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DATE: March 9, 2020

TO: Board of Park Commissioners

FROM: James W. Rogers, Executive Director
Angela Ferrentino, Director of Facilities
Sarah Lagesse, Division Manager – Aquatics and The Hub

**RE: SMALLEY POOL SAND PLAY REDEVELOPMENT AND SHADE STRUCTURE
REPLACEMENT AT THE HUB AND SMALLEY POOL**

ISSUE

The objective of this project is to replace the sand play area at Smalley Pool with a sitting/party area with repurposed shade structure removed from pool deck, add additional shade structures to the pool deck and add larger shade structures at The Hub spray ground. The redevelopment and the addition of larger shade structures meets the Vision 2020 Plan Theme: Meet Community Need for Parks, Open Space, and Outdoor Amenities.

DISCUSSION

The sandpit, which was originally installed when Smalley was redeveloped in 2000, has outlived its useful life and is no longer an attraction. Patrons visiting the sandpit often track sand into the pool requiring the sand to be filtrated and broken down by pool chemicals. The sandpit has been closed for the majority of the past three summers due to an infestation of bees despite increased staffing efforts and supply costs to address it; eradication has been unsuccessful. As a result, pool patrons have repeatedly requested the sandpit be replaced with a different amenity. Replacing the sandpit with a sitting area and shade structure would provide an additional pool amenity available for private rentals, thus potentially generating revenue as well as eliminating the housing of bee nests.

Feedback received from aquatic surveys included repeated requests from patrons to provide more shade at the pool and spray ground which can be addressed by replacing three of the Funbrellas at Smalley Pool with larger shade structures on the pool deck to expand coverage. Plans are to move the existing Funbrella structures from the Smalley Pool deck to the renovated sandpit area described. The scope of this project also includes replacing the Funbrellas at The Hub with a larger shade structure to expand protection to areas from harmful UV rays.

A legal ad was placed in the local newspaper on January 10, 2020 announcing the availability of bid packet specifications electronically and for pick up at the Administrative Office. Furthermore, invitations for bids with plans and specifications were sent to fifteen contractors. Bid specifications sought base bid pricing to redevelop the sand play area and install shade

structures at Smalley Pool as well as eight alternate bid items associated with installation of shade structures at The Hub spray ground and two alternates associated with the Smalley project (bid alternatives listed below).

Hub Bid Alternates

1. Erosion and Sediment Control
2. Construction Access
3. Selective Demolition
4. Earthwork
5. Construct Concrete Pavement (at Smalley)*
6. Install Shade Structure "B" (Furnished by Owner)
7. Construct CIDH Pile Foundations (Shade Structure "B")
8. Salvage and Provide Existing Funbrella to Owner
9. Gate Removal, Modification, and Reinstallation (at Smalley)*
10. Turf and Grasses Park Restoration

Six contractors attended the mandatory pre-bid meeting. One sealed bid was submitted, opened and read publicly on February 12, 2020. A copy of the bid tally sheet is attached.

Innovations Landscape, Inc. of Plainfield, IL submitted the only bid of \$63,972 (base bid) and \$31,980 for the project bid alternates listed above. Positive references for Innovations Landscape were received from the City of Elmhurst, City of Elgin, and Plainfield Park District. The Sand Play area redevelopment and Shade Structure Project is scheduled to begin mid-March and reach final completion by May 15, 2020. Staff is confident Innovations Landscape, Inc. is a reputable company that possesses the experience and capabilities to successfully complete the work in accordance with the required specifications and schedule.

Staff is also recommending the District purchase shade structures through the Sourcewell Cooperative purchasing for \$50,948; purchasing the equipment separately in lieu of including it in the bid reduces costs. Utilizing the cooperative purchasing agreement meets all requirements for competitive bidding procedures.

The amount of \$132,000 has been allocated in the FY2020 Capital Budget for redevelopment of the sand play area and installation of shade structures at Smalley Pool and The Hub. Staff is recommending accepting the base bid of \$63,972 and accepting alternates 1-4, 6,7,8 & 10 and rejecting alternates 5* and 9* for \$26,180 for a total contract of \$90,152.

Sand Play Redevelopment and Shade Structure Installation Base Bid	\$ 63,972
Shade Structure Installation at the Hub	\$ <u>26,180</u>
Sub-Total	\$ 90,152
Purchasing of Shade Structures	\$ <u>50,948</u>
Total	<u>\$141,100</u>

Funding deficiencies for the project are proposed to be offset by a surplus from the 2020 Smalley Pool Slide Restoration Project (approved by the Board on February 10, 2020) which was under budget by \$16,840.

Construction for the project is scheduled to begin March 15, 2020 with an anticipated completion date of May 15, 2020, prior to the start of the pool and spray ground season.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Park Commissioners (1) award the base bid for the Smalley Pool Sand Play Redeployment and installation of shade structures in the amount of \$63,972 to Innovation Landscape, Inc., of Plainfield, IL; (2) accept the bid alternates 1-4, 6, 7, 8, and 10 for the installation of The Hub shade structures for \$26,180; (3) authorize the Executive Director to purchase shade structures from Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing in the amount of \$50,948; and (4) authorize the Executive Director to execute said contract accordingly.

Thank you.

Attached: Bid Tally Sheet