

Item 24-0267: 2024 Highview Park Playground Memo

Parks and Recreation Committee

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Alderson William Siebers (District 1) 01:25

All right. Action Item 24-0267 2024 Highview Park playground memo. Do we have a motion on this?

Alderson Patrick Hayden (District 7) 01:37

Move to approve.

Alderson Nate Wolff (District 12) 01:38

Second.

Alderson William Siebers (District 1) 01:39

All right. Motion to approve. Mr. Gazza, what mic are you?

Director Dean Gazza (Parks, Recreation, and Facilities) 01:46

Director one; it's already on.

Alderson William Siebers (District 1) 01:48

All right.

Director Dean Gazza (Parks, Recreation, and Facilities) 01:48

Thank you Chair. As the memo indicates, we—I just wanted to point out this is one of those times where we resulted in a positive variance. So what we end up doing is we set criteria or specification with a scope for playground equipment, and generally you'll get several of the playground providers to provide a design. But in this case, all seven—pretty much everybody—provided one. And then after evaluation for, you know, maintainability, the fun factor, quality, warranty, price, all of that, made the decision. And the one that was selected is a company that we've used several times before and quite a bit less than what we had budgeted. So we're pretty pleased with that.

Alderson William Siebers (District 1) 02:36

All right. Any questions? Yes, Alderson.

Alderson Patrick Hayden (District 7) 02:41

Thank you, Chair. And thank you, Director Gazza, for all the work that you've done. We appreciate in district seven getting this playground that you guys have been talking about for a while. And we would appreciate another park further up north of there at some point too. But yeah, Highview—Highland Park is used extensively. I've seen a lot of people playing pickleball there. It's got great grass fields, a great open spaces, so I think it's a perfect design for everything that you guys are looking to do with your Parks Rec Department. So thank you very much.

Director Dean Gazza (Parks, Recreation, and Facilities) 03:13

You're welcome.

Alderson William Siebers (District 1) 03:15

Mr. Behrens.

Attorney Christopher Behrens 03:17

I just want to clarify, the item is listed as approving the memo, but, Director Gazza, correct me if I'm wrong, what you're actually approving is awarding the contract to Lee Recreation, as set forth in the memo. I've added a note to the record in that regard, and we'll work on future agendas, clarifying specifically what the action is.

Aldersperson William Siebers (District 1) 03:42

Appreciate that. Aldersperson Schultz?

Aldersperson Alex Schultz (District 9) 03:45

No I just, I guess I just wanted to say that I, you know, it's rare that we allocate a chunk of money and then when we actually go off for request for proposals and we get—we select a project that we had number one, we have more than three people come back with us, in this case seven, which is pretty significant. And then also that they come back in two thirds less than the actual number we allocated. So these things are rare, but boy are we happy when they happen. That a project funded at 150 is coming in under 100 is pretty exceptional. So we're really happy to vote this forward and approve it. Thank you.

Aldersperson William Siebers (District 1) 04:24

All right. With that it's a good lead to the vote. A motion has been made and seconded to approve. All in favor signify by saying aye.

Alderspersons Hayden, Schultz, and Wolff 04:34

Aye.

Aldersperson William Siebers (District 1) 04:34

All those opposed? Chair votes aye. Four zero.