other spaces are available to creat in? Beside the farmers market? The other end of the ped mall near 10,000 villages? The Java House would benefit from this. The green space on Iowa and Linn? Festival goers would live this. Are there other spaces?	
4/26/2021 8:48 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes		The money.	Please reconsider. We loose when we are always replacing.	52240 To have multiple locations for play. I would suggest making it an area for artists (students or locals) to display their sculptures, rotating the sculptures every few months. Also further seating and/ or space for another food cart. There's not much space to just "hang out" downtown - and it would be a plus to look at
4/26/2021 9:18 PM	No	Never	No		N/a	I think it's a poor use of space downtown. The playground is right around the corner from bars and a hotel. It's not a safe environment for children. Also being a "college town" it's quite strange to expand upon a playground in the downtown area.	52240 something besides buildings.
4/26/2021 9:45 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes		Bright colors	Not enough inclusion for special needs This looks beautiful! We are at this playground multiple times per week and love the diverse options in this plan.	52317 Handicapped Accessible
4/26/2021 9:48 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes		Colorful, musical, appealing for all age ranges. Open access to benches I don't like it. I'd prefer something more natural and open so we can see kids from anywhere around the playground. The current one has a little something for every one and I can see kids even if I'm at the fountain, and they can see me.		52246 Continued availability and maintenance of the structure. We love our downtown play experience!
4/26/2021 9:52 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes			It appears more closed off and artificial. My first though was circus, and not sure it would age well.	A more natural playscape like the play area by Big Grove. A structure with multiple levels but open design with a lot of visiblity from anywhere around that ped mall space. 52245
4/26/2021 10:14 PM	Yes	2 times or less per year	Yes		I like the variety of equipment it offers.	I was hopeful that despite the expense the city might have looked into making this an ADA compliant playground for kids of all abilities. It seems the area would benefit from a playground that all children could use and access. Especially with its location near the hospital and library.	52317 Accessibility for all children. Making sure the area is safe for children to play.
4/26/2021 10:24 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes		The shade features. Sometimes it gets HOT on those slides.	It is a lot to look at and I have heard some concerns about ada issues... I don't have children with needs like that so I defer to them as they are experts in their kiddos needs.	52240 Charging stations. I often work remotely where my kids can play.
4/26/2021 10:40 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes		A variety of options	None Shade is metal or fabric? If fabric, not resistant Missing more slides & activities to build confidence	52245 A variety of play options
4/26/2021 11:10 PM	Yes	2 times or less per year	No		Vivid Color, new design & inclusivity	Nice colours & lots to look at but not much to do to stretch or build leg/ arm muscles. The sensory boards shown could not be moved by young children or many with disabilities. The literacy display is clever (library/ City of Lit) but doesn't look fun and crawling toddlers might get stepped on by older children going up/down.	52246 Opening up downtown with a festival or announcement inviting us to come visit.
4/27/2021 12:22 AM	Yes	2 times or less per year	No		Flags for shade Something new downtown Current playground has high, open spaces; this tower seems enclosed & safer.		Different design for multiple ages/ abilities. Make sure equipment & ground covering is not slippery for children & adults if wet. 52245
4/27/2021 12:39 AM	No	Never	No		I love it all! seems way more interactive and engaging, and i think the shade is a great idea as well as the interactive sensory panel and book display!!!!	N/A	52245 I am an adult so i dont find myself engaging with playgrounds much (except for swings!)
4/27/2021 5:42 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes		The shade sails.	There are so many different 'areas' I'm not sure it will lend itself as well to cooperative imaginative play. The colors are also a little much. One of my children is on the spectrum and I'm afraid he will find it overwhelming. If the interactive sensory panel makes loud noises, that would be a problem for him too. Also, the only thing wrong with the old structure is the lack of shade. Why not just add shade sails to the old structure?	52246 Shade and more benches. My kids already love the old play structure
4/27/2021 6:09 AM	No	3 times or more per year	Yes		OBSTACLE PLAY EQUIPMENT	THE SHADE STRUCTURE LOOKS LIKE IT WOULD GET DIRTY/RIP/TEAR	52336 MONKEY BARS/SWINGS
4/27/2021 6:54 AM	No	3 times or more per year	Yes		I like the shade provided to protect from sun damage. I'm generally a fan of the rubber mulch mats (I'm hoping it will be from ground up old tires or a similar recycled source). I like the book play theme tying it to the library location. I'm a big fan of the interactive/sensory play element. It looks like a child who uses crutches or a wheelchair should be able to get around and between the elements of the playground.	This is more a suggestion than a dislike, because I can't tell in from the pictures, but I hope that the slides will have the ability to grip the sides, making them more accessible and usable by a broader range of ages. I'm also hoping that the planters are going to remain.	Not being concerned about a pandemic? Not helpful, I realize. And, hopefully, not a long-long-term primary concern. 52240
4/27/2021 6:58 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes		Lot of things to do, seems very creative. Looks like kids will love it	Nothing	52245 Keep the rubber floor concept
4/27/2021 6:59 AM	No	3 times or more per year	Yes		The shade barriers. It will be nice to have some shade on the equipment to keep it from getting so hot.	It's hard to see the details by the picture.	More sensory development options for toddler age kids who cannot use the big equipment yet. 52240
4/27/2021 7:00 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes		Shaded areas and areas for older kids	Not sure yet, looks fun and inclusive No swings from what I can tell, but I'm old school and remember being taken out by one. So I'm understanding of why they're absent.	52240 Splash pad area for when it's really hot outside 52240 Shade and more areas to sit (eat and drink) and watch kids
4/27/2021 7:04 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes		The colorful design and modern look		52404 The new design is a much needed improvement!
4/27/2021 7:17 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes		I like the bright colors of the shade structure and the sensory panels. It feels welcoming and inclusive for children of all ages and abilities.	Nothing comes to mind.	52353 A water element would be cool for warm months.
4/27/2021 7:36 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes		I like that you are trying to be more inclusive and keep equipment new/fresh/up to date	Where to start? I love that you are meeting ADA standards and I don't have a child with a disability. However, taking away the majority of fun climbing structures is not the answer. We are an amazing city and I bet you can come up with a structure that includes climbing, towers, hiding spots as well as structures that children with disabilities can navigate. The colors are overwhelming. It sticks out like a sore thumb. How about colors found in nature? The park in NL with the climbing rocks, or even the park by the River/Big Grove looks great. A park doesn't need to look like a crayon box to be fun! I love the current structure. Our kids have enjoyed it since 1 year old and are now 6 and 9. They would hate this new proposal and be bored in about a minute. We come to downtown specifically for the park sometimes. I can sit and read while they play for an hour. We then grab a bite or do a bit of shopping. No way would i drive downtown for this park and my kids would never ask me to.	More shad for parents/those sitting. More seating, even if not formal benches, how about stumps or logs or something. Edible garden. 52245

