



STAFF REPORT – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

November 01, 2023

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Emily Sinkhorn, Director of Environmental Services

PREPARER: Emily Sinkhorn, Director of Environmental Services

DATE: October 25, 2023

TITLE: **Amend the Contract with Miracle Recreation—PlayPower, Inc. for Redwood Park Playground Equipment and Surfacing Purchase and Installation in the Amount of \$27,953.21, Including Tax, and Authorize the City Manager to Execute All Applicable Documents.**

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Council

- 1) Amend the contract with Miracle Recreation—PlayPower, Inc. for Redwood Park playground equipment and surfacing purchase and installation in the amount of \$27,953.21, including tax; and
- 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute all applicable documents.

INTRODUCTION:

The Redwood Park Improvement Project is part of the City’s Capital Improvements Program (CIP) and is a priority project for this fiscal year. This phase of the project includes improvements to the existing playground area and a new bicycle pump track. This contract amendment is proposed due to changes needed to ensure the playground equipment and surfacing installation will fit with the prepared site.

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. On April 19, the Council awarded a contract to Miracle for the purchase and installation of playground equipment and surfacing to be installed following site preparation by MCI.

As was noted in the April 19 staff report, a community survey in summer 2022, which garnered 1,032 responses, informed the design of the Redwood Park playground improvements with a redwood tree fort nature theme. Environmental Services staff sought conceptual playground designs

from three playground manufacturers with cooperative purchasing contracts through Sourcewell, and the Parks & Recreation Committee reviewed these conceptual proposals. The Committee had a focus on the accessibility of new playground features, and staff also consulted with a Cal Poly Humboldt professor specializing in universal design for recreational and play features.

Playground features include 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. The surfacing that will be installed is a pour-in-place material that is permeable, accessible, and includes a river design on the surface. Similar surfacing has recently been installed at Shay Park and Greenview Park.

Playground installation commenced on October 19 when it was noted by City staff and Miracle that adjustments would need to be made in order for the equipment to fit with the prepared site. Miracle and the City negotiated sharing some of the resulting increased costs. The attached change order quote details the additional labor and materials needed to complete the project above the current contract amount of \$799,999.24.

The bicycle pump track is mostly complete with additional signage, seeding of slopes and fencing to be completed this fall. Redwood Coast Mountain Bike Association volunteers and MCI provided the work on the ground to build the pump track.

It is recommended the Council approve the contract amendment with Miracle for additional installation work and surfacing material needed to complete the Redwood Park playground improvements. Playground installation is currently in progress and is anticipated to be completed by the end of November.

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, Open Space, Parks & Trails Special Tax, Parkland-In-Lieu Fees and Recreation Fees for New Construction.

The proposed contract amendment is within the budget allocation for the 2023/2024 Fiscal Year and is budgeted as follows:

Account Number/Agency Responsible	Amount	Account Name
202-50-81-57600	\$27,953.21	Open Space, Parks & Trails Special Tax

The Council approved \$16,000 in contingency funds on April 19, 2023, which can still be utilized if any additional changes are required to complete the playground this fall.

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Quote-23-3090-Redwood Park CO#2 - Option 1 (PDF)
- B. Redwood Park Playground Layout (PDF)