

## **Friends of White Park Informational Handout**

### **Proposal for City Council:**

The Friends of White Park (FOWP) propose a partnership with the City of Concord to undertake preliminary work on the revitalization of the Monkey Around Playground at White Park. This preliminary work would consist of a Request for Qualifications (RFQ), published by the City of Concord and funded entirely by the FOWP up to \$10,000, to select a contractor who would assist with the necessary public meetings, develop a design concept, and estimate the potential construction costs of the project.

The Monkey Around Playground is a valued destination for families throughout the region, but the structures are beyond their life expectancy and it is our desire to help the City make informed decisions about its future. We have been advised by the Director of Parks and Recreation that \$10,000 is a reasonable expectation for the cost of this work.

### **Recent FOWP Activities:**

- **Support from RPAC**  
At the October RPAC meeting, members of FOWP presented this proposal and sought guidance and support. The proposal received unanimous support from the members of RPAC.
  
- **City Manager Meeting**  
Members of the FOWP met with Tom Aspell and David Gill to determine the best route for a successful partnership and sketch out a reasonable timeline for project development.
  
- **FOWP Legacy Members Meeting**  
Current members of the FOWP met with founding members of the FOWP to learn from their experience, understand their current interests, and gain their support.
  
- **Good Standing Status**  
The registration of FOWP, Inc. was revived (effective 8/17/2018) and returned to good standing with the NH Secretary of State and the NH Department of Justice's Charitable Trust Unit (confirmed 9/21/2018).

### **Next Steps:**

If this proposal is approved, FOWP will begin working with the City Manager and Parks and Recreation department to draft an RFQ for the work described above.