4/27/2021 7:39 AM	No	Never	Yes	It looks more exciting and colorful. It's time for an upgrade.	Nothing I can think of.	I grew up in Iowa City and we played on the old wooden structure that used to be there a billion years ago. We also played in the brick death trap fountain. It's part of downtown Iowa City to have a fountain kids can play in while their parents are listening to Friday night music or during Arts/Jazz Fest. I think you should just put in a true splash pad and let the kids have a good time. Potentially some covered pavilions for eating takeout - more shade - handwashing station and water bottle filling spot nearby
4/27/2021 7:50 AM	Yes	2 times or less per year	Yes	The agility pieces for older kids	I still like a traditional structure for small children with multiple slides	52333
4/27/2021 7:51 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	space tower	It needs more climbing structures	52403
4/27/2021 7:56 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Had to be covered. Last time took my kids there equipment was so hot it burnt there skin.	Last time took my kids there equipment was so hot it burnt there skin. Playground equipment n mat on ground TOO HOT	52302
4/27/2021 8:00 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Playground equipment n mat on ground TOO HOT	mat on ground TOO HOT	52340
4/27/2021 8:04 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Possible Shade, bright colors	Unsure	52241
4/27/2021 8:05 AM	No	2 times or less per year	Yes	Shade! And the main play structure	Not a big fan of the obstacle structure. I don't see many kids using those at other playgrounds	52317
4/27/2021 8:21 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	More kid stuff	Nope	50702
4/27/2021 8:25 AM	No	Never	No	I like the added shade. I also like the climbing features and slide structure.	I think my kids will miss the bridge from the old (current) structure but this plan looks more accessible.	52246
4/27/2021 8:42 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Increased shade is a good idea, especially after losing the ash trees downtown.	Nothing	52240
4/27/2021 8:43 AM	No	2 times or less per year	Yes	It's making people talk! We are conversing on NextDoor. A survey indicates you're getting closer to making decisions. I'd like to know when you all meet about this -- is there an email list-serv on this evolving playground project? Pls email phc52240@gmail.com	Avoid colors and be forward thinking! This link discusses how playgrounds are more advantageous to childhood development when the playgrounds are non-colorful -- what early-childhood experts have known all along! <a href="https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5083879/">https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5083879/</a>	52240
4/27/2021 8:45 AM	No	2 times or less per year	Yes	Colorful and includes some shaded areas	Needs to be more open for many children to congregate and to run through and play	52246
4/27/2021 8:45 AM	No	2 times or less per year	Yes	Shaded areas, thoughts for accessibility.	The design is very busy, and has concerns of parents/guardians not being able to keep an eye on their child/children without having to constantly move around. Also concerns of damage/vandalism that could be experienced during evening/night by students or other patrons of the pedestrian mall.	52240
4/27/2021 9:34 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	I like the canopies that provide (hopefully!) some shade to keep the playground area cooler.	I feel like this design is very limited for access to both kids and parents with mobility limitations (parents who might need to reach kids in distress). Also, the current playground allows for a lot of "through" play- multiple entrances and exits to the climbing areas preventing congestion or kids feeling trapped in while waiting for other kids to move out of their way. It seems like the one climbing structure with slides has very limited entrance/exits.	52240
4/27/2021 9:36 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Uniqueness	Lack of handicap accessible	52240
4/27/2021 9:44 AM	No	2 times or less per year	Yes	Color - it's new and different.	It does not include any accessible equipment for kiddos with disabilities. Yes, the activities on the perimeter are nice, but there should be components for kids of all ages and abilities.	52240
4/27/2021 9:50 AM	No	2 times or less per year	No	Very colorful and looks substantial/unique	Tone down the colors, I think this may draw attention away from the artist benches and the nature on the park.	52242
4/27/2021 9:55 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Playground looks like it appeals to all ages and is inclusive. I like the colors. And, the books stair climber. I also like the shades. This is very appealing playground that is innovative and doesn't look like the typical school playground.	Not really	52240
4/27/2021 10:23 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Shade	The lack of elevated play and slides	52240
4/27/2021 10:26 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	No	shade elements for the summer, but would prefer if they could be removed for the fall through spring when they're not needed	The proposed colors, which do not relate to the surroundings or other recent Ped Mall improvements. Too much plastic & rubber.	52240
4/27/2021 10:49 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Looks neat and goes with the new buildings around.	There is not enough activities for the kids. The current (old) playground is GREAT in this aspect, with at least 20 things kids of different ages can play with and lots of details to explore. I'd bring kids to downtown just to play at this playground. The new design has so much less going on. Actually, the new one seems an entire scale smaller than the old one.	52245
4/27/2021 10:58 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	interactive/sensory panel, shade structure, rubber mat	lack of inclusive equipment	52241
4/27/2021 10:58 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	It's bigger and more things to play on.	It looks very - "only for small children" ish. Like aged 5 or less.	52240
4/27/2021 11:10 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	space for parents to also play closely with their children!		52317
4/27/2021 11:10 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	it seems as if this new design is safer as well!		52761
4/27/2021 11:19 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	thank you	nothing	52246
4/27/2021 11:30 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	The book play sculpture.	Not enough inclusive play options.	52240
4/27/2021 11:31 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	The shade structures	The colors. Kids don't like neon colored plastic playgrounds. Earth tones would be more harmonious with the ped mall.	52240
4/27/2021 11:31 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	I like the spaceship central space and the effort to be inclusive.	I like very little of it. The colors are abrasive, the structures look chaotic, and there doesn't seem to be a lot of imaginative spaces. I'm sure actual children can come up with something involving the climbing net structure, but it looks very boring to adult eyes.	52240
4/27/2021 11:37 AM	No	3 times or more per year	Yes	I like the sensory panel--- it will hopefully provide an opportunity for those with varying developmental needs to participate in play.	I am concerned about the level of accessibility provided on the proposed playground. There are limited opportunities for inclusive play for those with mobility needs. The current structure is very difficult to access for children with any type of mobility difficulty (e.g. from balance issues to those requiring wheelchair access).	52340
4/27/2021 11:43 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	the slide	The colors; doesn't seem to be as much climbing or walking on structures as the current design. The current structure is not 20 years old, seems in excellent condition. Our family does not feel this should be a priority to be funded.	52240
4/27/2021 11:43 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	I love that it is accessible to all and the new shade plans	I would love if there were swings or something that spins	52241
4/27/2021 11:55 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Meh.	There seems to be more emphasis on aesthetic with the color scheme & overhangs that dont seem to provide much function of shade than there is on actual play elements. We're removing more play structure to replace it with more infrastructure for cloth banners? Kids dont care about that, they want things to play with and on.	52340





