

# Agenda Report

April 22, 2013

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council  
**FROM:** Department of Public Works  
**SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH LANDSCAPE STRUCTURES, INC. AND DD SYSTEMS, INC. FOR PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF EQUIPMENT FOR CENTRAL PARK PLAYGROUND RENOVATION**

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15302 – Replacement or Reconstruction;
2. Authorize the City Manager to enter into a purchase order contract with Landscape Structures, Inc. for the purchase of playground equipment for Central Park Playground Renovation for an amount not to exceed \$127,564;
3. Find that the purchase order contract with Landscape Structures, Inc. is exempt from competitive bidding pursuant to City Charter section 1002(H), contracts with other governmental entities or their contractors for labor, material, supplies or services; and
4. Accept the bid, dated February 13, 2013, submitted by DD Systems, Inc. in response to the specifications for Central Park Playground Renovation for installation and construction of project, reject all other bids received, and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract not to exceed \$235,000.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The project will provide for the installation of a new playground and site amenities at Central Park (see Attachment A). The new equipment will replace the existing playground equipment located in the northwest corner of the park. The existing play equipment has reached the end of its service life. Replacement of this playground equipment will provide greater play value and a play environment of a quality consistent with City standards.

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The scope of work includes the removal of existing play equipment, footing, sand, asphalt paving, soil, turf, curbs, walkways, and fencing, and the installation of new play equipment, curbs, ramps, walkways, site amenities, iron fence, drainage, irrigation, and landscaping. The play equipment will be purchased from Landscape Structures, Inc., and installation and construction of the project will be performed by DD Systems, Inc.

The City has installed Landscape Structures play equipment in 16 playgrounds in parks throughout the City. The quality of this equipment and customer service has been excellent. Continuing to purchase units from this vendor will reduce repair costs due to parts standardization and mechanic familiarity with the equipment.

The County of Los Angeles recently purchased playground equipment directly from Landscape Structures, Inc., through HGACBuy, a competitive procurement cooperative for public agencies (Contract #PR11-10). Landscape Structures offered to extend this program pricing to the City of Pasadena. By taking advantage of this opportunity, the City will realize cost savings of approximately \$9,300 based on 2013 list pricing, as well as staff costs that would be incurred in a formal bid process.

For the site construction portion of the project, plans and specifications were prepared by the Department of Public Works, and in accordance with Section 4.08.070 of the Pasadena Municipal Code, bids were requested and received. The project was advertised in the *Pasadena Journal* on January 17, 2013. In addition, the Notice Inviting Bids was published in four trade publications. Bid packets were obtained by 54 contractors, 15 of whom submitted bids for the project.

Following advertising, bids were received on February 13, 2013, and are as follows:

Bidder	Amount (\$)
1. DD Systems, Inc. dba Ace CD, Inc, Glendora, CA	211,808
2. Micon Construction, Inc. Placentia, CA	228,330
3. Avi-Con, Inc., dba CA Construction, Riverside, CA	232,162
4. Aghapy Group, Inc., Bakersfield, CA	232,401
5. Mallcraft, Inc., Pasadena, CA	242,683
6. Malibu Pacific Tennis Courts, Inc., Westlake Village, CA	249,992
7. G2K Construction, Inc., Encino, CA	252,700
8. Y & M Construction, Inc., Gardena, CA	265,310
9. ARC Construction Co., La Crescenta, CA	283,303
10. Kasa Construction, Inc., Ontario, CA	298,465
11. Western Group, Inc., Woodland Hills, CA	299,704
12. Geronimo Concrete, Inc., Los Angeles, CA	304,715
13. Ian Thomas Group, Glendale, CA	316,392
14. Greenland Construction, Inc., Canoga Park, CA	317,110
15. Fredrick Towers, Inc., Tujunga, CA	329,831
Engineer's Estimate	273,235

The total bid price of the improvements from the lowest responsive bidder was 22 percent lower than the Engineer's Estimate. It is recommended that DD Systems, Inc. be awarded a contract for this project as they are the lowest responsive and responsible bidder and that the other bids be rejected. The proposed contract with DD Systems, Inc. fully complies with the Competitive Bidding and Living Wage Ordinances. The contractor has indicated that the award of this contract will result in no new hires to their present workforce and will comply with the City's Local Hiring Program requirements.

