


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	24-012	Meeting:	January 8, 2024
	Agenda Item:	6D	Roll Call:	24-0022
	Submitted by:	Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director, and Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer		

AGENDA HEADING:

Ordering construction of the following: Union Park Rocket Slide Repair - Receiving bids, (2-6-24), and Setting date of hearing, (2-19-24). (Construction Estimate - \$610,000).

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend the City Council order construction of the improvement and set dates to receive bids and hold a public hearing, as required by Iowa Code, utilizing the method of financing referenced below. This project provides for the removal and replacement of the current playground surface, rehabilitation of the current playground equipment, sidewalk, and associated improvements in Union Park to provide enhanced play opportunities and to better serve the community with improvements to the historic playground.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$610,000 City Engineer's Estimate

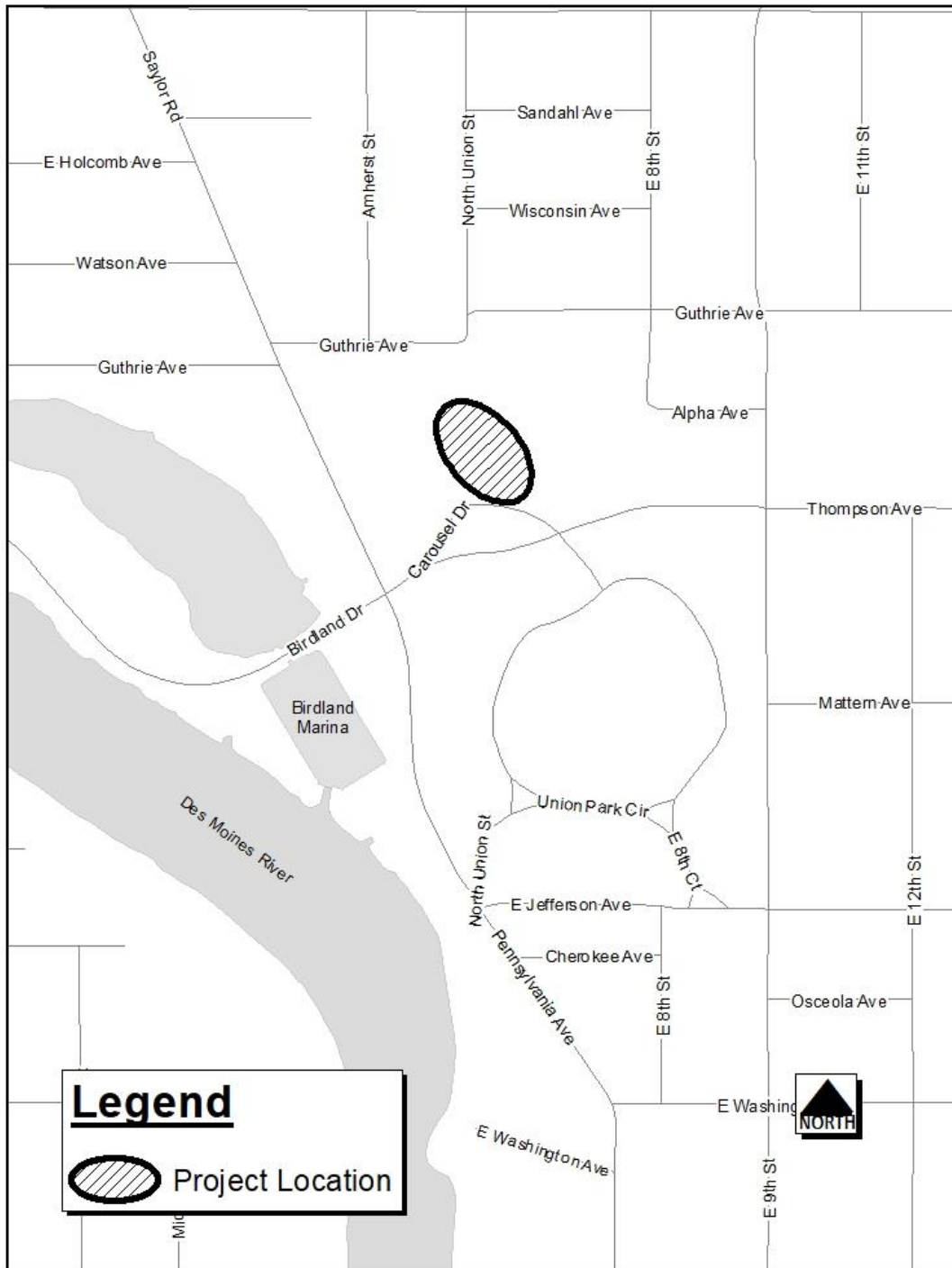
Funding Source:

2023-24 CIP, Page 88, Park Playground Improvements, PK185, Being: \$600,000 General Fund made possible by American Rescue Plan Act funding, and the remaining \$10,000 in G.O. Bonds

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The Engineering Department has prepared plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the Union Park Rocket Slide Repair, Activity ID 11-2023-007. The improvement includes the removal of existing playground surface, construction of new Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) base with rubber playground tile surface, sidewalks, playground equipment rehabilitation, replacing the primary slide, a new painting and coating system, restoration, and associated improvements, all in accordance with the contract documents, including Plan File No. 661-043/090 located in Union Park, 725 Thompson Avenue.
- The estimated construction cost is \$610,000. The proposed plans, specifications, and form of contract documents are available for public inspection in the Des Moines City Engineer's Office.

- Construction of this project is anticipated to be completed in fall 2024.
- The Des Moines Astor City Playground, or Rocket Slide, opened to the public on July 23, 1971. This successful destination was quick to become a Des Moines landmark and is beloved by the community to this day. The playground is so popular that Rocket Slide themed shirts and posters of the local icon are widely available. The Rocket Slide is such an integral part of the community’s culture and identity that the City has refurbished the playground several times during its more than 50-year history.



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Anticipated actions include public hearing, receive and file bids, designate lowest bidder, and approve contract and bond; also partial payments to the contractor and final acceptance of work.

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