4/27/2021 5:22 PM	Yes	2 times or less per year	Yes	Added shade & color.	The current one seems so much cooler. More ways to get on/off, slides, room to run, etc. There are too few physical activity areas and too little for very many children to participate in. The color scheme is in no way comforting nor does it provide a pleasant area to relax and watch the children	52245 Nothing was wrong with it. Not sure what the need for a change is?
4/27/2021 5:25 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	I do not care for it at all	The center section is too small. That is what kids love so much about the current playground, they love climbing on it and running on it. I think the new playground should be similar to the current one, which btw seems to be in good condition and not really looking like it needs to be replaced. Maybe don't be so wasteful?	52240 Just revamp the current play structures. Why fix what isn't broken?
4/27/2021 5:28 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	I don't really like it, but if I had to choose it would be center section.		52245 If it were not constantly under construction.
4/27/2021 6:01 PM	Yes	2 times or less per year	Yes	The shade structure (but not it's garish colors). I only like it if it promoted inclusivity and allows my niece to play with any kid regardless of their level of ability	The circus-like color are garish and do not fit with the ped mall ambiance.	52245 Good sight lines from one end of the play area all the way to the opposite side to aid in keeping track of children
4/27/2021 6:56 PM	No	3 times or more per year	Yes		I think it needs to be inclusive to kids who aren't able bodied	52227 If it were completely inclusive to disabled kids
4/27/2021 8:00 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Overhead coverings	No access for disabilities on the one piece with slides, no easy access for parents to get their kids on the same piece, with so many separate parts kids aren't encouraged to play together, only one piece with slides & ladders which is what kids like so that's limiting. The sensory boards aren't exciting to kids for very long & will get wrecked at 1st home football game. Seems to be looking more for a pretty decoration than an actual playground for kids.	52240 Something more like Mercer with things to climb, slide, run. Need stairs & easy access for all. Can designate an area for littles, but the sensory wall esp if it's a visual electric thing will be broken so easily.
4/27/2021 8:01 PM	No	3 times or more per year	No	Nothing	No real place for kids to interact as groups. Kids like to run over under and around. This plan just has lots of what looks like sitting space with awnings.	52245 The current playground meets the need of most children. How about something for the greater benefit of the majority. We can not reduce this the lowest level just accommodate a few. If this was the 1950's would you build it so the kids in their iron lungs could play?
4/27/2021 8:28 PM	No	2 times or less per year	Yes	The shade is a definite improvement. I like the bright colors, it might look better if the color pallet was more limited or cohesive though. The tower is a fun shape and I like that it has two levels. I do feel like a wider tower would give room for more kids to play though.	I really don't like the vertical books that are placed in the orange circle, they feel too random/uninteresting. I think the book stack and open book meant for climbing will be more fun for kids while still having a literary theme.	52240 An aesthetically pleasing playground that celebrates the artistic culture of Iowa City
4/27/2021 8:33 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Nothing. The sight lines are not great for parents of multiple kids. I like knowing my kids have one central place to be. This will put them more toward the outskirts. Also wondered if the sunblock will have an adverse affect in blocking the night sky. Most parents are home with kids around the noon hour anyway for lunch and naps.	Everything. It's oversimplified and "safe." Kids learn to measure risk on playgrounds. Trust us as parents to do our job. It's good for kids to decide if they're ready to cross a wobbly bridge. It's good to learn to navigate a pole or a slide without super protective walls. I've also found that the "learning stations" are considered great by adults but are actually not enjoyed by kids. They get 5 minutes of wonder, then the novelty wears off.	52246 Scrap this design and start with a new one. This will ruin the downtown experience for my kids. It's like how they made the children's library all digital now. Do you know how hard it is to entice a kid with books when there are video games to be played? If this goes through, we'll start driving down to Washington for their huge wooden fort playground, which I'm sure is considered dangerous by Iowa City officials.
4/27/2021 8:49 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	I like the shade elements.	Not a big enough play structure. There are only 2 actual play structures and they are very small compared to what is there now.	52246 More climbing structures
4/27/2021 8:51 PM	No	Never	No	I think it's an ugly design concept. A third grader with a box of crayons could do a much better job.	Overall, I think it's a bad idea. It took over a year to remodel the Ped Mall a few years ago and it costed taxpayers a lot of money. It was a disaster and it created a mess for people to access local businesses on the Ped Mall. Besides, the Ped Mall doesn't look any different now compared to what it used to look like before it was remodeled.	52246 I'd rather chew on broken glass before visiting a playground.
4/27/2021 9:00 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Not much	It does not allow the children to interact with play space. It is bewildering and intimidating	52340 Keep the current playground. There is no need to fix something that is not broken.
4/27/2021 9:30 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	No	Nothing. It's grotesque in concept. And what is with all the hideous colors, can't you do something that doesn't make it look like a carnival midway?	Just about everything.	52246 Start over.
4/27/2021 10:14 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	I like the idea that it has more integrated space for kids to interact in. I also am impressed that it seems accessible to children who are handicapped.	I am questioning the ability for parents/caregivers to be able to intervene if children need them. Will there be adequate space for these adults to be close?	52240 I would add more items that are handicapped accessible esp. for children in wheelchairs. There are many handicapped playgrounds to gain insight from. I would suggest, adding more special needs parents, teachers or caregivers to the idea board. We need to make sure our special needs kids playtime needs are met.
4/28/2021 12:18 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Shading. Some of the book/literature theme items.	There seems to be less play equipment that is spread out and easy to see what is going on and allowing for more free movement. The Play Tower looks like it would be incredibly congested with children in a very small space (especially when the play structure is busy, which happens often downtown) - it would be difficult for parents to be able to keep track of their children inside that tower. And it does not look conducive to parents being able to help children in there easily (e.g., if parents need to assist younger children, children with disabilities, children who are anxious and need parent support, etc.). The current structure at least has a lot of openness and inclusivity for adults to assist children. I would also like to see this playground fenced in.	52240 Fence in the playground area with a few entry points and keep the benches within the fenced space. Choose a different play structure than the currently suggested Play Tower that allows for adults to help children more easily who need such support. Include more options for children with a wider variety of disabilities - again, my concern about some children who will need parent help is part of my extreme dislike of the Play Tower. There is a very active community of local parents who have children with disabilities - please seek them out and get input on what would be most beneficial for their children. There are some nice inclusive play structure elements (e.g., things at The Arc in Iowa City or many other non-local playgrounds) that could be added for individuals in wheelchairs. Please do not just leave this proposed design as it is - please add a fence and choose a different and more inclusive play structure instead of the Play Tower.
4/28/2021 4:40 AM	No	Never	Yes	Shaded spots added into the concept... this part of the ped mall gets so much sunlight. Structures that appear to give children challenges (I LOVED the wooden playground as a child...the levels were tons of fun, in spite of the potential hazards that existed...the current one seemed tame and a bit boring by comparison). I like the current playground set up. I don't understand why it needs to be replaced. I understand it is 20 years old but I think it is still good. It is a narrow space; this looks like a lot of different things in a small space. Not sure what I think about the high tower with so many little ones on the equipment downtown.	From the concept sketch, this new design overwhelms the senses. Too much going on. Too many clashing colors. The ped mall is used by a variety of people and people who don't utilize the playground (but visit the pedestrian mall to shop and eat) may find this design overwhelming. Use a natural or neutral color palette with splashes of color. Spare use of color for painted benches on the ped mall and vibrant flowers in the planters. I am also not sure if I like the idea of separate playground structures (a slide, a climbing frame, etc). This functions well in a park or a school playground but perhaps not on the ped mall...maybe it's just that the structures in the concept sketch appear quite tall. The highest levels of the old wooden playground were pretty high up, but it was just one structure that flowed nicely with the space. This concept is a jumble of tall structures.	52245 As a person who visits the ped mall frequently and someone who grew up with the old wooden playground back in the 90s, it's hard to think of the ped mall without the playground. It's a central part of it. I visit the ped mall frequently and eat at Bread Garden (which is in close proximity to the playground), so the playground should compliment the space.
4/28/2021 6:30 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes		I wish more parks would add splash pads I would prefer this to the fountain as it is slippery.	52246 I don't look forward to the construction period. Downtown has been under construction then with covid we have not been able to spend as much time downtown. We used to be downtown every weekend with the kids.
4/28/2021 6:42 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Shade	The actual play structure seems way too small compared to the capacity of the current structure	52245 Shade and bathrooms.
4/28/2021 8:00 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Multiple climbing options and shade	Rather more interactive panels than book displays	52240 Music or activated music by a child.
4/28/2021 9:02 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Glad to see shade and more bench seating for parents which the old playground was missing.	Keeping the older children separate from the younger children for safety reasons would be preferred.	52240 More shaded seating areas for adults.

