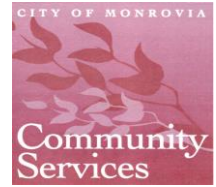




# COMMUNITY SERVICES AGENDA REPORT



**DEPARTMENT:** Public Works

**MEETING DATE:** March 11, 2014

**PREPARED BY:** Carl E. Hassel, Director

**AGENDA LOCATION:** AR-2

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**TITLE:** Provide a Recommendation to the City Council to Approve the Play Equipment Purchase from Dave Bang Associates, Inc., in the Amount of \$108,562.23 for Julian Fisher Park

**OBJECTIVE:** Through a grant received from Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District Excess Funds – Cities Grant Program, request the Community Services Commission recommend the City Council approve the purchase for play equipment at Julian Fisher Park

**BACKGROUND:** In June 2010, the play equipment at Julian Fisher Park was removed due to vandalism and disrepair. The equipment was 17 years old prior to its removal. In 2012, Staff had applied for a \$1.1 million Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program Grant to renovate Julian Fisher Park. Unfortunately, the City's application was not selected. If funded, the renovations would have included new play equipment, basketball courts, lighting, restrooms, picnic facility, and infrastructure improvements.

Last year, Michael Antonovich, Supervisor for the County's Fifth Supervisorial District awarded the City with a \$250,000.00 grant from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District Excess Funds – Cities Grant Program to be used for new play equipment and play surface at Julian Fisher Park.

**ANALYSIS:** Public Works Staff developed a project calendar that included key timelines for the completion of the new play area. They include the vendor selection, equipment design, purchasing strategy, developing specifications and plans for the play area's preparation and installation for both the equipment and the rubberized play surface. Staff is focused on a July completion for the new play area.

A Park Play Equipment Selection Committee consisting of Community Service Commissioners, Chair Gloria Crudgington, Vice Chair Genia Mills, and Tom Dittmar, along with support of City Staff from both Community Services and Public Works Departments have also worked since last October on selecting an equipment vendor.

To ensure the equipment selection was based on the quality and the ability to withstand hard play, a Request for Proposal (RFP) was developed. Eight (8) national play equipment

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manufacturers were invited to participate and four (4) responded. The RFP requested references for local park installations that were five years or older. The Selection Committee visited parks located in Glendora, Whittier, and Irvine. Each vendor was asked to provide a proposed site plan for equipment, rubberized surface, cost estimates, and the ability to provide specifications for equipment installation. Dave Bang Associates, Inc. (Playworld Systems), Great Western Park & Playground (Gametime), Columbia Cascade, and Miracle Playground Sales all presented their proposals to the Park Play Equipment Selection Committee.

Based on an extensive review, the Committee was unanimous in their selection with Dave Bang Associates, Inc., and their equipment from Playworld Systems. They impressed the Committee with how durable their equipment weathered with age as well as how well their proposed equipment design integrated with children with special needs, such as those with autism and obesity. To obtain additional community input, the Selection Committee met with the grandchildren of Julian D. Fisher, the City's first African American police officer, for whom the park is named. The Community Services Department hosted a community event at Julian Fisher Park for the purpose of inviting residents to view site plans for the proposed play area.

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:** A Notice of Exemption for the Julian Fisher Park improvements has been recorded. In addition, the new play area will meet several long term goals and objectives within the City's Environmental Accords:

- Waste Reduction - Action 6 meets the criteria for use of recycled materials.
- Urban Nature – Action 10 supports the goal to provide public park accessibility to all residents.
- Environmental Health – Action 17 promotes wellness and fitness at City facilities.
- Water – Action 18 reduces water demand to the park by designing new infrastructure water retention within the park's play area.
- Water – Action 21 meets ground water recharge goal to distribute water retention within the park.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Funding for the Julian Fisher Park play equipment and play surface will come from the \$250,000.00 grant received from Los Angeles County Park and Open Space District Excess Funds – Cities Grant Program. No City general funds are to be used for any portion of this project.

**OPTIONS:** Staff believes there are two options for the Community Services Commission to consider:

1. Option One: Accept the Commission's Park Play Equipment Selection Committee's recommendation and make a motion to recommend the City Council approve the purchase of Playworld System's play equipment as designed by Dave Bang Associates, Inc., for Julian Fisher Park.

2. Option Two: Reject the recommendation and direct Staff to pursue new vendor proposals. As stated earlier in this report, eight (8) vendors participated in the RFP process. Each vendor was given three (3) weeks to provide a proposal to the City. Pursuing this option would delay the project completion in July and possibly delay grant funding, as well.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends option one, accept the request of the Community Services Commission to make a recommendation to the City Council to approve the purchase of play equipment for Julian Fisher Park in the amount of \$108,562.23 from Dave Bang Associates, Inc., 1885 N. Main Street, Orange, CA 92865,

**COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION ACTION REQUIRED:** If the Community Services Commission concurs; the appropriate action would be a motion to recommend the City Council approve the purchase of play equipment from Dave Bang Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$108,562.23 for Julian Fisher Park.