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DATE: March 11, 2019

TO: Board of Park Commissioners

FROM: James W. Rogers, Executive Director
Angela Ferrentino, Director of Facilities
Joseph Cogswell, Landscape Architect

RE: SALT CREEK PARK PLAYGROUND SAFETY SURFACING PROJECT

ISSUE

Following the Park Board's December 10, 2018 approval of the Salt Creek Park Playground Redevelopment design, requests for sealed bids were advertised for the project including the surfacing. Salt Creek Park Playground received a seventy-six (76) out of one hundred (100) on the Vision 2020 Comprehensive and Strategic Plan Park Assessment with the recommendation to upgrade outdated equipment incorporating continued compliance to current safety standards and ADA accessibility requirements. Redevelopment of the park and playground safety surfacing meets the District's Strategic Plan Theme of Parks – Meet community need for parks, open space, and outdoor amenities.

DISCUSSION

The scope of the project includes the material and installation of poured in place permeable rubber safety surfacing and rubber safety tiles in accordance with the Salt Creek Park playground design.

Requests for sealed bids were advertised through a legal notice in the Elmhurst Suburban Life on February 1, 2019. Eleven (11) letters of invite/bid packages were sent to playground and landscape contractors throughout the Chicagoland area. The bid opening was held on February 2, 2019. Two (2) bids were received.

The lowest responsible base bid was received from Surface America Inc. of Williamsville, NY, in the amount of \$68,845. Staff completed reference checks for Surface America with the City of Lake Forest Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department, Quincy Park District, and the Park District of Oak Park; all came back positive. In addition, a records search was completed with the Illinois Department of Labor (IDOL) and Dun & Bradstreet, Inc. with no violations found. Lastly, Surface America successfully completed the 2018 Conrad Fischer Park Playground Surfacing on time and in accordance with project specifications.

The total amount budgeted in the Capital Improvement and SRA funds for the Salt Creek Park Playground Redevelopment & Playground Surfacing Project(s) including the playground redevelopment, playground safety surfacing, site amenities, and miscellaneous paving is \$480,000. The breakdown for both projects is as follows.

Playground Redevelopment Including Equipment and Site Amenities	\$319,500
Safety Surfacing Project	<u>\$ 68,875</u>
Total	<u>\$388,375</u>

Construction for the playground surfacing project is scheduled to begin August 26, 2019 with an anticipated completion date of September 10, 2019.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Park Commissioners (1) award the 2019 Salt Creek Playground Surfacing project in the amount of \$68,875 to Surface America, Inc. of Williamsville, NY; and (2) authorize the Executive Director to execute said contract accordingly.

Thank you.

Attachment: Bid Tally Sheet