						<p>I'm disappointed to see a lack of connectivity between the different stations. That was one of the most notable features of the current layout. I also feel that the layout does not make as efficient use of the space in comparison to the current structure.</p> <p>The station specifically devoted to sensory input are wasted. It is rare that I see children using these for more than a minute. The idea of sensory input is fine, but it should be incorporated via different textures, colors, or auditory input from items that are part of the structure doing something else (different types of grips or surfaces to move across, etc.).</p> <p>Lastly, if you think that this is an inclusive playground, you are wrong. Just because someone doesn't have to navigate any kind of elevation change to get to a few of the items doesn't make it inclusive and fun. No kid who wants to use the slides can get there without climbing ladders, which is a lot more intricate a task than adults seem to be able to remember. Anyone with any degree of unsteadiness, or even a mild need for assistance to get to the slides will be cut out.</p> <p>I also have two concerns regarding adult interaction with the space. First, much of the interactive parts stand to be destroyed during the first home football game by drunken antics. By spreading that sort of sensory output throughout the structure it provides less of a temptation- I think this is one of the best strengths of the current design. Secondly, to return to the inclusivity issue listed above, how easy is it for adults to enter the structure to accompany children or retrieve them if they won't come down or are scared? Is everything safety rated for adults (ALL adults? What if they have a lifting limit and can't navigate a ladder themselves safely?), and are there adult sized apertures that can be navigated?</p> <p>I appreciate the effort to update the space, but this plan needs some serious work.</p> <p>Fix my street</p>	<p>More general diversity in businesses? I can remember greater diversity in the shops downtown when I first moved here, most of which have been replaced by restaurants (or bars, even less appealing for taking younger family members to the area). Also, even the shops that do contribute to diversity aren't disability/mobility friendly. Iowa City has terrible inclusivity in this regard. There are fewer than 10 handicapped accessible entrances to buildings downtown outside of parking garages, and 2 of those go to the same bar. The city has already been on the</p> <p>52240 wrong end of a legal dispute regarding its school district playground and park accessibility.</p> <p>52255 It is fine, the kids don't know or care about the age of the equipment.</p>
4/28/2021 9:29 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	The sun shaders. That is sorely needed.			
4/28/2021 9:38 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	No	Waste of money			
						<p>This play area is a wonderful and needed fixture in the downtown area. I love its convenient location next to the library, entertainment stage, and water fountain which are a huge draw for families. Thank you for keeping the play of our young residents, visitors and their families in mind for our downtown! Please keep inclusivity in mind. The library and downtown are areas that our children with disabilities come to frequently, and I think it is so important for our community to be open and inclusive to those of different needs and abilities. There are some great accessible features in play equipment that have been added to other paly areas in town (Willow Creek and Riverfront Crossings for example). I strongly urge you to consider the accessibility of play features</p> <p>52240 in this vital area for children and families to gather at the heart of our downtown.</p>	
4/28/2021 10:02 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Sun shades, book/literary sculptures and structures, and sensory play panel. I like the vibrant colors and the safety surfacing as well.	<p>I wish that the play equipment and features were more accessible to persons with a range of mobility, particularly for those using wheelchairs and other mobility devices. I often see the downtown play structure used by young children (I am a parent of childre under 5), but much of the large equipment lends itself to older children, could be a safety concern for young children, and is not accessible.</p>		
						<p>I would appreciate more integration between the main rocket and the older ropes course area. Specifically a way (or 2 would be even better for non-linear play) to get from the ropes structure into the rocket without touching the ground. The monkey bars appear to dead-end on the side of the rocket, if nothing else an opening for older children to get into the rocket would be helpful. Also, a 2nd slide from the top level of the rocket (possibly on the side facing the library) would make the top level even more of a destination (and improve traffic flow). If not a slide, then another mode of egress (like a fire pole, etc).</p>	
4/28/2021 10:37 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	I like the overall concept and accessibility for children of all ages (especially <5 yrs) and abilities.			
4/28/2021 11:08 AM	Yes	2 times or less per year	Yes	it's nice	<p>expense. Kids use it for 2-6 years. I don't think the playground needs updates at this time</p> <p>Garish colors - pretty much guaranteed to not age well. Playground 'equipment' that looks fiendishly designed to maximize injuries and more or less guarantee the need for supervision at all times to deal with the 'accidents'</p> <p>I cannot stress enough that this is NOT an inclusive playground concept. As stated, this is one of your primary goals. I would suggest consulting with parents of children who have mobility issues to truly understand what makes a playground inclusive.</p> <p>No</p>	<p>52240 more shade for parents / benches</p>	
4/28/2021 11:32 AM	No	3 times or more per year	No	Nothing. It's a travesty compared to the current one you are replacing.		<p>Slides! Children love them and each can occupy numerous children at once repeatedly climbing up and sliding down.</p> <p>52240</p>	
4/28/2021 11:58 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	The shaded area		52245 The ability to take children with mobility issues	
4/28/2021 12:18 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Colorful covered and Lloyd of climbing		52245 Lots of benches around and small tables Soft flat surface as a base	
						<p>Overall, I think this design is too "choppy" and compartmentalized. The current structure is large and gives space for lots of children to run and climb through it at once. I foresee that the center climbing structure in the new design will be very congested. This new design doesn't offer an opportunity for kids to play running/chasing games like tag.</p> <p>It feels obnoxious and not thought through. The colors are too loud, sunscreens are crowding and unnecessary, equipment looks plastic and cheap (even if it's not). First impression is McDonald's play area.</p>	
4/28/2021 12:23 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Individually I like all the components. The park looks appealing with the color and overhead shade.		<p>A large, multi level structure suitable for both older and younger children to enjoy at once. At the</p> <p>52245 lower levels there should be handicap accessible options for play.</p>	
4/28/2021 12:52 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Soft floor and benches		<p>Please consider the rest of the ped mall, those watching the kids and others passing by, not just</p> <p>52245 kids and City of Lit fans.</p>	
						<p>Make the playground inclusive. It is not good the consultant's pictures can't even show one or more children in mobility devices or using crutches. it shows they weren't thinking about inclusive play.</p> <p>Kids like to run and move between different size towers using ramps and tunnels. You could create more room for kids to play by making more of the space multi-levels. Add a piece of inclusive equipment that spins. Can kids hang from the obstacle? Replace the play tower with pieces that children in mobility devices can use a ramp to get up to, add some connected pieces,</p> <p>52240 put at least 3 slides in, etc. This design looks trendy but Iowa City deserves more than trendy.</p> <p>52240 Fence for safety around playground</p>	
4/28/2021 1:33 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Don't love it. It's boring. Bright colors are good. The bench seating is nice.	<p>The playground design is boring. Also, it may be ADA compliant but doesn't look inclusive. A couple of small sensory panels do not make up for the lack of thought put into making it inclusive. There's not even a ramp for children in mobility devices to get to a higher level and be able to interact with others. You have a library next door, you don't need a book display(s). Where is the object that spins? Not worth replacing the old playground if this design is what you'll get.</p> <p>Fence would be good</p>		
4/28/2021 1:50 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Most things			
4/28/2021 2:40 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	I love how colorful it is, the literary themes and the shade!	<p>Having a structure that is accessible to caregivers with mobility issues would be desirable.</p> <p>Nothing</p> <p>The cost when so many things need to be worked on in the City of Iowa City.</p> <p>No water play</p> <p>More accessible play areas for children with disabilities</p> <p>Make it for all ages</p> <p>It seems more ascetic then functional. There's not much for them to climb on doesn't have a good use of the area</p>	<p>52240 Try to keep sight lines to stage open.</p> <p>52246 A playground that incorporates smaller play sets for toddler aged kids</p> <p>52245 NA</p> <p>52240 Water play area</p> <p>52240 Having a more accessible playground.</p> <p>52246 Provide some shade maybe a water fountain for the littles</p>	
4/28/2021 2:54 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	There are more options for smaller children			
4/28/2021 6:37 PM	No	Never	No	Having playground shaded seems neat.			
4/28/2021 8:22 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	The shade			
4/28/2021 9:56 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	New safer equipment			
4/29/2021 8:01 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	It engages their abilities			
4/29/2021 8:24 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	It has fun colors to engage their minds		52246 Give more options of play. Things that allows kids to run and climb	

