



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting June 13, 2023

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Purchase of Playground Equipment for Cole Park

CAPTION:

Motion authorizing the purchase of a new, custom ramped playground unit for ages 5 -12 with a tower and fabric shade structures and a new 3-bay, swing set with an attached, fabric shade structure for Cole Park from Game Time c/o Cunningham Recreation, of Charlotte, North Carolina, for a total amount of \$361,893.19, with funding from Bond 2022 Prop B (Parks and Rec).

SUMMARY:

This motion authorizes the purchase of a new multigenerational, play-for-all playground unit with attached shade structure and a three-bay, swing set with an attached fabric, shade structure for Cole Park. The swing set will also include one, ADA swing chair for ages 5 to 12. As part of the Bond 2022 Program, the new playground unit for Cole Park will provide general improvements and park rehabilitation. The equipment will be purchased through Cunningham Recreation, Charlotte, North Carolina through Omnia Partners Cooperative.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

Parks and Recreation is requesting authorization to purchase a multigenerational, play-for-all playground unit with attached shade structure and a three-bay, swing set with an attached, fabric shade structure for Cole Park through Game Time, c/o Cunningham Recreation Charlotte, North Carolina through the Omnia Partners Cooperative.

This new playground unit will replace the existing playground unit and be placed in the same location once the existing unit is removed. The existing playground unit was installed in 2011 and has reached its end-of-life cycle of 12 years. According to an assessment of Cole Park in the 10-year Parks & Recreation Master Plan, the current play structure is in very poor condition with several large holes and cracks in its structure. The existing unit has significant rust damage, which creates hazardous conditions. This is due to excessive play traffic as well as the playground reaching its end of life.

The new playground unit will include multiple slides, bongos, musical play equipment, a sea turtle climber, and a collocated, inclusive whirl wind that can accommodate wheelchairs. The shade structures will allow continuous hours of play while reducing direct sun exposure. The new playground unit is pour-in-play, and its expected lifespan is approximately eight years. The new playground unit will be inclusive (ramps) of children requiring the use of a wheelchair or other assisted equipment.

Cole Park is listed as a near-term priority enhancement in the 10-year Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Improving conditions of current facilities/grounds at Cole Park is in line with the 10-year Master Plan by offering broader, equitably distributed, recreational amenities. More recent improvements to Cole Park include the resurfacing of the skate park, the design of a splash pad, and the Cole Park Pier which was opened to the public in December 2021. Additionally, playground equipment/play areas and large community parks were rated as high priority for investments by the Parks & Recreation Department, according to community survey/outreach conducted by the consultant in the development of the 10-year Master Plan.

The equipment is expected to arrive within 10 to 12 weeks and the construction start date will be coordinated with the Engineering Services Department. Construction is anticipated to start after the peak summer season (October – November) and after construction is complete for the splash pad. Construction shall be near completion within 60 days once the Notice to Proceed is issued.

PROCUREMENT DETAIL:

This procurement is through the OMNIA Partners Cooperative. The one-time purchase awarded through Game Time c/o Cunningham Recreation Charlotte, North Carolina, has been competitively procured in compliance with the Texas Local and State procurement requirements.

Game Time, through the OMNIA Partners Cooperative, offers cost savings of 35% off the Manufacturer Suggested Retail Price (MSRP). The price comparison for a like playground unit and options from PlayWell through the BuyBoard Cooperative was more than 29% (\$375,252.51 vs \$484,440.16).

Custom Play Unit Comparison

Storage Containers	OMNIA/ Game Time	BuyBoard/ PlayWell	Variance
Custom Play System Ages 5-12	\$ 358,772.00	\$ 458,945.23	\$ 100,173.23
Delivery	\$ 16,480.51	\$ 25,494.93	\$ 9,014.42
Total	\$ 375,252.51	\$ 484,440.16	\$ 109,187.65

ALTERNATIVES:

The Mayor and City Council may choose to disapprove or delay consideration of this item. However, this would prevent the City from enhancing its parks with new amenities for daily activities and community gatherings. It also would not be in line with the recommendations in the 10-Year Parks & Recreation Master Plan. Disapproval or delay could result in negative service delivery impacts at Cole Park and ultimately contradict the intent of the 2022 Bond Program.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact for FY 2023 is \$361,893.19 with funding available from the Bond 2022 Prop B (Parks and Rec).

FUNDING DETAIL:

Fund:	3299 Bond 2022 Prop B (Parks & Rec)
Organization/Activity:	N/A
Department:	27 Parks and Recreation
Project # (CIP Only):	23168 Cole Park Rehabilitation and Improvements
Account:	550040 Other Equipment

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this motion authorizing the purchase of a new custom ramped playground unit for ages 5 -12 years for Cole Park from Game Time c/o Cunningham Recreation, of Charlotte, North Carolina.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Price Sheet
COOP Comparison
Presentation