



Staff Report

TO: City Council
FROM: Doug Story, Community Services Director
DATE: March 7, 2023
SUBJECT: Approve a Purchase Order to GameTime, A Play-Core Company for a New Playground at Shadow Creek Park – in an Amount Not to Exceed \$196,866.14 – Capital Improvement Project No. P-16

Description Purchase order for playground equipment at Shadow Creek Park CIP No. P-16.

Background and Analysis:

In Fall 2022, the City of Beaumont was awarded a grant through the 2022 California Parks and Recreation Society (CPRS) Statewide Training and Funding Initiative. The initiative provides reduced rates for playground equipment to serve as National Demonstration Sites (NDS). Shadow Creek Park was awarded the funding reduction for the purchase and installation of an inclusive playground.

The current Shadow Creek playground is located on an existing basketball court. The proposed design will expand the play area by relocating to the existing grass area and encompass 5,800 sq ft. The existing equipment will be removed, and the site will be refinished into a full basketball court.

As an NDS site, the design adheres to the 7 Principles of Inclusive Playground Design: Be Fair, Be Included, Be Smart, Be Independent, Be Safe, Be Active, and Be Comfortable. To meet these goals, the site features accessibility ramps, a variety of slides, cozy spaces for sensory relief, musical elements, high-back equipment to maintain proper body position, and opportunities for social inclusion and interaction. The overall plan provides a play space that addresses the physical and social inclusion of people of all ages and abilities.

On January 18, 2023, staff held a Pop-Up in the Park event to gather feedback from local residents on the proposed design. DeAnn's PAASS Kids, a local group dedicated to providing program and activities to people with special needs, along with the Shadow Creek community were invited to vote on equipment color palettes and accessory structures. Additional input was also sought on the site in general. Information gathered

indicated the need to increase accessibility by using poured in place surfacing and installing additional ADA ramps on Conner Court. Additional equipment suggested the inclusion of a wheelchair swing and additional seating. The feedback was taken into consideration and the project revised to include several suggestions.

The design and equipment are provided by A PlayCore Company, a PlayCore Company (GameTime). GameTime is a playground manufacturer and the exclusive distributor of this equipment in Southern California is Great Western Recreation. This exclusive distribution agreement between the manufacture and the distributor allows the primary vendor to be the sole provider of the PlayCore playground structures. In addition, the 2022 CPRS Statewide Training and Funding Initiative exclusively applies to GameTime playground structures supplied by Great Western Recreation. The Beaumont Municipal Code states in §3.01.070-D that if “the product or service is proprietary in nature and can be obtained only from a limited number of contractors, and that no equivalent products or services are available, the notice inviting bids may be sent exclusively to such contractor.”

At this time staff is recommending to purchase the playground equipment and the safety surfacing product. Staff intends to request bids for installation of the playground equipment and safety surfacing in accordance with the Beaumont Municipal Code.

The total cost of the playground equipment is \$196,866.14 (Attachment B). The 2022 CPRS Statewide Training and Funding Initiative provided a discount of \$126,262.19 for playground equipment. Staff anticipates the delivery of the playground equipment to take approximately 10 -12 weeks. Staff anticipates the installation of the playground to take place in summer 2023. The estimated installation process will take three weeks.

Fiscal Impact:

The total cost of the playground equipment reflects a discount of \$126,262.19 through the 2022 CPRS Statewide Training and Funding Initiative. The purchase of the discounted equipment and installation in the amount of \$196,866.14 is funded by CIP No. P-16.

P-16 Shadow Creek Park Playground Rehab Project Accounting Summary		
Funding Summary		
Funding Year	Funding Source	Amount
22/23	CFD	\$450,000
Total Project Funding =		\$450,000
Budget Summary		

Project Component	Budget	Encumbered	Paid to Date	Remaining Budget
Project Management	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Preliminary Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Environmental	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Design	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Construction	\$140,000	\$0	\$0	\$140,000
Construction Management	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Permits	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Equipment	\$310,000	\$0	\$0	\$310,000
Project Summary Totals	\$450,000	\$0	\$0	\$450,000

Recommended Action:

Approve a Purchase Order to GameTime for playground equipment in the amount of \$196,866.14 allocated to CIP No. P-16.

Attachments:

- A. Concept Design of Playground
- B. Playground Quote
- C. Letters of Support