The proposed contracts will be as follows:

<b>Landscape Structures, Inc.</b>	
Base Bid	\$ 122,564.10
Contingency Allowance	<u>\$ 4,990.90</u>
Contract "Not to Exceed" Amount	\$ 127,564.00
<b>DD Systems, Inc. dba Ace CD, Inc,</b>	
Base Bid	\$ 211,808.49
Contingency Allowance	<u>\$ 23,191.51</u>
Contract "Not to Exceed" Amount	\$ 235,000.00

It is anticipated that construction will begin in July 2013 and will be completed by November 2013.

**COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:**

This project furthers the City Council Strategic Plan goal to improve, maintain and enhance public facilities and infrastructure. It is also consistent with the Cultural and Recreational elements of the General Plan by increasing the range of recreational facilities and services as a means of improving quality of life for Pasadena residents. In addition, it is consistent with the Land Use Element Policy 2.2 on Urban Parks by continuing and completing efforts to enhance Central Park.

**ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:**

The State CEQA Guidelines, at Section 15302, exempt from environmental review those projects which are replacement or reconstruction of existing structures where the new structures will be located on the same site and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure to be replaced. This project will replace existing playground equipment with new playground equipment of similar size in the same location within the park.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The cost of the two contracts is \$362,564.10 and the total cost of these actions is \$412,564.10. Funding for this action will be addressed by the utilization of existing budgeted Residential Impact Fee appropriations in the Central Park – Implement Master Plan CIP project (budget account 78461). It is anticipated that all of the cost will be spent during the current fiscal year. There are minor indirect and support costs such as maintenance and Information Technology support anticipated.

The following table represents a contract summary.

<b>Landscape Structures, Inc.</b>	
Base Bids	\$ 122,564.10
Contingency	\$ 4,990.90
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 127,564.00</b>

<b>DD Systems, Inc. dba Ace CD, Inc.</b>	
Base Bids	\$ 211,808.49
Contingency	\$ 23,191.51
Contract Administration/Inspection	\$ 50,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$285,000.00</b>

<b>Total Fiscal Impact</b>	<b>\$ 412,564.00</b>
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Respectfully submitted,