4/29/2021 8:48 AM	No	3 times or more per year	Yes	Recently I posted in the survey that I did not like the concept of the downtown play area. However I did not factor in the inclusive aspect of this new concept. I am all for inclusiveness! Therefor, I feel I must change my view on the downtown Play area. I think it is wonderful and will invite all kids to join in and play and played together, leaving no child left behind.	I've had to change my mind on the concept of the play area downtown Iowa city. Initially I sent in a survey that said I don't like it however I've had to change how I feel about it because it is a wonderful design to include all children to enjoy play and the play area.	52241	I don't have any other ideas as to how to improve the play area.
4/29/2021 10:59 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	This is a horrible design that will not accommodate kids with disabilities.	All of it. Make it wheelchair accessible. The ARC in Iowa City has an accessible playground, collaborate with them to improve the design.	52245	Having more inclusive spaces
4/29/2021 11:26 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	The shade! I would love to see the entire structure under a shade to provide more comfortable and sun-safe play throughout the day/year. I also like how there are implicit areas for different ages/sizes of kids to attract more children to the space while providing some separation between larger and smaller kids.	The color scheme is too much. I appreciate color as much as anyone but the many vibrant colors in this scheme create a sense of overstimulation and disorientation; I believe it would be better to stick with a few colors (or even shades of colors). I am also not a fan of the stationary and interactive "walls" (number 7 on the diagram) as I don't see how they add value to the play experience or encourage meaningful large motor movement.	52240	n/a
4/29/2021 12:22 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	It looks really fun and different from other playground options in the near downtown area. We go to the playground weekly so will definitely use it! Love how colorful it looks. Like the shade features as well!	Nothing that I can think of. I do hope it will be cutting edge in terms of accessibility. The ped mall playground is a great option for wheelchair users because of how accessible the ped mall is. I also think it sends a great message to all children, parents, and passers by that accessibility and inclusion can be beautiful and fun for EVERYONE.	52245	Nothing that I can think of, truly love that IC has a playground in the center of downtown.
4/29/2021 1:35 PM	Yes	2 times or less per year	Yes	The height of the play equipment	I am not thrilled about the color scheme.	52240	More playground panel that teach our kids about good values.
4/29/2021 1:43 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	High slides	I like everything shown.	52241	More handicap accessible equipment.
4/29/2021 1:45 PM	Yes	2 times or less per year	Yes	The rocket ship concept.	It looks pretty close to the building.	52242	More green grass near the playground
4/29/2021 1:47 PM	Yes	Never	Yes	Their will be a shaded area for the grandparents and parents to sit and watch the children play.	Nothing.	52246	Lighting around the play equipment.
4/29/2021 1:49 PM	Yes	2 times or less per year	Yes	The rocket ship structure that has the slides on it.	I like it all.	52243	Fencing around the playground so no traffic can be near it.
4/29/2021 1:51 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	The Arches with the pods on them. That looks like a neat climbing structure.	It all looks pretty awesome.	52245	I think there are too many different colors on the playground. Too busy looking. Pick only 3-4 colors.
4/29/2021 7:14 PM	Yes	2 times or less per year	Yes	How colorful and inclusive it is.	None	52358	None
4/29/2021 8:45 PM	Yes	2 times or less per year	Yes	Large structure. Stuff for varying ages	Seems very sterile. Not a lot of things to do.	52241	Stuff for ages 2-12 would be nice. Not so spread out. Utilize the space given to put a lot of play structures, swings, or other activities.
4/29/2021 11:35 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Love the inclusivity/accessibility, incorporation of books since near the library, shade panels	Doesn't have the same connectivity that current one has, with the large number of children who sometimes play there at once, I foresee lots of "bottleneck areas" that can't really be used the way the current one is to accommodate many children at once going multiple directions. For example, the area identified as the obstacle course (#2 on diagram) has fun equipment for older kids, but is difficult for a large volume of kids at a time. This is coming from an elem. teacher with lots of recess duty supervision experience! Same with the tower structure in the middle, which looks to be an area that would very quickly get over-crowded when many kids are present, such as during summer day-camp hours or Friday night concert series. There needs to be more little platforms, nooks and crannies for kids to move through and go in, over, under, across. The current structure allows for lots of ways to play "under" it, which ends up almost providing two stories- the proposed one doesn't.	52245	Address the "bottleneck" areas above, replace/revise with items that allow for lots of kids to play at once in ways that let them move back and forth/up and down, etc. Needs to be more bridges or platforms in the structure that will allow for that, or kids will just have to stand around waiting for their turn to "cross" the obstacle course items.
4/30/2021 1:21 AM	Yes	2 times or less per year	Yes	Variety of things to do	N/A	52317	Family oriented
4/30/2021 3:30 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	nothing	no space for kids to be kids	52240	not plugging up the sound tubes, and making the slides more slippery. Not so sure about the slides, though, since kids negotiating who goes up and who goes down them is part of learning to interact with random peers.
4/30/2021 6:57 AM	No	Never	Yes	Great for kids.	You just redid all that, so now 5 years later you're gonna spend another ridiculous amount to do it again? BUILD A DISC GOLF COURSE ON RYERSONS STATE PARK!!! Ask coralville how popular their course at Altmier is....also Disc golf is the fastest growing sport in America, especially among the younger demographic, the highest rated player in the state of Iowa right now, is 15 years old.....build more, PLEASE! \$600,000?!?! Please let this be a typo. You can build an enormous house and buy the land in IC for \$600K. That is an absolute waste of taxpayer money. Please either confirm that there is an extra zero in there or go get another bid.	52245	More Disc golf.
4/30/2021 7:12 AM	Yes	2 times or less per year	Yes	It is colorful.	To much play toys	52245	It is a great space. Maybe more food vendors.
4/30/2021 10:14 AM	No	Never	Yes	It will be better for kids	The color scheme looks to be too loud, in relation to the surrounding.	52246	More wide verity
4/30/2021 11:22 AM	Yes	2 times or less per year	Yes	A shade structure is functional during a sunny summer day but it will depend on the height of the shade which looks too high in the graphic.	The setup looks foreign to the site.	52240	A playground that is less prescriptive in the playground equipment but encourages more creative playing. let the children create their own game
4/30/2021 2:47 PM	No	Never	Yes	I feel that fresh, safe Parks and Play Equipment keeps Iowa City Marketable.	What aspect of the concept conveys the playground as a playground at the pedestrian mall?	52302	Safety and Good Lighting
4/30/2021 2:48 PM	Yes	Never	No	good in theory.	I'd not want to see it have repair issues.	52245	see above comment.
4/30/2021 2:48 PM	No	2 times or less per year	No	I love the fact that the the new playground has so many different playground equipments, and the shade seems like such a good idea.	Too many bums downtown to subject children to. Clear them out!	52245	I would like the squishy floor to remain, and I think some swings would be cool.
4/30/2021 2:50 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	It is colorful and inviting.	Nothing	52245	Keeping area cleaner.
4/30/2021 2:54 PM	Yes	2 times or less per year	Yes	It makes downtown more enticing yo families.	Doesn't look very friendly to handicapped.	52240	Having the improvement you are planning!
4/30/2021 2:54 PM	Yes	2 times or less per year	Yes	Shade	I think you planned it very well!! A bit dizzying with the color transitions	52246	Make it PRIDE colors with a rainbow progression
4/30/2021 3:01 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	No	The shade awnings	The color-scheme. Kids don't need these intense primary colors to attract them to a playground. Muted colors that are pleasant for adults and kids alike would be better for all. This will be an eyesore.	52245	A soft-muted color scheme.
4/30/2021 3:09 PM	No	3 times or more per year	Yes	I like how open it is	The colors are a bit much. I think if they were lighter/softer if would look better. These bold colors are a bit of an eyesore.	52245	More nature
4/30/2021 3:11 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	shade, areas for small children as well as bigger kids	The interactive play area--at other playgrounds, they seem to get abused/broken quickly. Also, if there are musical bell toy things--those are kind of awful to hear and never seem pleasant. It takes away all the common play experiences, and divides things into segments. From reading the responses to the questions, my impression is the city will do what it wants and the invitation for public comment is a sham.	52245	not sure
4/30/2021 3:20 PM	No	3 times or more per year	Yes	Nothing	for public comment is a sham.	52245	Actually paying attention to the people's comments.
4/30/2021 3:35 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	N/A	Too much color	52245	N/A
4/30/2021 3:54 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	The book theme, the shade, the sphere, obstacle climber	the tower in the middle - I was wondering can you see in to it?	52333	My older kids (4th and 5th grade love rope climbing structures, the bigger the better.

