



# STAFF REPORT

AGENDA NO: 8j

MEETING DATE: February 18, 2020

**To:** Honorable Mayor and City Council

**Date:** February 18, 2020

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**Subject:** Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement with Los Loza Landscaping for the Installation of the Murray Natural Playground for \$228,000, City Project No. 85400

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Los Loza Landscape for the demolition and site work for the Murray Natural Playground for \$228,000, City Project No. 85400.

## **BACKGROUND**

The playground at Murray Field was installed as part of the Burlingame Golf Center and Murray Field Project in 2000. After 20 years, the playground is out of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the surfacing is worn and no longer meets the ASTM International standards for fall safety.

Staff contracted with landscape architect John Cahalan to design a site plan based on input from the Parks & Recreation staff and the Murray Field user groups. The conceptual plan shows the existing playground shifted to the northeast corner to allow for a 60' x 40' grass practice area to accommodate U10 soccer teams (Exhibit A).

The demolition, electrical modifications, installation of the new practice area, and preparing the site for the natural play area will be completed in the Murray Natural Playground contract.

The play area will be created by the Parks Division staff using elements from natural materials for a unique play experience. These elements will be phased in over time as staff time and funding allow (Exhibit B).

On July 15, 2019, staff presented the conceptual plan to the Murray Playground Committee, which included Parks & Recreation Commissioners Stephanie Lee and Emily Matthews. In subsequent meetings, the conceptual plan was also shared with Murray Field user group representatives including AYSO Regional Commissioner Jacquie Haggarty, Burlingame Soccer Club (BSC) Executive Director Dusko Rosic, and BSC Operations Manager Nemanja Colovic. The Murray Playground Committee and user group representatives were supportive of the plan, particularly the

additional practice area. The Parks & Recreation Commission approved the Murray Natural Playground Conceptual plan at their August 15, 2019 meeting.

## **DISCUSSION**

**Base project:** Demolition and off-haul of play equipment, paving, lawn, shrubs, etc.; excavation, grading, and drainage; wood chips and header board at play area. Installation of boulders, drinking fountain, and lighting electrical work. Contractor will import topsoil and complete the fine grading, soil preparation, and irrigation modifications. The contractor will also install header boards, sod lawn, and bark mulch.

**Additive alternate:** Installation of a concrete band in place of header board at the play area perimeter.

Staff will purchase the site amenities under another contract.

The project was advertised for bids on December 9, 2019. Bidders were instructed to bid a lump sum proposal for all the labor and materials required to complete the project.

On January 9, 2020, the City received four bids (Exhibit C) for the project. Because two bids were tied at \$228,000, staff conducted a coin toss per the contract specifications. Los Loza won the coin toss and is being recommended for the contract award.

	Company Name	Base Bid	Add Alternate
1.	Los Loza Landscaping	\$228,000	\$17,500
2.	Suarez & Muñoz Construction, Inc.	\$228,000	\$18,000
3.	Scapes, Inc.	\$307,000	\$4,000
4.	Greener Environments, Inc.	\$310,377	\$7,000

Due to the cost of the Add. Alternate for the concrete header board, staff recommends awarding the basic project only.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

The following are the estimated project expenditures:

Natural Play Elements	\$93,500
Landscape Architect/Civil Engineer	\$19,535
Legal Ads	\$1,452
Construction Contract	\$228,000
Plans	\$350
Construction Contingency 15%	\$34,200
Total	\$377,037

The City Council originally authorized \$100,000 in funding for the Murray Playground Renovation as part of the FY 2018-19 Parks & Trees Capital Improvement Program to start the planning phase of the renovation. Subsequently, the project renovating Murray Field was completed, and the

remaining budget of \$242,847 was earmarked for use on the Murray playground and installation of the new practice area. In addition, there are funds remaining from the Murray Lights Retrofit project (\$25,003) and the Paloma Playground project (\$49,479) that will be used to fund the project.

Exhibits:

- Resolution
- Murray Natural Playground Conceptual Designs
- Murray Natural Playground Sample Elements
- Bid Summary
- Agreement with Los Loza Landscaping