



Downtown Community Planning Council San Diego

October 2, 2019

Re: East Village Green and Children's Park delays

Dear Kris Michell, Councilman Ward and Mayor Faulconer,

The Downtown Community Planning Council has recently become aware of further delays with the construction of East Village Green and the renovation of Children's Park. Both of these projects have been focal points for our residents and the numerous delays over the years have been labeled as “regrettable” and “unfortunate”.

Building out and activating both of these parks is critical to providing safe, public spaces for children, families and members of the public. We especially feel that the initiation and completion of both parks should be made a priority by the City of San Diego the help reduce transient impacts and criminal activity in the area.

We were told last fall, after several previous delays, that the construction of Children’s Park’s improvements would commence by the end of summer 2019. We are now being told it may be early 2020 and possibly longer before any activity will occur on these projects. We understand there are complications with the transition of staff and activities from CivicSD to the City. But it seems the longest delay will be caused by the projects being dumped to the bottom of the priority list within the Public Works bidding system. While this is regrettable, it is avoidable. It is our understanding there are similar administrative issues causing delays at East Village Green.

We are asking is for these projects to be given priority by you and the City of San Diego jumping them to the top of the list for all of the City departments who are involved and by utilizing Civic's staff (who are familiar with these) whenever possible. Those actions are entirely within your purview and certainly reasonable given the circumstances and the many past delays in completing these badly needed parks.

We appreciate your consideration for this request.

Regards,

Michael S. Rosenbaum  
DCPC Chair