



AGENDA REPORT

BEACHES, PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
Meeting Date: May 14, 2013

Agenda Item 3C
Approvals:
Dept. Head SH
Manager _____
Admin. Assistant _____

Department: Beaches, Parks & Recreation
Prepared By: Aeryn Donnelly, Park Planner

Subject: *UPDATE ON MAX BERG PLAZA PARK PLAY EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT AND DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY.*

Fiscal Impact: None. \$150,000 currently budgeted for the replacement of playground equipment at Max Berg Plaza Park.

Summary: The existing playground equipment at Max Berg Plaza Park has been determined to have the highest need for replacement. On May 21, Staff will seek approval from the City Council for the purchase and installation of the new Age 2-5 and Age 5-12 Universally Accessible Playground Equipment from GameTime, a Playcore company, through a U.S. Communities Cooperative Purchase and the approval to declare the existing equipment as surplus, and donate to the non-profit organization Kids Around the World.

Background: At its November 27, 2012 meeting, City Council approved a budget amount not to exceed \$150,000 to install Universally Accessible Playground Equipment at Max Berg Plaza Park.

Staff has coordinated with the non-profit organization, Kids Around the World, who assists in the removal of aging play equipment and places the equipment in other countries to benefit youth in an underprivileged community. Their mission is to donate to a community in need where the children have not had the fundamental right to play and be a kid due to war, poverty, famine, natural disaster or poor government.

Discussion: **Max Berg Plaza Park Play Equipment Replacement**
Pursuant to City Policy and Procedure Section 201-2-1 Section 6.17.3, procurement may be exempt from the bidding process (Informal/Formal) under the following conditions: When participating in a established governmental, "Cooperative Purchasing Agreement"... U.S. Communities is one of the premier national cooperative purchasing programs and is in accordance with the code. Staff has determined that the competitive processes conducted by this cooperative is sufficient to protect the public interest and that the total cost of the playground equipment is likely to be less than could be obtained by conducting an independent City process at this time.

Due to their competitive bid contracts through the U.S. Communities Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with the Lead Public Agency, County of Mecklenburg, North

Carolina (CMNC), we are able to obtain a substantial discount of approximately \$57,000 for the purchase of equipment from GameTime, a Playcore company. This discount is needed to meet the budget of \$150,000 including installation costs.

In addition, the use of cooperative purchasing reduces the project schedule by approximately six to eight months due to the elimination of two formal bids (one for design and one for construction). This project is estimated to be installed in four months.

The play equipment recommended for purchase from GameTime, a Playcore Company, is Universally Accessible. This accessibility creates truly inclusive play environments in which children of all abilities have the skills to play together independently.

Declaration of Surplus Property:

City policy #201-2-4 sets forth the declaration of surplus property and the disposition and sale of unusable or inoperable City property.

By donating the Playground Equipment, the City reduces the cost of demolition, hauling and dump fees by approximately \$3,000.

Recommended

Action:

STAFF RECOMMENDS THAT the City Council

- 1) Approve the purchase and installation of playground equipment not to exceed \$150,000, including installation from GameTime, a Playcore company, utilizing the U.S. Communities Cooperative Purchase
- 2) Approve and Authorize the Mayor to execute a contract with U.S. Communities – Lead Agency CMNC for Cooperative Purchasing.
- 3) Approve and authorize the Mayor to declare the attached list of existing play equipment at Max Berg Plaza Park as Surplus Property for Donation.
- 4) Authorize the Beaches, Parks and Recreation Director to donate the attached list for the purpose of benefitting the youth of an underprivileged community.

Attachments: 1. Conceptual design for play equipment

Notification: Kids Around the World

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Maxberg Plaza Park San Clemente City



Color Palette: Spring



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