					Do not like it at all and the process through which it is being justified. This is poor design and it is sad that the City continues to push these mediocre projects through without actually taking the time to make revision. You ask for public input, and then justify the terrible design by publishing an FAQ that breezes over the issues brought to attention by the community. Why am I angry, because the City installed a totally worthless playground in our cherished neighborhood park. I (and many of my neighbors) would rather have no playground at all rather than the cheap, garish monstrosities that are being installed. Don't you see that you are actually hindering our community and our children by continuing this process? This is an amazing opportunity to improve our community. Get your act together City of Iowa City.	Do not like it at all and the process through which it is being justified. This is poor design and it is sad that the City continues to push these mediocre projects through without actually taking the time to make revision. You ask for public input, and then justify the terrible design by publishing an FAQ that breezes over the issues brought to attention by the community. Why am I angry, because the City installed a totally worthless playground in our cherished neighborhood park. I (and many of my neighbors) would rather have no playground at all rather than the cheap, garish monstrosities that are being installed. Don't you see that you are actually hindering our community and our children by continuing this process? This is an amazing opportunity to improve our community. Get your act together City of Iowa City.	Do not like it at all and the process through which it is being justified. This is poor design and it is sad that the City continues to push these mediocre projects through without actually taking the time to make revision. You ask for public input, and then justify the terrible design by publishing an FAQ that breezes over the issues brought to attention by the community. Why am I angry, because the City installed a totally worthless playground in our cherished neighborhood park. I (and many of my neighbors) would rather have no playground at all rather than the cheap, garish monstrosities that are being installed. Don't you see that you are actually hindering our community and our children by continuing this process? This is an amazing opportunity to improve our community. Get your act together City of Iowa City.		
4/30/2021 3:56 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes						
4/30/2021 3:57 PM	No	Never	Yes	Coloful, looks attractive to children, hopfully cost-effective, safe and educational	Current playground is really nice; unless equipment is getting old and in need of replacement, is the update really needed?				52240 NA
4/30/2021 4:00 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	This isn't public input. City staff has already made a decision this is pretend outreach to check a box. Do better.	That its already been chosen. This is pretend public input. The Iowa City Staff has turned fake public input into an art form. It's really quite impressive.				52245 I'd like it to be locally designed and built. Stop taking my tax dollars and spending them with out a state companies.
4/30/2021 6:26 PM	No	2 times or less per year	Yes	It's colorful	It only meets ADA minimum requirements and it is not inclusive at all. If you are going to improve something, make it inclusive for all!				52402 Make your playground inclusive!!!
4/30/2021 11:00 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Shade	Nothing I can think of				52246 Water play
4/30/2021 11:13 PM	No	3 times or more per year	Yes	Nothing	Everything				52246 Keep the park the same
5/1/2021 7:52 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	No	Nothing there was nothing wrong with what was there. , waste of money	Everything				How about leaving what is there, we don't always need the newest nor top of the line things, quit raising our taxes in Iowa city and wasting money foolishly
5/1/2021 7:56 AM	Yes	2 times or less per year	Yes	It looks enticing for play and inclusive.	It doesn't seem as though it will hold the attention of older children like the current structure does.				52245 Parking access.
5/1/2021 8:16 AM	No	2 times or less per year	Yes	The shade and cookies are nice.	It doesn't seem to have very much equipment for the number of kids who use it. There doesn't seem to be an area for younger children.				
5/1/2021 8:35 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Not much	I do not like that it will reduce the amount of actual playground.				52240 Equipment appropriate for younger children to use with supervision.
5/1/2021 9:16 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Nothing. It's terrible. I suppose it appears to give more shade?	Everything.				Don't waste money on something new. The current setup is great! Our 5 year old played on it for 2 hours just last night while we are at bread garden
5/1/2021 11:03 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Shade	Looks easily crowded. I don't prefer structures that are based exclusively around climbing -- makes it easy to toddlers to get up and high and then feel stuck. and difficult for caregivers to help (especially older parents or grandparents). Also unfriendly to individuals with disabilities. Wish there were more stairs and ramps.				Bringing back the original playground and fountain from the late 80s, early 90s. I'm willing to agree that it can be in modern playground building materials instead of wood, sand and metal slides.
5/1/2021 12:17 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	That it's a playground? That some day we may be able to play on a playground again? (NB I was born and raised in Iowa City; I can still remember what I believe was the first iteration of a play structure in this spot from the very late 1970s or very early 1980s—it was wood, contained what we would now see as massively dangerous gaps, and was totally inaccessible to anyone who couldn't climb, but these were not things I thought about at age 4 after story hour.)	I find the colors overwhelming, not only of their own accord but also in terms of the overall downtown area. Mind you, I'm a grown up, but I'm pretty sure I would have hated them as a kid, too. It would be hard to say how my kid or others would react, but certainly I don't know of any kids who were repelled by the more neutral color schemes that have inhabited that spot over the years and aren't quite such a sensory assault.				
5/1/2021 5:24 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	I love it! It looks fun and well suited to younger and older children.	I thought the original playground we have now is still in good shape and don't understand the need to replace it.				52245 I'd love to see swings
5/1/2021 6:50 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Shade	No water park				I honestly don't know how you go about making all the people happy all of the time. I was glad to read about the accessibility considerations in the FAQ, as they aren't visible from the pictures (or rather I can't really get a sense of them from the pictures). I am grateful there will continue to be a playground downtown as an adjunct to the library, keeping at least some semblance of downtown as a place where kids can go and find things of interest to them in a downtown that has changed over the years from a place for practicalities and entertainment to one that caters almost exclusively to high end retail and nightlife.
5/1/2021 7:44 PM	No	3 times or more per year	Yes	not sure	not sure				Benches in the shade surrounding the playground. & the benches not separated from the playground by the walk way like they currently are on the south side.
5/1/2021 8:01 PM	No	3 times or more per year	Yes	Shade	Want something for all ages				52241 Add spray park
5/1/2021 9:42 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	I like the shade structures, the book displays and the obstacle course and the sensory features	Something I like about the current structure that I do not see in the new one is the lower levels younger kids can climb and the play houses underneath. And the towers make play so vertically oriented. There is no sprawl in the structure everything is stacked. I would like to see more short structures, maybe with ramps up to them for younger kids, connected with the bridges like the current play structure has.				Please make a ground-level large, open ship that any child could easily enter, walking, or with a wheelchair or assistive devices. The ship could have soft pieces such as more than one anchor, more than one helm (steering wheel), etc. Or make it a spaceship with a soft alien crew member, a few futuristic pieces. Kids need only a few items because their imaginations will lead their play.
5/2/2021 6:14 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	The play tower and the shade structure	I dislike the garish, clashing colors in the concept art. I get that it's for children, but you can have a bright, exciting color scheme that still incorporates principles of good color theory.				52240 A drinking fountain
5/2/2021 7:53 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Shade cover, variety, colorful, includes slides, bonded rubber base, the location is great, needs an update	Seems focused on very young children, no monkey bars, turntable toys (#7) = waste of space, obstacles with the large plastic circles to crawl through (#2) = kids have fallen off the ones at scott park				52240 Large playground structure for kids of variety of ages/abilities
5/2/2021 11:23 AM	No	3 times or more per year	Yes	I think it is ugly and a large waste of money.	too expensive and too much to put in the landfill from the current one.				52245 make certain that the music downtown is not loud.
5/2/2021 12:21 PM	No	3 times or more per year	Yes	I think many interesting ideas are present but I am truly not a fan. The present playground is much better for the kids to run along together and enjoy on the higher ground!	That it would replace the old playground! It's low hanging toys mean that the kids will not have the joy of running above, enjoying the action and freedom in the heights of the typical playground. I would prefer the new idea is scrapped or changed to just refresh the current Just that there aren't any monkey bars (but we understand from reading the FAQ's that there's limited space to make it work for all ages/abilities				Perhaps a refresh or similar style upgrade but not this total renovation that is unnecessary and not ideal
5/2/2021 3:45 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	Big slides	I do not like dislike anything.				52245 Monkey bars
5/2/2021 9:27 PM	No	3 times or more per year	Yes	It will bring a renewed interest in the park which will lead to even more people coming to the park regularly and thus leading to a better community.	The colors. Make more neutral and earthy				52242 A bit more space would be nice as it is quite cramped.
5/3/2021 1:02 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	NEW	I am concerned about the aggressive use of bright, primary colors in the proposed renderings. I believe it is imperative that the park exist within the built environment of the pedestrian mall, and not deliberately overwhelm it. The color scheme in these new renderings is almost comically brash.				52241 A fence or gate! Benches for parents!
5/3/2021 8:15 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes	I appreciate the incorporation of shade features, which will surely make the space more usable throughout the summer season.					I earnestly hope that the Iowa City City Council will reconsider these designs. I believe the design emphasis should preferably use the current playground's color palette (or something comparable and equally versatile) and instead prioritize improving the actual structural features and play surface. If it is deemed necessary to brighten the space with the selective use of color, I suggest that a more trend durable design would identify one or two central colors as highlights.

