

City Council Regular Meeting

Meeting Date: 04/06/2020
Recommended by: Steve Hardesty, Community Services Director
Prepared by: Steve Hardesty, Community Services Director
Finance Director Review: Rob Sweeney
City Attorney Review: Brett Wallace
Approved by: Larry Rains Date Submitted: 03/06/2020
Type of Action Requested: Ordinance

SUBJECT:

Request for authorization to purchase playground equipment from Miracle Recreation for improvements/replacement to Ed Hooper Park.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Mayor and City Council approve the purchase and installation of playground equipment and shade structure in an amount not to exceed \$78,745.52 from Miracle Recreation. This purchase will utilize an approved cooperative purchasing agreement available through Sourcewell, formerly NJPA.

DISCUSSION:

This project is a continuation of the Neighborhood Parks Improvement Program that has taken place in the last two fiscal years through the CIP. Staff periodically reviews the age and performance of equipment in all parks to make recommendations. The equipment in this park is over 20 years old and has reached the end of its useful life. In order to maintain safe equipment for the children who patronize this area, parks staff has identified this playground for updated equipment.

The Neighborhood Parks Improvement Program has been very successful in updating equipment in parks throughout Casa Grande. This program has allowed staff to focus on smaller projects and make a variety of improvements. A new basketball court at Western Manor Park, new playgrounds at Mosely Park and Gilbert Park, and improved safety surfacing in all playgrounds are some of the projects that have taken place over the last two years.

Staff researched many different companies prior to recommending Miracle Recreation for this project. Miracle is one of the most stable companies in the United States, providing products for over 90 years. The Casa Grande Community Services Department has purchased items from Miracle in the past including recent projects at Dave White Park and Elliot Park. Their products meet the highest industry standards of safety, durability, structural integrity, and accessibility. In addition, Miracle representatives worked with Parks staff to design the playground to meet the needs of the users of Ed Hooper Park.

This playground is located in the northern portion of Ed Hooper Park between the ball fields and the dog park.

The design of the equipment includes two large play systems, one for ages 2-5 and one for ages 5-12, with shade features built into each structure. In addition, plans include a large swing structure that features a swing that can be used by both adults and children at the same time. This contract also includes the engineering and installation of these pieces.

In order to provide the best fiscal responsibility, Parks staff will complete several portions of this project in-house including preparation of the site, any necessary demolition, and final placement of resilient engineered wood fiber surfacing.

In reviewing alternatives for procurement, staff determined that Sourcewell contract #030117-LTS provides very reasonable and competitive pricing, therefore recommending utilizing the cooperative purchasing available through the contract.

In addition to providing Fiscal Responsibility, this project will also tie into the Strategic Plan by improving the Quality of Life of the citizens of Casa Grande. This project will provide safe equipment in a shaded environment for physical fitness and play.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total amount of this contract is a price not to exceed \$78,745.52. Funding will come from the Neighborhood Parks Program previously approved by the City Council.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Deny the project and defer maintenance on this playground.
2. Deny the project and task staff with coming up with an alternative proposal.