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DATE: February 10, 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 WATER SLIDE RESTORATION PROJECT

ISSUE

The objective of this project is to refinish, restore and repair the interior and exterior surfaces of the water slide at Smalley Pool. The water slide restoration meets the Board's Strategic Plan tactic to Meet community need for parks, open space, and outdoor amenities.

DISCUSSION

The water slide at Smalley Pool was installed in 2000 when the pool was redeveloped. The slide is constructed of fiberglass with the interior of the slide covered by a gel coat and the exterior covered by poly-siloxane paint. Over time, due to exposure to chemically treated water, the sun and other weather elements, the interior gel coat and exterior paint fades making the surface susceptible to chips, scratches, and cracks. These surface imperfections can pose a safety issue as they may scratch and scrape those utilizing the slide. Regular maintenance has been completed annually to help maintain the interior gel coat, including staff making regular repairs of chips and cracks in the gel coat during the summer months. The numerous repairs to the interior of the existing gel coat are no longer holding; therefore, it has become evident that the existing gel coat is deteriorating and needs to be chipped and sand blasted away. At this time, all surface imperfections will be repaired and the slide will be re-gel coated utilizing an adhesion base coat and finish coat. New paint will be applied to the exterior of the slide to restore and rejuvenate its color.

A legal ad was placed in the local newspaper on January 17, 2020 announcing the availability of bid packet specifications for pick up at the Administrative Office and made available electronically. Additionally, invitations for bids, with plans and specifications were sent to eight companies specializing in water slide restorations. Bid specifications sought Base Bid pricing to complete repairs and re-gel coat the interior of the slide, as well as an Alternate Bid to repaint the exterior of the water slide. While it is imperative to repair and re-gel coat the interior of the slide due to potential hazards to users, staff is recommending accepting the bid alternate which includes repainting the exterior of the slide based on the available budget. Four sealed bids were submitted, opened and read publicly on January 31, 2020. A copy of the bid tally is attached.

Bidder Qualifications

The choice of a qualified, responsible contractor is subject to a standard of review taking into consideration a contractor's ability to meet bid requirements and specifications according to the *Scope of Work* detailed in the bid specifications, as well as completion of required paperwork submitted in the bid proposal. The lowest bidder for the 2020 Water Slide Restoration project is 8 Blocks Maintenance, LLC dba Slide Pros of Oronogo, MO with a base bid of \$28,500 and \$4,000 for the alternate, for a total of \$32,500. In reviewing the bid proposal submitted by 8 Blocks Maintenance, it was discovered that they added in their own description of the Alternate Bid, changing the *Scope of Work* specified by the Park District from repainting the exterior of the slide to "permanently seal seams with fiberglass mesh and resin to create a seamless ride path." Instructions in the bid specifications packet state: "*Owner may elect to disqualify a bid due to failure to submit a bid in the form requested, failure to bid **requested alternate**, failure to complete entries in all blanks in the Bid Form, or **inclusion** by the Bidder of any alternates, conditions, limitations or provisions not called for.*"

Based on 8 Blocks Maintenance LLC dba Slide Pros failure to meet the scope of the base bid as well as failure to submit the bid requested alternate, staff recommends the bid submitted by 8 Blocks Maintenance be rejected and the second lowest bidder, Fischer Brothers, LLC with a \$23,850 base bid and an alternate of \$9,310 for a total bid of \$33,160, be considered for the project. Staff consulted with the District's attorney, Andrew Paine of Tressler, who concurred with staff that while 8 Blocks Maintenance LLC dba Slide Pros may have submitted the lowest bid, they failed to bid on the scope of work requested; therefore, not a responsible bidder.

Fischer Brothers, LLC of Eau Claire, WI submitted the lowest most responsible bid of \$33,160 for this project. Positive references for Fischer Brothers, LLC were received from Channahon Park District, City of Becker, MN, and Tundra Lodge of Green Bay, WI. The Water Slide Restoration Project is scheduled to begin mid-March and reach final completion by May 15, 2020. Staff is confident that Fischer Brothers is a reputable company that possesses the experience and capabilities to successfully complete the work in accordance with the required specifications and schedule.

The amount of \$50,000 has been allocated in the FY2020 Capital Budget for refinishing, restoring and repairing of the interior and exterior of the waterslide.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Park Commissioners (1) reject the bid from 8 Blocks Maintenance, LLC of Oronogo, Missouri dba Slide Pros as not responsible; (2) award the 2020 Water Slide Restoration Project at Smalley Pool in the amount of \$23,850 to Fischer Brothers, LLC of Eau Claire, WI; (3) accept the bid alternate of \$9,310 for exterior slide restoration; and (4) authorize the Executive Director to execute said contract accordingly.

Thank you.

Attached: Bid Tally Sheet