



City of Huntington Beach

File #: 20-1884

MEETING DATE: 9/21/2020

REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION

SUBMITTED TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

SUBMITTED BY: Oliver Chi, City Manager

PREPARED BY: Chris Slama, Director of Community Services

Subject:

Approve the Huntington Central Park West Playground Equipment Design Concept

Statement of Issue:

There is a need to replace the aged playground equipment in the Huntington Central Park West area near Lake Huntington with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible equipment.

Financial Impact:

Funding in the amount of \$1,324,000 is included as part of the Central Park Group Picnic Area Improvements project in the Fiscal Year 2020/21 Capital Improvement Program, accounts 22645011 and 22845021. The estimated cost of the playground equipment improvements is \$1,251,000.

Recommended Action:

Approve the Huntington Central Park West playground equipment design concept as approved by the Community Services Commission at their September 10, 2020 meeting.

Alternative Action(s):

Do not approve the recommended action and direct staff accordingly.

Analysis:

There are two tot lots just northeast of Lake Huntington in Huntington Central Park West that are in need of replacement, and are currently listed on the City Council approved Park Playground Equipment Replacement Priority List.

At the August 12, 2020, Community Services Commission (CSC) meeting, staff conducted a study session item presenting a design concept for new equipment in the aforementioned area. Staff conveyed that there has been community interest for a specialized, flagship playground within the City, and that the proposed location provides opportunity for innovative equipment that would create connectivity between the two existing playground locations.

As presented to CSC, the proposed equipment (Attachment 1) features cable/rope based climbing activities designed to challenge and stimulate children physically, mentally, and emotionally. While some of the features incorporated are taller than traditional playgrounds, all of the equipment in this design meets the required guidelines for playground safety. Safety mesh is incorporated into the design to prevent any possibility of falling from the highest points.

At their September 10, 2020 meeting, the CSC approved the design concept and are now forwarding their approval for City Council approval.

Environmental Status:

Not applicable.

Strategic Plan Goal:

Enhance and maintain infrastructure

Attachment(s):

1. Huntington Central Park West Playground design by Dave Bang Associates, Inc.