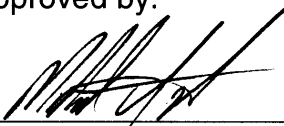
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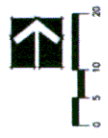
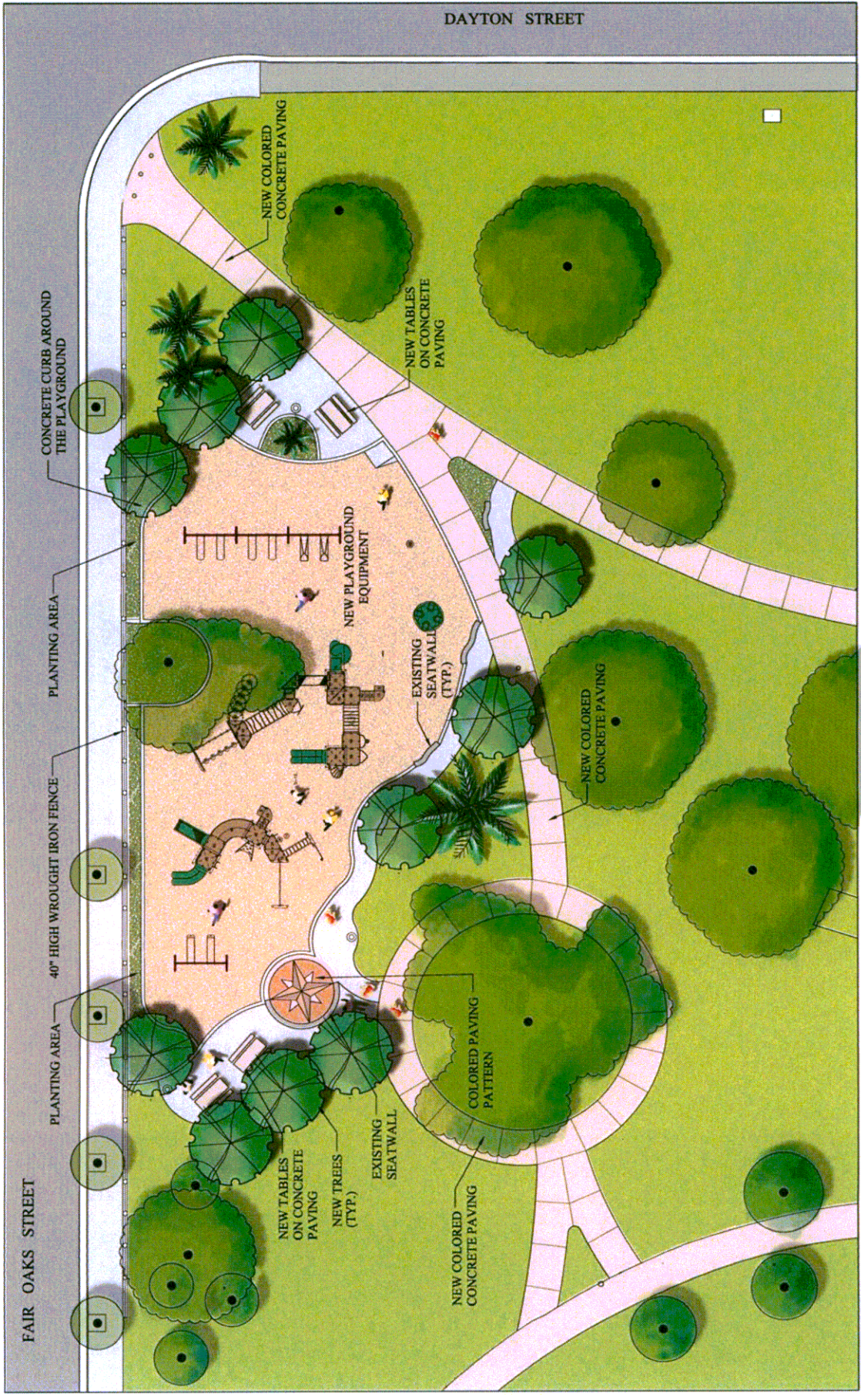
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Attachment A: Central Park Playground Design



# CENTRAL PARK PLAYGROUND

Attachment A

REVISED  
August 29, 2012



# Play Equipment

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Looking East

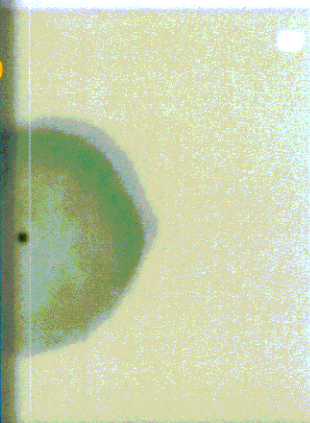
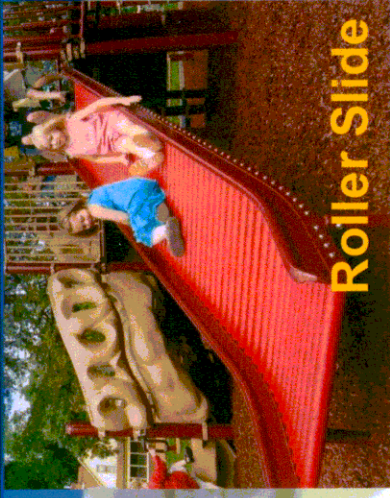


Looking West



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