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# City of Kuna

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### News Release

#### **The City of Kuna Receives \$15,000.00 ‘Meet Me at the Park’ Grant to Increase Access to Local Play Spaces**

*Grant awarded by the National Recreation and Park Association and The Walt Disney Company*  
**Kuna, Idaho, July 31, 2017** – The City of Kuna has been selected to receive a \$15,000.00 play space grant from the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) and The Walt Disney Company. This investment supports NRPA and Disney’s combined goal of providing one million kids and families with greater access to play.

Part of the national Meet Me at the Park healthy living program, park and recreation agencies across the country were invited to share their best ideas on increasing access to play spaces for children and families in their communities. Agencies with the most innovative and impactful project ideas were chosen to receive grants ranging from \$10,000–50,000 to build their projects.

The City of Kuna will use the \$15,000.00 grant to create an interactive child friendly art piece in downtown Kuna. The art will transform a simple streetscape into a destination for children and families to relax, learn, play, and be silly. This project is an integral part of a vision of interactive art along Avenue E. The artistic innovative play space will incorporate playground equipment into a sculpture that spells out “KUNA” in a way that will make play irresistible for young children and their families. The letters will be about 4.5 – 5.5 feet tall and incorporate potential options of a small slide, swing, climbing grips, bench, teeter totter or other ideas. There will be a block on the end of the feature that says “My Hometown”.

*“The City of Kuna is excited to be partnering with NRPA and The Walt Disney Company and to be a part of The Meet Me at the Park Program. This interactive art piece project embodies the spirit of Kuna while incorporating play equipment to inspire kids and families to get outdoors, be active and have fun,”* stated Joe Stear, City of Kuna Mayor. *“It is the kind of innovation we feel is vital to our city and the families that make up the community.”*

*“NRPA is proud to collaborate with The Walt Disney Company to help more children and families experience the benefits of play,”* said Kellie May, NRPA director of health and wellness. *“By increasing access to play spaces, this program will also provide new activities that support healthy lifestyles in local communities.”*

The Meet Me at the Park program includes an Earth Month campaign as well, where funding is awarded for local park improvement projects that connect kids to nature, inspire healthy living and provide access to sports. The campaign celebrates Earth Month and the importance of local parks.

For more information about this project, visit [www.kunacity.id.gov](http://www.kunacity.id.gov).

To learn more about Meet Me at the Park, visit [www.nrpa.org/disney](http://www.nrpa.org/disney).

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