

Gwynns Falls Mighty Park Update

Hello neighbors,

I wanted to take a moment to give you an update on the new state-of-the-art park we are building in the heart of our neighborhood. We've been able to secure several grants to help us complete our community garden area and to finish the beautiful new mural. Check out this 35 second video that Parks and People put together showcasing our mural project:

https://fb.watch/eFor9n_qiL/

The major component of our park will be a new playground. During our two community engagement meetings, the children in our community were given the opportunity to choose which playground elements they liked the most. A rendering of the resulting playground is in the attached sponsorship packet.

The total playground equipment+installation will cost about \$265,000. We just received excellent news from City Councilwoman Porter's office. We will be receiving \$106,000 to go towards the purchase of this playground equipment. We still need to secure some more funding, but we are well on our way. If you know of any companies or organizations that may be interested in contributing, please pass the sponsorship packet along to them. U.S. Congressman Kweisi Mfume is also trying to secure funding for this project. We are hopeful that we will be fully funded soon and can build this awesome playground in the spring.

Below is the official notification that I received yesterday from Councilwoman Porter:
"Congratulations!

My office is pleased to share that the **Gwynns Falls Playground** has been designated to receive funding in the amount of **\$106,000**.

As a community organizer and public health advocate, I know firsthand how important it is to help advance the Gwynns Falls Playground renovation efforts. For many children, playgrounds are where they get regular exercise, as well as begin to build their interpersonal skills and make friends. I made a promise when elected and have since advocated on behalf of District 10 for funding in the Baltimore City Council approved and adopted budget. **This commitment of \$106,000 for the Gwynns Falls Playground renovations was included in the Baltimore City Budget approved in June 2022.**"

Please let me know if you have any questions or suggestions as we move forward with this project.

All the best,

-Chris Schulze, President, Gwynns Falls Community Association