



# Playground Shading Options



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# Discussion Topics

## Playgrounds & Shade:

- ☀️ Sun effects & Corona's portfolio
- ☀️ Best practices & community desires
- ☀️ Various strategies

## Seeking Recommendations on:

- ☀️ Coverage levels & shade types
- ☀️ Implementation timeline
- ☀️ Future guidelines



A bright sun is shining in the upper left corner of a clear blue sky, creating a lens flare effect. Several white, fluffy clouds are scattered across the sky, with a large one in the upper right and another in the lower center.

**Here comes the sun...**

**It has many benefits but can  
also be harmful.**

# Negative Effects



## People

- Eye Damage
- Skin Damage
- Heat Illness



## Equipment

- Cracking
- Fading
- Shortens Useful Life



# A Tale of Two Sun Exposures

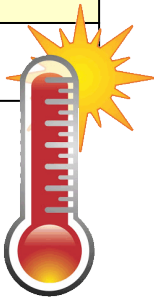


# Mean Monthly and Annual Temperatures 1949 - 2006




Location	Average Max.	Average Min.	Average	High	Average Max.	Days Over 90°
Austin, TX	79.0°	58.1°	68.6°	110°	71.5°	112
Dallas, TX	76.7°	56.4°	66.6°	112°	69.8°	102
Las Vegas, NV	79.8°	54.4°	67.1°	117°	70.0°	134
Los Angeles, CA	74.9°	56.6°	65.8°	112°	68.9°	24
Phoenix, AZ	85.9°	59.9°	72.9°	122°	76.9°	168
<b>Riverside, CA</b>	<b>78.9°</b>	<b>50.4°</b>	<b>64.7°</b>	<b>117°</b>	<b>66.7°</b>	<b>95</b>
San Diego, CA	70.5°	57.2°	63.9°	111°	67.2°	3

Western Regional Climate Center website:

[https://wrcc.dri.edu/Climate/comp\\_table\\_show.php?stype=temp\\_means](https://wrcc.dri.edu/Climate/comp_table_show.php?stype=temp_means)



# Corona's Playgrounds

Full Shade	Partial Shade	Full Sun
		
Shade Structure	Large Canopy / Established Trees	No Structures or Trees
0	11	18
0%	38%	62%

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# Best Practices & Community Goals



# Best Practices – S.A.F.E. Playgrounds

## National Program for Playground Safety



### Appropriate Environments:

- Plan for Child Development Characteristics
- **Offer Suitable Environmental Conditions**
- Have Inclusive Spaces
- Provide Nature-Based Outdoor Environments

# Best Practices – Sun Exposure

Questions to Ask	If Yes, Potential Mitigation
Is sun exposure sufficient to heat exposed bare metal slides, platforms, steps and surfacing enough to burn children?	Bare metal slides, platforms and steps should be <b><u>shaded or located out of direct sun.</u></b>  Provide warnings that equipment and surfacing exposed to intense sun can burn.
Will children be exposed to the sun during the most intense part of the day?	Consider <b><u>shading the playground</u></b> or providing shaded areas nearby.

*Handbook for Public Playground Safety, 2010 Edition*  
*U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission*

# Strategic Plan Goals



## 3. Sound Infrastructure

Sustain high quality service delivery by investing in public infrastructure, including parks, buildings, equipment, roads, and technology.

- Unified vision for enhancement, maintenance and expansion of parks
- Percent of residents rating quality of public parks as good or excellent
- Development of Parks and Recreation Master Plan



## 4. Safe Community

Protect our quality of life by ensuring the community is safe and clean.

- Enhance the experience of residents, business owners and visitors
- Rating overall appearance of Corona as good or excellent
- Total number of trees in City owned parks and rights-of-way

# Community Desires

Please add shade tarps to these beautiful playgrounds!

This is so awesome. We do need more shade 🙏

Why is there never any shade at playgrounds!?!

It's nice to have a new park but most parks in Eastvale and Norco have shading over the equipment. Why can't we have this?

Is there a way to run a fundraiser for shade?

