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CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

Meeting: August 21, 2018

Subject

Add a project entitled Memorial Park Amphitheater Improvement project to the FY 2018-19 Capital Improvement Program.

Recommended Action

Authorize the City Manager to add a project to the FY 2018-19 Capital Improvement Program entitled Memorial Park Amphitheater Improvement project and direct staff to prepare design documents for the project

Description

The Memorial Park Amphitheater Improvement project proposes several interim improvements to enhance the amphitheater for both performers and the audience. These improvements would be constructed in advance of development of the Memorial Park Master Plan, which will likely result in some removal or reconstruction of these proposed improvements. The proposed improvements, listed in priority order, include filling in the canal in front of the stage, increasing the size of the stage, removing the railing protecting the canal, incorporating accessible seating at the front of the amphitheater, adding shade and removing any dead trees adjacent to the stage. Lower priority improvements include rebuilding the amphitheater seating, raising and extending the stage and providing electrical outlets near the top of the amphitheater. These improvements will be included to the extent that they can be incorporated into the project budget.

A representation of these initial design elements can be found in Attachment A. This is a preliminary conceptual plan that incorporates the initial priority elements, this plan would be refined once the project is authorized. The estimated project cost for the plan as shown, including hard costs and soft costs is \$513,100. This project is being brought for City Council consideration at this time so that design and construction may be scheduled ahead of 2019 event programming at Memorial Park should the Council give direction to proceed with the project. If the City Council chooses to postpone this work until after the master plan is complete, there won't be any risk of improvements in conflict with the master plan, but several seasons may need to continue to be programmed with the current configuration.

Discussion

Authorization by Council will add this project to the current Capital Improvement Program and will direct staff to design the project.

Memorial Park Amphitheater was constructed in 1974 as part of the Memorial Park Phase II project. Over the years the amphitheater has been host to a wide variety of festivals, concerts, plays and performances. The number and type of performances continue to evolve and each year the number of attendees continue to increase. This project will provide some basic improvements to the amphitheater to enhance the users experience and provide additional flexibility to support all types of performances.

Filling in the canal will allow the stage to be larger and closer to the audience. It will eliminate the need for the railing which was protecting people from falling into the canal. The larger performance area will allow room for a dance floor and improved access for audience participation.

Removal of the dead and dying redwood trees behind the stage will improve the aesthetics of the performance area. With the removal of the trees provides opportunities for additional landscaping, screening or the opportunity to install a moderate size shade structure over the stage area created.

Providing additional shade was identified as a high priority and a shade structure is contemplated as part of the project. It can be designed to shade the amphitheater seating, the stage, or to shield the audience from the setting sun. The exact size, location and shade benefit can be determined if the design is authorized.

Other benefits of the project include the creation of an ADA accessible seating area adjacent to the existing amphitheater seating, and minor landscape improvements which include the installation of additional shade trees on the slope behind the seating area.

Lower priority objectives, which will be pursued if the budget allows, will include enhancing and expanding the amphitheater seating, reconstructing and expanding the stage and providing electrical outlets at the back of the amphitheater to power lighting and sound systems.

Improvements in Advance of Memorial Park Master Plan

The improvements are intended to be interim in nature as the expectation is that the design of final improvements for this area will be dictated through the Master Planning process for Memorial Park. Given that possibly 25% of these improvements may be demolished in only a few years, a goal of the project is to keep the investment to the minimum necessary to achieve the program objectives.

Initial surveys for the Master Plan have indicated that the public would like an amphitheater to continue to exist in the same general area, but there will likely be some changes or reconstruction with the likely removal or reconstruction of the surrounding concrete ponds.

If Council should desire to move forward with this Capital Improvement Project to provide short-term improvements in advance of completion of the Memorial Park Master Plan, then it is recommended to authorize the City Manager to add the Memorial Park Amphitheater Improvement project to the FY 2018-19 Capital Improvement Program and direct staff to prepare design documents.

Upon completion of construction documents and prior to advertising the project staff will request Council approval of the project and authorization of a budget appropriation to fund the construction of the project.

Sustainability Impact

None

Fiscal Impact

The Memorial Park Amphitheater Improvement project is a new project and therefore is currently unfunded. Design costs shall be funded from the CIP Preliminary Planning & Design appropriation (account #420-99-047). An appropriation action from the Capital Reserve Fund will be proposed to fund construction of this project.

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Attachments:

A – Conceptual Plan