


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	21-219	Meeting:	May 24, 2021
	Agenda Item:	38C	Roll Call:	21-0794
	Submitted by:	Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director		

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving City Purchasing Division to procure playground equipment for Witmer Park from Landscape Structures Inc. (LSI) via the National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (NCPA) contract.

SYNOPSIS:

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

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$73,349

Funding Source: 2021-2022 CIP, Page 79, Witmer Park Improvements, PK184, Being: \$33,490 Private and \$39,859 GO Bonds Issued.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The NCPA agreement meets all bidding requirements and was vetted and authorized by the central finance office. 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 the City 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 Drake and Beaverdale Neighborhood Associations were actively involved in the selecting the playground equipment and color scheme through presentations and input collected at multiple public meetings and additional neighborhood association marketing. These neighborhoods formed a committee to fundraise for playground improvements. Their contribution of approximately \$33,490 is held by the Friends of Des Moines Parks and will be applied to the purchase of this playground equipment.
- The Drake and Beaverdale Neighborhood Associations have committed to supporting the playground installation through a volunteer build-day event scheduled for late October 2021. The Parks and Recreation Department has continued to refine the volunteer playground build

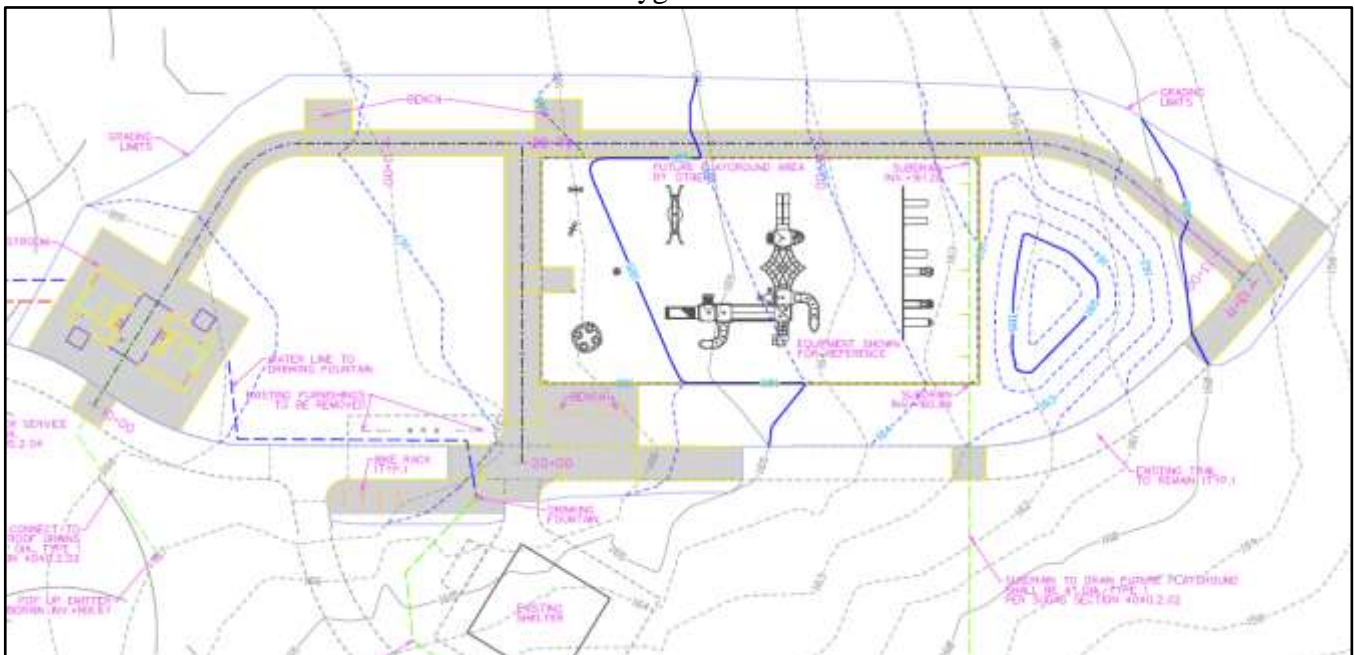
program to offer a meaningful, well-organized volunteer experience, which saves the City contracted installation costs and supports community pride and ownership.

- The Witmer Park Playground and Restroom Improvements capital project includes an October 1, 2021 interim completion date to ensure the earthwork, drainage, and concrete work associated with the playground are complete prior to the volunteer build-day.
- The inclusive playground equipment selected by the neighborhoods and shown below meets all Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards and received supportive commentary from the Access Advisory Board.

Witmer Park Playground - Birds-Eye View Rendering



Witmer Park Playground - Plan Sheet



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: May 10, 2021

Roll Call Number: [21-0671](#)

Action: Ordering Construction of the following:

- (E) [Witmer](#) Park Playground and Restroom Improvements: Receiving of bids (6-15-21), and Setting date of hearing, (6-28-21), Engineer's estimate \$524,000. ([Council Communication No. 21-206](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Board: Access Advisory Board

Date: February 17, 2021

Resolution Number: #21-08

Action: Motion by Thompson to approve. Seconded by Strong. Motion carried 9-0.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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