Looks great! Just needs some shade and some benches around the park.

Why is it that almost all parks have hardly any shade over the playgrounds area?? 🙄

Nice but no shade?

Hope you make some shade!

Can we please have a huge sail over the entire playground?

How about adding shade so these parks are actually useable.

Where is the cover for hot sunny days?

Any shade planned this time?

But no shade? So it can be used for only a few months out of the year. Shade is a must.

This is so awesome. Please incorporate shade!!

## *Shade, hot or heat*

were used

## *249 times*

in 249 survey responses  
on Lincoln Park

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# Coverage and Cost



# Shade Options



## Shade Structures

- Artificial materials
- Increased cost
- Full / partial coverage options
- Maintenance / vandalism concerns
- Replacement costs



## Trees

- Natural esthetic
- Lower cost
- Environmental benefits
- Reduced temperatures
- Not most-effective coverage
- Leaves and debris
- Urban Forest Master Plan



## Combination / Flexible

- Balances natural / artificial appearance
- Scalable
- Not full coverage
- Target specific areas
- Overall cooling effect for spectators, too

# Shade Structure Only



Lincoln Park

*Large, established oak trees*



Mountain Gate Park



Village Park

Size: 3,850 – 6,500 sf

Est. Cost: \$85,000 - \$235,000

Cost / SF: \$22 - \$40; \$33 average

# Trees Only



48" Box: \$5,000 / tree

84" Box: \$20,000 / tree

Est. Cost: \$10,000-\$80,000



# Combination / Flexible Option



**Lincoln Park**

Shade Structures: \$30,000

Structure Sizes: 2 - 14' x 14'

Est. Tree Cost: \$20,000 - \$80,000



**Santana Park**

Shade Structures: \$108,000

Structure Sizes: 50' x 32' x 48' x 37'  
14' x 14'

Est. Tree Cost: \$10,000 - \$40,000

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# Moving Forward

Options for Consideration



# Cost Summary & Discussion



Let's  
Talk!

Park	Playground Size (SF)	Structure Only	Trees Only	Combination
Lincoln	6,440	\$235,000	\$20,000 - \$80,000	\$50,000 - \$110,000
Village	3,860	\$153,000	\$20,000 - \$80,000	
Mountain Gate	3,994	\$85,000	\$10,000 - \$40,000	
Santana	6,320	~\$250,000- \$300,000	\$20,000 - \$80,000	\$128,000 - \$148,000
Total:	20,614	\$723,000 - \$773,000	\$70,000 - \$280,000	\$178,000 - \$258,000

# Discussion



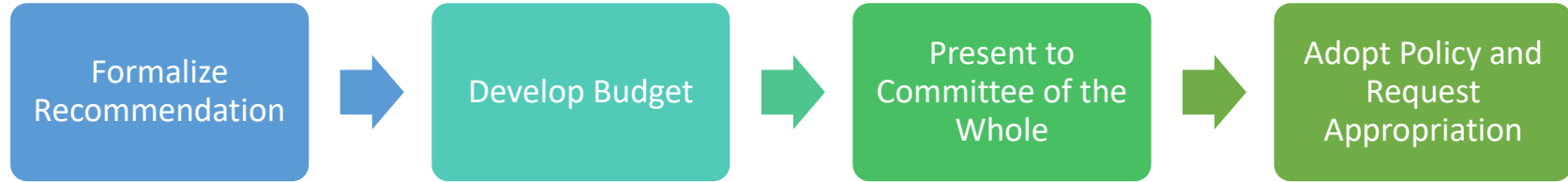
## Timeline

- ☀ No immediate action – as playground equipment is replaced
- ☀ Low Impact: 3 per year for 10 years
- ☀ Moderate Impact: 5-6 per year for 5 years
- ☀ Aggressive Impact: 10 per year for 3 years

## Potential Policy Recommendations

- ☀ Upcoming Park Master Plan
- ☀ Preferred types of shade
- ☀ Levels of coverage
- ☀ Budget

# Next Steps



# QUESTIONS?



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