



# STAFF REPORT – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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April 19, 2023

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

**FROM:** Emily Sinkhorn, Director of Environmental Services

**PREPARER:** Brigitte Price, Administrative Specialist

**DATE:** April 12, 2023

**TITLE:** **Approve the Playground Layout and Award a Contract for Redwood Park Playground Equipment and Surfacing Purchase and Installation to Miracle Recreation—PlayPower, Inc., in the Amount of \$799,999.24, Including Tax, Utilizing Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Contract #010521-LTS-3; Authorize the City Manager to Increase the Contract Amount by up to \$16,000, (Two Percent, for a Total Amount Not to Exceed \$815,999.24) to Allow for Any Unforeseen Contingencies; and Authorize the City Manager to Execute All Applicable Documents.**

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the Council approve the playground layout and award a contract for Redwood Park playground equipment and surfacing purchase and installation to Miracle Recreation—PlayPower, Inc., in the amount of \$799,999.24, including tax, utilizing Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Contract #010521-LTS-3; authorize the City Manager to increase the contract amount by up to \$16,000, (Two Percent, for a Total Amount Not to Exceed \$815,999.24) to allow for any unforeseen contingencies; and authorize the City Manager to execute all applicable documents.

## **INTRODUCTION:**

The Redwood Park Improvement Project is listed on the City's Capital Improvements Program (CIP) list. This phase (Phase 1) of the project includes improvements to the existing playground area and a new bicycle pump track. Future phases of work at Redwood Park may include improvements to the basketball court, outdoor performance space, and parking areas (for both the Redwood Park Road and Park Drive entrances). This proposed contract would install playground equipment and surfacing with a redwood tree fort nature theme.

## **BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:**

This project includes various improvements within Redwood Park informed by the Redwood Park Master Plan effort in 2019-2020. The improvements for this phase are primarily located at the southern side of the park near the existing playground area. In March the Council awarded a construction bid to Mobley Construction DBA MCI for the site preparation, grading and concrete

installation for the playground area and construction of the bicycle pump track. This contract is for the purchase and installation of playground equipment and surfacing which will be installed following site preparation by MCI.

Environmental Services released a community survey in summer 2022 during the design phase inquiring about preference for playground theme and equipment options for the Redwood Park Improvement Project. A total of 1,032 surveys were completed by community members and families participating in summer camps, demonstrating strong community interest in the improvement of Redwood Park. Survey results indicated a preference for castle adventure and nature/animals themes. Following results of the survey, Environmental Services staff sought conceptual playground designs from three playground manufacturers with cooperative purchasing contracts through Sourcewell.

The Parks & Recreation Committee has been involved with this project since before the Redwood Park Master Plan effort in 2019-20, providing ideas for rehabilitating Redwood Park as a premier location for families to connect with the natural world and opportunities for exercise and play. The Committee has had a focus on the accessibility of new playground features. At its March 2023 meeting the Parks & Recreation Committee reviewed conceptual proposals from the three playground manufacturers with whom Environmental Services staff worked. The Committee provided insightful feedback such as support for a gentle slope and embankment slide in the designs versus a retaining wall, preference for swings and separate zones of play, request to ensure visibility through all playground features, and preference for a tree fort/castle feel that is not as Euro-centric. Environmental Services staff have also consulted with a Cal Poly Humboldt professor specializing in universal design for recreational and play features.

These outreach opportunities helped to refine decision-making for the playground. Miracle's playgrounds are designed with accessibility in mind for all features. The surfacing included in this proposed work is a pour-in-place material that is permeable, universally accessible, and also includes a river design on the surface. Similar surfacing has recently been installed at Shay Park and Greenview Park. Playground features include accessible separate play areas for ages 2-5 years and 5-12 years, nature and animal-themed play features, swings, climbers, spinners, slides, and multi-sensory play elements.

It is recommended the Council approve the purchase and installation of playground equipment and surfacing at Redwood Park by Miracle under cooperative purchasing contract #010521-LTS-3. If a contract is presently awarded, equipment and surfacing delivery and installation is anticipated to occur in late summer/early fall 2023.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (CEQA):**

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) determination for the Redwood Park Improvements portion of the project is a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15303, 15304 and 15332. A Notice of Exemption was recorded in January 2021.

#### **BUDGET/FISCAL IMPACT:**

The Redwood Park Improvement Project is supported through an Infill & Infrastructure Grant (IIG), a State Parks Per Capita Grant and ARPA funds allocated by the City Council.

The quote for playground equipment and surfacing is within the budget allocation for the 2022/2023 Fiscal Year. This project component is budgeted as follows:

Account Number/Agency Responsible	Amount	Account Name
231-50-81-57600	\$654,334.84	Infill Infrastructure Grant (IIG)
224-50-81-57600	\$145,664.40	ARPA Redwood Park Improvements

If contingency funds are needed, they will be funded out of the ARPA account.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- A. Quote-Redwood Park Improvements (PDF)
- B. Redwood Park Playground Layout (PDF)