



BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

February 28, 2024
5:00 PM
MINUTES

Attendees: Commissioner Pointer, Commissioner Reid

Staff Support: **Marty Stump**, Chief Planning Officer - Planning and Development; **Kristi Evans**, Capital Program Manager, Community and Neighborhood Parks; **Mary Kay Henley**, Planning Administration

Acceptance of Minutes: Minutes from the February 14, 2024, meeting were approved as written.

Discussion Item

Verlo Playfield Floorball & Multi-purpose Court Design Development

- Kristi provided the Commissioners with an update on the Verlo Playfield project. She reminded Commissioners of the previously presented Board memo, funding donation by the Seattle Kraken and the recent groundbreaking ceremony.
- She explained the project is currently in the design development stage. She showed the Commissioners a preliminary sketch that featured two hockey and four basketball areas, Striping will be for both hockey and basketball and include an overlay of new asphalt paving, The Seattle Kraken logo is being suggested for center court. The existing pathway from the playground to the parking lot will now include concrete for ADA accessibility.
- Marty reminded the Commissioners that Metro Parks is managing the project's bidding and construction, with the Seattle Kraken funding the project. It was noted the project is currently estimated to be slightly over budget, however the Kraken team is exploring ways to adjust it, including conversations with the goal post vendor on lowering costs.
- Kristi reported this project will include artwork, mentioning graphic art for the hoop backs and partition walls, with artwork provided by local students.
- Commissioner Reid asked if this has been reviewed by the Seattle Kraken team. Staff reported yes, design work has been very collaborative. Next steps: finish design development, finalize budget then out for bid. Construction is set to start June or July with an opening anticipated this fall.
- Both Commissioners were pleased with this project's progress.

Action Items

Purchasing Resolution Ferry Park Play Equipment

- Kristi reported this resolution is for the purchase of two play structures (ages 2-5 and 5-12), rubber tile and engineered wood surfacing from Landscape Structures in the amount not to

exceed \$141,862.52 for Ferry Park. She explained safety concerns were identified during a recent inspection involving a non-repairable part that had outlasted its life expectancy. This part has since been removed. She pointed out a separate construction bid for installation of this play equipment and new surfaces will be issued at a later date.

- Staff explained the equipment's lengthy manufacturing timeline prompted them to move forward with purchasing the structures ahead of securing the contractor. It was pointed out that this purchase is being made through a state contract that includes a price discount. Delivery is expected in June or July to either one of our maintenance facilities or, if in place, the on-site contractor.
- Commissioner Pointer asked where Landscape Structures is located. Kristi reported they are located throughout the country which is typical of playground supply companies. Our order will be coming from their east coast location.
- Commissioner Reid asked if this project is to just replace the playground equipment or an overall upgrade. Kristi reported it's to replacement of the unsafe play equipment. She added they worked with the community on the selection of this equipment.
- Commissioner Reid suggested adding an installation estimate to the resolution. Staff agreed to add a cost range for installation. Marty reminded everyone the installation portion will be covered in a separate contract and will be supported by 2014 Bond funds.
- Commissioner Reid asked if we have worked with them before. Marty said yes, Landscape Structure converted recent playground projects to synthetic turfs, including at SERA playground. Marty agreed to add this previous work history to the resolution.
- Commissioners both asked if the contractor is a MWBE firm. Marty reported they weren't but noted they do encourage MWBE sub-contractors.
- This item was accepted for moving forward to the full Board with a recommendation of approval.

Additional Comments/Question

- Commissioner Reid asked about any Sheridan Park updates, noting community members concerns including tree sap on playground structure. Marty hasn't heard anything yet but will check and update Commissioners at the next meeting.
- Commissioner Pointer asked status of \$400,000 legislative ask for People Community Center. Marty said, if awarded, these funds would go towards conducting a feasibility study on a collective vision of what would fit at that site. This would be followed by determining a funding source for construction, possibly a future bond project.

Meeting Adjourned