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Subject: Playground Replacement at Larry Moore Park

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Facts

1. Larry Moore Park was built as part of the Riverbank housing development and included within Zone 4 of the Landscape and Lighting District in which yearly property owner assessments were allocated to help pay for maintenance.

- 2. Since Riverbank's development in the early 1990s, the City installed a recreational trail system along the Salinas River corridor that has increased community access to and use of Larry Moore Park.
- 3. In August 2015 the City initiated outreach efforts with the Riverbank neighborhood to propose that the park be transferred to the City park system for operations and maintenance like other City parks, including programmed youth recreation.
- 4. On May 17, 2016, City Council approved conceptual plans for potential future public enhancements of the park and accepted Larry Moore Park into the City park system effective July 1, 2016. Accompanying this acceptance was an annual budget of \$65,000 for general maintenance and a one-time allocation of \$250,000 to replace the playground, repair and rehabilitate the restrooms, and continue with playing field development.
- 5. The original playground at Larry Moore Park has deteriorated and many play features have been removed to ensure safety.
- 6. City staff contracted with Landscape Structures to design a new playground in the existing playground space. Successful, engaging, durable playgrounds supplied by Landscape Structures are in three other City parks Sherwood Forest, Uptown Family Park, and City Park.
- 7. The City's Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee unanimously endorsed the overall playground design on February 13, 2017.
- 8. Based on the success of the three other new playgrounds, additional refinements to the design are being analyzed.
- 9. Next steps include finalizing design of the play equipment and restroom rehabilitation, preparing construction documents, and advertising the project for bid.
- 10. Bids will be brought to City Council for award prior to construction; anticipated to begin this summer.

Options

- 1. Do nothing.
- 2. Endorse the design of the new playground at Larry Moore Park.
- 3. Direct staff to pursue a different approach.

Analysis and Conclusions

The playground at Larry Moore Park is in poor condition and requires replacement. Landscape Structures designed a playground consistent with the existing playground footprint. 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

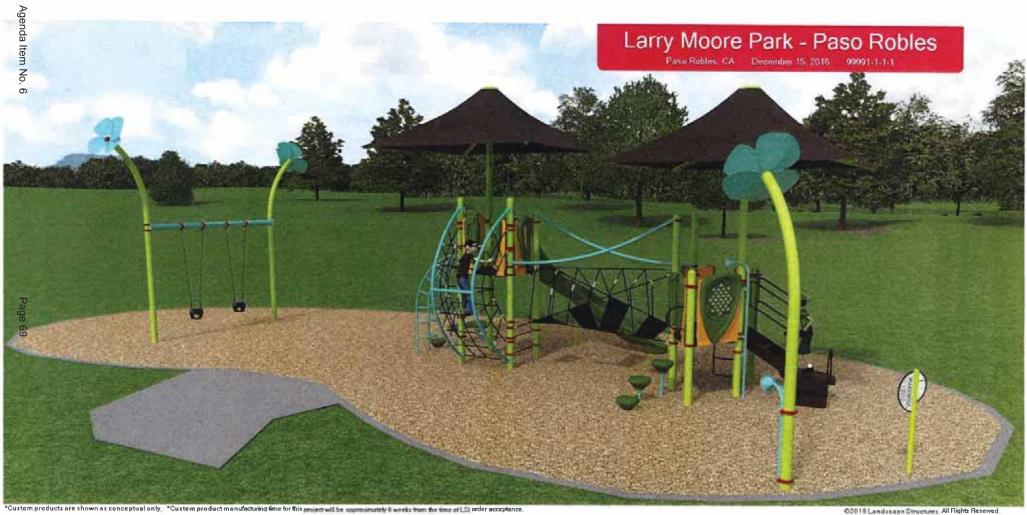
The estimated cost of replacing the playground equipment at Larry Moore Park is \$85,000 including materials, labor and all contingencies. Existing budget allocations will fund the playground replacement.

Recommendation

Endorse the design of the new playground at Larry Moore Park, authorizing the City Manager to approve refinements fully consistent with overall Council direction.

Attachments

- 1. Playground design
- 2. Playground layout















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