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Manitoba Playground to be Dedicated Oct. 21

Milwaukee, WI (Oct. 12, 2015) – Natural-colored play equipment with interactive components for children of all abilities will be dedicated in a ribbon-cutting ceremony Wednesday, Oct. 21, from 4-5 p.m. at Manitoba Park. The park is located at 2941 S. 49 St.

“We now have a playground that is safe and enhances Manitoba Park,” said Milwaukee County District 16 Supervisor John Weishan, Jr. “The old playground had a D rating! Working together with the community, we have created a space that improves the park and is a point of pride in the neighborhood.”

Features of the new ADA-compliant playground accommodate children as they grow. Atop a resilient, poured-in-place rubber surface are slides of three different heights, a rope bridge, swings (including bucket swings), a variety of climbing apparatus, and upper-body and overhead equipment.

Opportunities for educational, sensory, and fine motor-skills development include a “Learning Braille” wall, a bongo board, a driving station, and an interactive clock face. These components, along with the structure incorporating the low slide, are all easily accessed by children using wheelchairs.

With a nod to Milwaukee County’s Green Print Initiative, the resilient surface contains recycled composites.

Milwaukee County’s 2015 capital budget appropriated \$250,000 for replacement of the playground in Manitoba Park.

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