						I don't love the center structure, I have been downtown and it is filled with 20-50 kids this seems like a situation where there will be a lot of lines and in some cases certain kids excluding others. Also, as a parent that has had to go up to get my kids after they decide they are too scared to go down a slide I'd like a structure I can easily fit into as an adult to get my kid out or slide with them. Same concept to have multiple sized slides but something that an adult can climb up too.		
						I would like to see a more creative pattern on the base, perhaps a few different paths that interconnect with fun things to do on the design? Kind of like a labyrinth path.		
					I like that there are many different areas for various aged children as it can be difficult to have children under 3 play on the same structure as older kids who aren't as careful.	I'm not a huge fan of the literary display, it seems a little hard to understand what will go there so more pictures would be helpful but I don't want just random walls put up to inhibit free play. Regarding the colors, I love bright colors, but maybe stick to just 3 or 4 colors that look good together?		
5/3/2021 8:45 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes		My kids will love the obstacle play equipment, but I am concerned after seeing this at local school playgrounds of it holding up and being properly maintained. Many times those stepping stone things the chains break, so please make sure you are selecting the highest quality as this is a playground that is played with pretty hard and a lot.	My kids love to hang out here especially after being downtown so I love the extra bench seating and the shade!		52245 The shade would be a welcome improvement, it does get very hot in the Ped Mall. - Fence in playground (helpful for children who "elope" or run off easily) - More play structure opportunities for people with disabilities (e.g., wheelchair accessible activities on the actual play equipment)
5/3/2021 10:04 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes		Shade	Not inclusive enough		52246
						I see from the FAQ that there are a great deal of limitations to additional multi-level structures on the playground. I would like to see more vertical integration (e.g. space for younger kid play and different ability play at a lower level) with climbing, bridges and connected play towers at an upper level. In the current design it is three distinct horizontal zones. What if those zones were vertical? Much of the west side zone for younger kids duplicates what is already available indoors in the library and in a much more controlled environment which is more desirable for very young children. This does not strike me as an effective use of limited space. Even a double play tower like the one in the photograph would be more desirable. Also interactive panels #7 I often see either unused or broken. The prism-like blocks seem like they could be very good, but the manipulatable boards are borderline useless.		
5/3/2021 10:28 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes		Shade. The prism-like blocks in #7 interactive panels, but not so spread apart. Cluster them like the photo.			52240 Shade. Opportunities for multi-child play.
								Look into playgrounds in Northern Europe, Copenhagen, Scandinavia, etc. : <a href="https://www.travelandleisure.com/trip-ideas/family-vacations/worlds-coolest-playgrounds">https://www.travelandleisure.com/trip-ideas/family-vacations/worlds-coolest-playgrounds</a> These communities understand that playscapes are supposed to be creative, beautiful, and engaging for children and adults. They promote playing with nature, and understand the effects of nature deficit disorder. Our American kids are suffering from a lack of nature because we build play structures that are sterile from the natural world. They are encouraged to tough plastic and metal coated in plastic only. Please include plants in any plan you work out. Please add natural materials like sand, wood, water. Add things to climb, things to hide in, stumps to hop. If we add more sensory experiences, all children will be included. Simply adding a huge ramp to any playground does not automatically include everyone. Kids downtown are in need of a respite to the chaos of downtown: loud noises, visual chaos, crowds. Make this space a haven, not an added chaos. It feels like a gaudy theme park as is. The colors are so loud. Consider natural colors or at least a color scheme, not the unorganized rainbow. If it's a rainbow, make it a rainbow! Consider boundaries better so that adults can monitor kids better and kids know their boundaries better. This can be done with the structures themselves, it does not have to be a chain link fence. We deserve the best in our community. This is the playground to make a statement about who we are and what we value: arts, nature, community, creativity, science. This doesn't mean put a stack of plastic books into the play space, it means let's support our kids development by fostering those qualities through creative play. Maybe there's a playhouse, maybe there's a small reflecting pool, maybe a colorful stacking of rectangular shapes to climb and hide under. Make it foster open, creative play. Please do the research on Scandinavian play spaces. They are beautiful for adults to
5/3/2021 11:32 AM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes		We visit once a week along with library visits. I appreciate that there is space dedicated to children in the pedmall.	The creativity in this design plan is very much lacking. When will we hire an artist to help create a beautiful, engaging play space that supports our values and love of the arts? This plan is pulled from a catalog and that is clear in its appearance. We deserve more creativity, more thought.		52240 look at, calming and engaging for kids, and foster a love of the outdoors. We can have this too!!!
5/3/2021 1:36 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes		I like that it will be newer and more inclusive for all children, including those with disabilities	I don't like that there are less activities for children to do		52245 Taking some of this playground concept and incorporating it with the old one. Make Iowa City summertime populace only LOL (no more loud house parties in the Carnegie, or college age maskless bar crawls etc.) some general respect for our community from college students would be nice.
5/3/2021 1:41 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes		More Shade!	the price tag especially after investing in the one downtown currently not too long ago		52240 Fewer high rises. We don't need any more places for the \$\$\$ to go...
								- A few more challenging structures for tweens/teens: e.g., monkey bars, pull up/chin up bar, climbing wall (traditional or e.g., <a href="https://www.playlsi.com/4939bd/globalassets/playgrounds/seo-filter-pages/component-types/climbers/geoplex-climber_350.jpg">https://www.playlsi.com/4939bd/globalassets/playgrounds/seo-filter-pages/component-types/climbers/geoplex-climber_350.jpg</a> ; <a href="https://www.playlsi.com/en/commercial-playground-equipment/playground-components/jigjag-climber-double/">https://www.playlsi.com/en/commercial-playground-equipment/playground-components/jigjag-climber-double/</a> ) - A "living laboratory" on the theme of sustainability would be great to "catch them young" so to speak re: water conservation (Could rain hitting shades be collected in clear rain barrels or directed to adjacent planter(s), wind/solar energy (e.g., could a vertical windmill capture current to be used for led pathway or lighting within structure - with signage explaining that) - In general, with this and any capital project in IC, I would appreciate sustainability to be built-in with e.g., input from Climate Action group and other experts in town. I imagine that the rubber "ground" is impermeable: where does water go? How about thawing snow and ice?
5/3/2021 2:06 PM	Yes	3 times or more per year	Yes		The shade structures	As a parent having used current playground with toddler to 9y.o., I question it being "for kids of all ages." While I did regard the 8' drops from W "tower" in current playground as questionable with a toddler, no child of such a young age should be unsupervised in a multi-age structure: no harm was ever done. Balanced with that is "achievement unlocked" by a 6y.o. learning to go down a firewoman's pole. I feel like perceived safety has taken over - reasonable - challenges.		52245

