

MEMORANDUM

TO: Donna Barron, City Manager

FROM: Stacie Anaya, Parks and Recreation Director

DATE: January 3, 2019

SUBJECT: **Approval of a Bid Award for Outdoor Fitness System and Accessible Play Panel Component to Kraftsman, LP, Spring, TX; in the Amount of \$50,751.09; and Authorization for the City Manager to Execute the Contract.**

BACKGROUND

Alvin Turner, Sr. Park is a 4.2-acre neighborhood park located at the 700 block of Hembry Street (west of Mill Street). Improvements for Alvin Turner, Sr. Park have been scheduled utilizing FY 15-16 Community Block Development Grant (CDBG) funds. Originally, the funds were earmarked to build a restroom facility near the primary playground at the park. This project was not executed by the previous administration of the department and the funds remained unutilized. However, the Parks & Recreation Department worked with neighborhood advocates to ensure that a portable restroom was placed and regularly serviced at the park.

ANALYSIS

Use of Alvin Turner, Sr. Park has changed since the original application for funds was submitted in 2015. Since the completion of a trail that provides a nice walking loop, many more families and young adults are using the park for exercise as well as a place to gather for picnics and playing basketball or climbing the playground. In addition, the 2018 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan does not list a restroom as prescribed element for neighborhood park development as the primary audience for park are those who live immediately adjacent to or within a 10-minute walk of the park.

With these factors in mind, staff from the Neighborhood Services and Parks & Recreation Department met with neighborhood advocates to discuss reprogramming the available CDBG funds and talk about long term improvements to the park. After several discussions, the group elected to move forward with reprogramming the CDBG funds to add outdoor exercise equipment and ADA accessible playground elements to the park. Long term improvements should include adding pedestrian lighting, enhanced wi-fi capabilities, a new fully accessible combined playground where children ages 2-12 can play together, as well as trees and shade areas to be funded through future grant opportunities or 4B capital funds.

A request for proposal to identify a contractor to provide and install the exercise equipment and accessible play elements was due on Aug. 2, 2018. Five (5) proposals from playground companies were received. Kraftsman Playgrounds was selected by a panel of staff members from the Parks & Recreation, Neighborhood Services and Purchasing Departments.

Upon approval, Kraftsman will provide and install 5-fully accessible outdoor exercise stations with a pour in place fall zone in the vacant area adjacent to the eastern basketball court, as well as fully accessible outdoor piano panel in the cover playground area.

RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council approve the award as set forth in the caption above.