

Council Agenda Report

From :	Freda Berman, Maintenance Superintendent
Subject	Lower Playground Replacement at Barney Schwartz Park
Date:	January 17, 2017

Facts

- 1. Since its dedication in 2002, thousands of families have enjoyed the amenities at Barney Schwartz Park (BSP) two playgrounds, a lake, sports fields, BBQ pavilions and concession stands.
- 2. The lower playground has been heavily used on a daily basis over the past 15 years and suffers from worn out play features and weather-caused deterioration.
- 3. REC Foundation, through its Dale Schwartz Memorial Endowment Fund for Barney Schwartz Park, has voted to fund replacement of the lower playground. The non-profit foundation has previously funded a BBQ pavilion, shade structures, trail mile markers, lighting maintenance, parking lot paving and other needed projects at BSP. The group is a key supporter of community-wide recreation efforts including the replacement of the City Park playground, Centennial Pool reopening, Salinas River Corridor, Sherwood Park playground, Sherwood Dog Park, Municipal Pool and Centennial Pool shade structures and many more recreation-enhancing projects in Paso Robles.
- City staff contacted Landscape Structures to design a new playground in the existing lower playground space. Successful, engaging, durable playgrounds supplied by Landscape Structures are in three other City parks – Sherwood Forest, Uptown Family Park and City Park.
- 5. The play equipment design was approved and color scheme selected by REC Foundation in November 2016. The City's Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee endorsed the new playground at their meeting on December 12, 2016.
- 6. Next steps include finalizing design, preparing construction documents and advertising the project for bid. Bids will be brought to City Council for award prior to construction. The goal is to have the replacement playground installed by Summer 2017.

Options

- 1. Do nothing;
- 2. Endorse the design of the new lower playground at Barney Schwartz Park prior to finalizing the project for bid.
- 3. Direct staff to pursue a different approach.

Analysis and Conclusions

The lower playground at Barney Schwartz Park is in poor condition and requires replacement. REC Foundation has voted the project a priority to be funded through their Dale Schwartz Memorial Endowment Fund for Barney Schwartz Park. Landscape Structures designed a playground which fits inside the existing playground footprint and requires the least amount of disruption to the surrounding park area. Moreover, Landscape Structures has supplied the playgrounds in three other City parks, allowing for maintenance efficiencies.

City Purchasing Policy encourages participation in cooperative purchasing endeavors in order to receive the benefits of lower pricing. Purchasing the playground equipment through Landscape Structures allows the City to take advantage of low HGACBuy pricing, a competitive procurement process serving local governments.

Fiscal Impact

The City will not experience any financial impact as a result of this project.

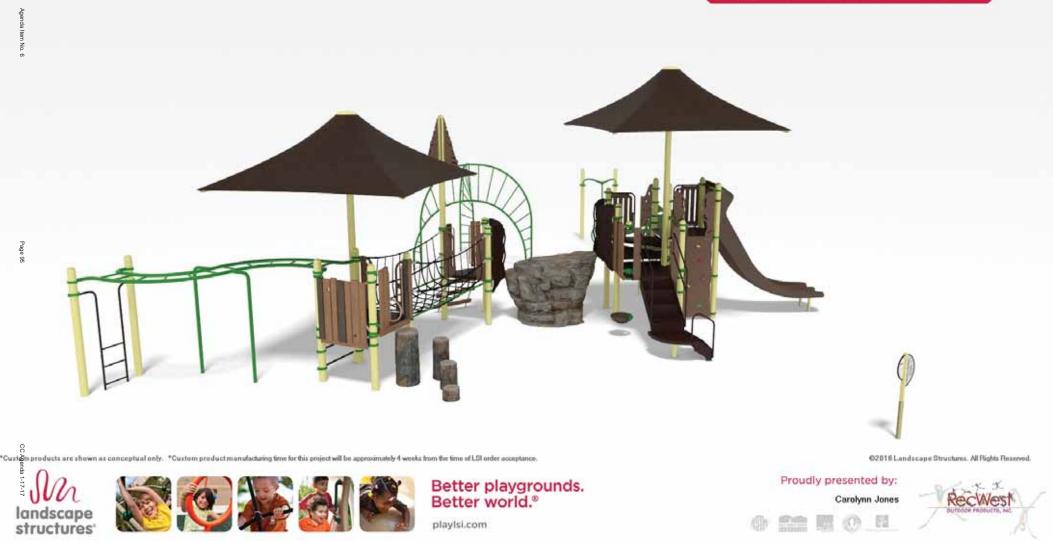
The Barney Schwartz Park Lower Playground replacement project including materials and labor is estimated to cost, with all contingencies, approximately \$250,000. This amount is within the total funds authorized by REC Foundation.

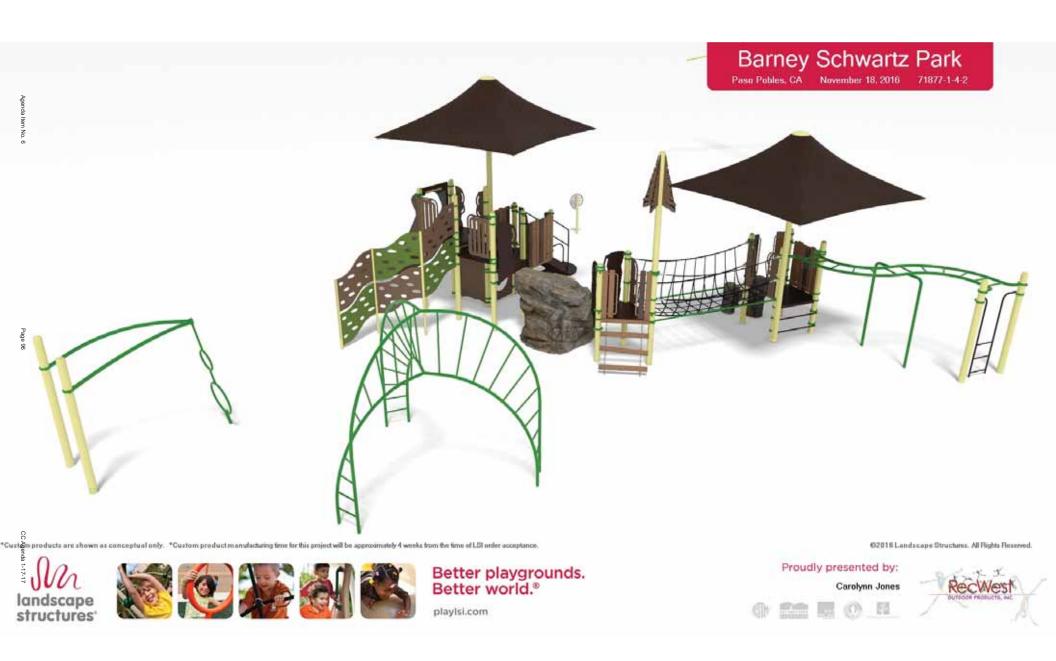
Recommendation

Endorse the design of the new lower playground at Barney Schwartz Park prior to finalizing the project for bid.

Attachments

- 1. Playground ages 5-12
- 2. Playground ages 2-5
- 3. Lower Playground layout







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