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PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

Meeting: May 6, 2021

Subject

Jollyman Park All-Inclusive Playground.

Recommended Action

Receive an update on the Jollyman Park all-inclusive playground project.

Background and Discussion

In October 2018, the City Council directed staff to apply for the County's AIPG grant program to request funding for an all-inclusive playground at Jollyman Park.

Staff prepared and submitted a successful grant application to deliver a high-quality playground at Jollyman Park with conceptual elements that will be welcoming to all types of users and an inviting variety of physical and sensory features. The County Board of Supervisors authorized a grant award to Cupertino of \$1,448,201 with a match contribution is \$1.2 million. The City will also need to raise through fundraising and donations the remaining balance of \$2.3 million. In May 2019, the City Council authorized the execution of the AIPG funding agreement. A Capital Improvement project was created and included in the adopted FY 2020 Capital Improvement Program.

In December 2019, the City released a Request for Proposals for professional fundraising services for the Jollyman Park all-inclusive playground. Proposals were submitted in February 2020 and reviewed by staff. Initial conclusions were that the project's fundraising goal was unrealistically high, the timeline was aggressive, the level of effort needed to attract donations would be high, and the consultant team could not perform some key aspects. Because of this reason and COVID 19 repercussions, City's budget, and staffing, the City requested via a grant amendment a 24-month extension to the project delivery schedule, with bid package completion by fall 2022 and construction to be finished by winter 2023. The City also proposed a revised reduction of the fundraising goal to 1 million and a reduced overall project budget of \$3.65 million. The budget breakdown is as follows: AIPG grant funds-\$1,448,201, City funds-\$1,200,000, Donations-\$1,001,799.

On February 4, 2021, county staff approved the proposed revisions and scheduled the amendment to go before the Board of Supervisors for approval. The Board of Supervisors approved the amendment on April 20, 2021. Next steps include:

- A design consultant selection process during summer 2021.
- Launching the fundraising process during spring 2021.
- A robust public input process would commence in summer 2021 and as the design progresses.

Sustainability Impact

Implementation of the all-inclusive playground would be consistent with the City's sustainability goals.

Fiscal Impact

Proceeding with this project commits the City to implement an all-inclusive playground at Jollyman Park using a \$1.2 million City contribution, a \$1,448,201 County AIPG grant, and fundraising for the balance of the project cost.

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