Playground named for John Collins, pioneer mayor, who in 1845 came to Maine from Ireland at age 10, to work in Pope & Talbot mills there. Transferring their operations to Puget Sound, Collins became manager of Port Gamble Mill in 1857. Also became manager of company hotel, the Tickletoe. Bought into the Seattle (Occidental) Hotel (adjacent to Pioneer Square) in 1867, became sole owner by 1892, rebuilt it into town's leading hotel & center of festivities as well as stronghold against Anti-Chinese riots; rebuilt after 1889 fire to declining run of city center northwest; final razing in 1960 for parking garage. Collins invested in newspaper, Leary-Collins Land Co. (Downtown Title Firms), Peoples' Savings Bank, Denny-Renton Clay & Coal Co., first gas plant - 1874- (near King St. 421 Ave. S) to replace kerosene lights + tiki oil. Upon organization of City government in 1869 was elected to City Council remaining for 3 terms, then elected Mayor in 1877; created city water works; member of Territorial Legislature, 1883-87, helped fund Territorial University.

L.I.D. 1929, 14'43"
Wedding pool 1931, gift of Mrs. Collins. (Replaced exist pool) 4'25"

- Belly bar
- Mistletoe bar
- Parallel bar
- Horizontal bar
- 1B swings
- 2 Tenpin ball
- 1 Sand box


Main St. named by Maynard because he intended it to be the main street on his plot.

Porch. in 1905 (6'5"
3.2 Acres

Was first supervised playground in city, 1897 by F. Howard Smith who became 1st Director of Recreation.

No playground prior to 1900

Was first library station in 1904-1909 (Children's Education Service)

Recreation Center (1912 - "A"
- 3rd in city. 13'000 sq ft.
- Gym 2 stores: 500 persons
- Showers/lockers
- Club Rooms 20 stalls
- 2 bars

Collins P.G.