


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	23-167	Meeting:	April 10, 2023
	Agenda Item:	50	Roll Call:	23-0520
	Submitted by:	Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director		

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving City Purchasing Division to procure playground equipment for McHenry Park from Landscape Structures Inc. (LSI) C/O Outdoor Recreation Products and approving the use of the National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance contract (NCPA) number 10-03 and authorizing negotiation and execution of supplemental agreement with LSI.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of the procurement of play structures and freestanding play features for McHenry Park. The play equipment will be direct sourced from LSI (Steve King Founder, Chairman of the Board, 601 7th Street South, Delano, MN 55328) and authorizing negotiation and execution of supplemental agreement using the NCPA agreement under member number 10-03.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$186,202

Funding Source: 2022-2023 CIP, Page 85, Park Playground Improvements, PK185, Being: \$186,202 General Obligation Bonds

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The NCPA agreement meets all bidding requirements and was vetted and authorized by the Finance Department. Equipment manufacturer shall be LSI, which is of high quality, manufactured in Delano, MN, and currently in use in 19 of the playgrounds across the City. The direct source approach will save considerable resources as an 8.5% discount is guaranteed through the NCPA agreement, and staff time is reduced because the competitive bid process is already complete.
- The Oak Park and Highland Park Neighborhood Associations were actively involved in selecting the playground equipment and color scheme through presentations and input collected at multiple public meetings and additional neighborhood association outreach.
- The Oak Park and Highland Park Neighborhood Associations have committed to supporting the playground installation through a volunteer build-day event. The Parks and Recreation Department will oversee a volunteer playground build program to offer a meaningful, well-organized volunteer experience, which supports community pride and sense of ownership.

- McHenry Park playground renovation will include new playground equipment and surfacing that meets all safety and accessibility standards in both the 2-year-old to 5-year-old and the 5-year-old to 12-year-old playgrounds.
- The volunteer playground build day for McHenry Park is tentatively scheduled for mid-October 2023.



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Anticipated actions include ordering construction for related improvements, public hearing, receive and file bids, designate lowest bidder, and approve contract and bond; also partial payments to the contractor and final acceptance of work.

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