

## Nick Sugar

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**From:** Aparna Wheeler  
**Sent:** Monday, September 29, 2025 8:43 AM  
**To:** Nick Sugar; Greg Hannan  
**Subject:** FW: Inclusive playground

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From: andrew duff <andrewrpduff2002@yahoo.com>  
Sent: Sunday, September 28, 2025 4:52 PM  
To: Aparna Wheeler <awheeler@hudson.oh.us>  
Subject: Inclusive playground

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To: Members of the Hudson Planning Commission:

As a long term Hudson resident I strongly encourage that you take whatever action is necessary to approve the inclusive playground at your October meeting. Hudson residents have worked tirelessly to make the playground a reality for the Hudson kids who will benefit from its construction. I see no reason to delay or create further road blocks to this important project. Thank You,

Andy Duff 34 Church Street

Please pass this note to all planning commission members.

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Aparna Wheeler  
**Sent:** Monday, September 29, 2025 11:52 AM  
**To:** Mayor & Council  
**Cc:** Nick Sugar; Greg Hannan  
**Subject:** FW: Support of the Inclusive Playground in Hudson

Dear all – please see below.

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**From:** Michelle Little <michellemlittle@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 29, 2025 11:48 AM  
**To:** Aparna Wheeler <awheeler@hudson.oh.us>  
**Subject:** Support of the Inclusive Playground in Hudson

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Dear Aparna,

I appreciate you sharing my thoughts below with the Council Members and Planning Commission.

Thank you very much!

Michelle

Dear Council Members and Planning Commission Members,

Due to a prior commitment, I was unable to attend tonight's Council Meeting. However, I want to express **my strong support—along with that of my family**—for the Inclusive Playground planned for Hudson.

Our children grew up visiting Preston's H.O.P.E., which is an inclusive playground in Beachwood, where countless smiles and cherished memories were made. I remain deeply grateful to the Osbornes and the other corporate sponsors who helped bring that incredible park to life.

An inclusive playground in Hudson will not only ensure that *all* children—regardless of ability—have the opportunity to play, but it will also strengthen our community as a whole. Playgrounds are more than just places for fun—they foster connection, inclusion, and shared experience among families and neighbors.

If you haven't had the chance to visit Preston's H.O.P.E., I highly encourage you to do so. It's a powerful example of what inclusive, community-focused spaces can achieve and our hope for the planned Inclusive Playground of Hudson.

Thank you for your time.

Warm regards,

Michelle Little

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**From:** page11@roadrunner.com  
**Sent:** Monday, September 29, 2025 1:56 PM  
**To:** Foster, Chris; Chris Banweg; Karen Heater; Kowalski, Nicole; Michael Bird; Patricia Goetz; Sutton, Skylar  
**Cc:** Clerk of Council; Jeffrey Anzevino; Nick Sugar; Trent Wash  
**Subject:** RE: HIP Questions

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Sorry, I mistyped, it's my understanding that the playground must be completed by June **2026** or the grant money will be lost.

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**From:** page11@roadrunner.com <page11@roadrunner.com>  
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**Cc:** 'clerkofcouncil@hudson.oh.us' <clerkofcouncil@hudson.oh.us>; 'janzevino@hudson.oh.us' <janzevino@hudson.oh.us>; 'nsugar@hudson.oh.us' <nsugar@hudson.oh.us>; 'twash@hudson.oh.us' <twash@hudson.oh.us>  
**Subject:** HIP Questions

Dear Council, etc,

I would like this letter to be read out loud at a Council meeting for the record.

I will admit that I have not followed the planning of the Hudson Inclusive Playground very closely throughout the years. I did give money through the Hudson Community Foundation, because, really, who wouldn't want an inclusive playground in their community? In recent months, I have seen many posts about HIP that seem to be contradictory. And I was surprised to learn that HIP is not a "done deal", but still has some approval processes to go through. I think that many members of the Hudson community would be interested in attending a meeting (not a formal City Council meeting, but a separate, more informal meeting attended by Council members and HIP board members so that questions can be answered and issues clarified. As an example, Chris Banweg posted today, 09/29/25, that "the Planning Commission is not the final authority on this matter. Seven members of Council support the park, and if necessary, Council has the ability to bring the issue forward and override the Commission's decision." Is this true? And if so, why does the Planning Commission need to approve the plans at all? And if Council can override the Planning Commission, why is there an issue about the Planning Commission taking three months off? I don't think that members of the community and even members of HIP are aware that Council can override the Planning Commission's decision. Another question from Mr. Banweg's post today is in regard to his statement that "the moratorium does not apply to this project. Government initiatives-such as the Playground at Oak Grove-are explicitly exempt." First, what is the "moratorium" referring to? Is it referring to the understanding that there will be a loss of grant money if the project is not completed by June of 2025? If so, this is also news that I think many people are unaware of.

I think that a meeting with everyone in the same room would do a great deal to clarify miscommunication and misunderstandings that are running rampant on social media.

Thank you,  
Paige Mintz  
Hudson, Ohio

(I am writing this in a non-partisan tone. I think this playground is important for our community and I, along with many others are confused and concerned by all the conflicting information that is out there.)

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