

**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
JOINT CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY
TO THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
AGENDA REPORT**



AGENDA DATE: January 28, 2014

TO: City Councilmembers
Successor Agency Members

FROM: Administration Division, Parks and Recreation Department

SUBJECT: Contract Services And Playground Equipment In The Amount Of \$82,290 For The Bath/Ortega Pocket Park

RECOMMENDATION: That Council and the Successor Agency:

- A. Authorize the City Administrator and the Executive Director to execute a contract between the Successor Agency and the City of Santa Barbara Parks and Recreation Department in the amount of \$27,290 for project design and management services, and approve expenditures of up to \$5,000 for City land development permits; and
- B. Authorize the General Services Manager to restrict competition and issue two purchase orders for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$50,000 to International Play Equipment Manufacturers Association, certified vendors that meet the City's qualifications for playground equipment and fall surfacing.

DISCUSSION:

Project Description

The purpose of the project is to design and install a small pocket park for West Downtown neighborhood families with small children. Located in a high density residential neighborhood at the corner of Bath and Ortega Streets, the project site is only 2,700 square feet. The proposed pocket park includes the installation of a playground for two to five-year old children, a walking path, lighting (two pole lights), fencing, landscaping, irrigation, and site amenities including a children's table, benches, trash cans, and signage. The playground, including the required surrounding safety area, will require approximately 1,000 square feet of the project site. The site would be

fenced using decorative iron similar to the fence at Parque de Los Niños in the lower Westside neighborhood. The park will have two entrances, one on Ortega and the second one on Bath Street. Park lighting will be City standard and match existing street lighting.

The project concept is based on a number of factors including: the need for a safe park design, lack of existing play areas for young children, and the need for additional park space in a higher density neighborhood. The project concept will be further evaluated and revised through neighborhood outreach initiatives and review by the Parks and Recreation Commission and Neighborhood Advisory Council. Since the project site is very small, it is not appropriate for more active use. The goals of the project are to enhance the neighborhood and provide safe recreation opportunities.

Contract Services

The proposed contract between the Successor Agency and the City provides that the City's Parks and Recreation Department will provide contract services for project development which is organized into three phases: 1) neighborhood outreach and final project concept; 2) project design and design review, and 3) project construction.

Staff recommends that the City Council and the Successor Agency authorize the City Administrator and the Executive Director to execute a contract to be administrated by the Parks and Recreation Department in the amount of \$27,290 for project management, outreach, design and construction oversight, and approve expenditures of up to \$5,000 for land development permits. Department staff is qualified to manage and implement the proposed project within the project schedule.

Staff recommends that the Successor Agency authorize the General Services Manager to restrict competition and issue two purchase orders for a total not-to-exceed \$50,000 to International Play Equipment Manufacturers Association (IPEMA) certified vendors that meet the City's qualifications for playground equipment and fall surfacing. The Department only purchases playground equipment from vendors that are IPEMA certified. The playground equipment will be selected once the park design is complete. The selection of a specific style of play equipment may result in one or two sole source purchase orders.

Due to an eight-week lead time for fabrication, the Department pre-orders playground equipment and fall surfacing prior to the award of any project construction contract. The Department will return to the Successor Agency with a recommendation to approve construction funding and contracts once the project design is complete.

FUNDING

On December 17, 2013, the Successor Agency approved funding of \$247,760 for design and construction of this project from the 2001 and 2003 Redevelopment Agency Bond Funds. The Oversight Board to the Successor Agency authorized funding the project on the 13-14B (January 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014) Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule which was approved by the California Department of Finance on November 13, 2013.

The following table summarizes all estimated project design costs, construction contract funding, and other project costs.

Total Project Budget

Item	Amount
Project Management, Design, and Construction (City)	\$27,290
Land Development Permits	\$5,000
Playground Equipment and Surfacing	\$50,000
<i>Subtotal</i>	\$82,290
Construction	\$153,600
Construction Contingency	\$11,870
<i>Subtotal</i>	\$165,470
Total	\$247,760

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT

Public parks in residential neighborhoods provide recreation opportunities for area families and contribute to community quality of life.

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