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Memorandum

DATE: August 29, 2025

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

THROUGH: Jackie Bryant, City Manager

FROM: Nathan Ullyot, Director, Parks and Recreation
Matt Brezina, Parks Manager

DEPT: Parks and Recreation

SUBJECT: Dorothy McAlinden Park Restroom Vandalism and Cost Since 2023

Over the past several years, Dorothy McAlinden Park restrooms have been the target of destructive vandalism that has significantly impacted usability, staff time, and the maintenance and repair budget. In the fall of 2022, the metal stall partitions were vandalized beyond the point of repair, and the restroom was prematurely winterized and closed to the public. With the construction of the new playground, staff began planning for a full reconstruction of the restroom partitions and budgeted \$15,000 from the Parks Capital Maintenance Fund for repair.

Replacement parts were purchased and installed in September of 2023 for a cost of \$9,700 plus labor, and the restrooms were fully reopened for the playground opening celebration October 14, 2023. Within three weeks of reopening, the restrooms were vandalized and again locked and winterized. Additional repairs since the 2023 restoration have totaled approximately \$2,000 and 45 labor hours.

The 2025 season brought another round of significant vandalism when the men's restroom partitions were damaged in March, requiring staff to permanently lock that side. The women's restrooms were vandalized in late July, and now both sides are unusable and locked for the remainder of the year. Repairs are estimated to be \$12,000 for materials and labor. Exhibit A shows the current status of the restroom stalls.

Staff estimate the total cost of damage to the McAlinden Restrooms since 2023 at \$26,130. At this time the restrooms will remain closed indefinitely until repairs can be completed. Staff are evaluating options to mitigate future damage.

Exhibit A: Dorothy McAlinden Park Restroom Conditions