How about doing something innovative and progressive: an area that actually improves the mental wellness of kiddos along with their physical wellness. Bonus: Kids (and parents) get a closer connection with nature while engaging and improving curiosity. Isn't that what we want in our progressive community?

Please stop separating growing areas from play areas: integrate them for maximum effectiveness and visitations.

Look to the "Nature Explore" natural playscape features in the inviting area on the north side of the Robert A. Lee Rec Center: <https://certified.natureexplore.org/iowa-city-parks-recreation>. Backyard Abundance is a leader in this type of design: [www.backyardabundance.org](http://www.backyardabundance.org)

One last thought: Where do parents get some shady seating in this way-too-conventional design? The current playground is great for a wide range of children with many different ways to play. The new plan looks roundly unplayable—maybe it looks nice (though frankly, it's going to look as dated in five years) but there's no need to make this more complicated than it needs to be. The current playground is a beloved favorite.

More plants (trees, shrubs, flower) that are native and/or edible so it feels more natural and less like a concrete jungle.

Leaving it alone. Honestly, please stop trying to improve the downtown. I'd pay a special tax just to avoid future improvement projects. The playground is great as it is and we've been looking forward to returning to this favorite destination after the pandemic.

5/3/2021 3:00 PM Yes 3 times or more per year Yes

The squishy surfacing. (The design is kind of a circus-like eyesore.)

5/3/2021 4:31 PM Yes 3 times or more per year Yes

I don't like it at all.