



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM

MEETING DATE: 10/8/2024

PREPARED BY: Megan Mainer, Director of Parks & Recreation

AGENDA CONTENT: Discussion and possible action to fund the replacement shade cover over Freedom Park playground with parkland dedication funds.

AGENDA ITEM SECTION: Consent Agenda

BUDGETED AMOUNT: \$0 **FUNDS REQUESTED:** \$16,200.00

FUND: Parkland Dedication

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On March 15, 2024, severe weather destroyed the shade covering over Freedom Park playground. Staff learned that this component would not be covered by insurance. Staff has proposed the addition of park components valued at \$10,000 or more to be insured for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

Staff contacted a BuyBoard HUB vendor to provide a proposal for the shade covering replacement. The cost of replacement is \$16,200.00. Manufacturing, delivery, and installation are expected to take five weeks from receipt of a purchase order.

A representative of the Angleton Rotary Foundation Committee approached staff about providing funding for the replacement shade covering. The Director of Parks & Recreation has applied for an Angleton Rotary Foundation grant for \$5000 to assist with the cost of the park component. On September 30, 2024, the Angleton Rotary Foundation approved the grant request but final approval from the Angleton Rotary Board and Angleton Rotary membership is required before reimbursement is authorized.

Since this is a high-use playground and park, staff recommends the City Council approve funding for the shade covering replacement from Parkland Dedication fees. If additional funding is provided by the Angleton Rotary Foundation, funds will be applied to the original expense account that was used for the purchase.

Additionally, on July 23, the City Council asked various questions regarding the shade specifications. Staff sent the contractor the following questions and received the responses in blue:

1. What is the typical lifetime of the shade covering? [Ten-year limited warranty and not covered by Acts of Nature; warranty enclosed.](#)
2. Are there certain colors that last longer than others? [Darker colors will retain color longer than yellow or red.](#)
3. If a darker color is chosen, will it fade quicker than the lighter covers? [No, it will not fade faster.](#)
4. If a darker color is chosen, won't it absorb more UV damaging the material long term? [All of the fabrics have greater than 90% UV blockage, no greater rate for dark than light fabric.](#)
5. Do the darker colors block more UV? All fabrics are greater than 90% UV blockage. [All of the fabrics are very effective for UV reduction.](#)
6. If a darker color is used, is it likely the temperature under the shade will be cooler? [Shade factor is greater with the darker colors, please see Extrablock document enclosed.](#)

Enclosed are the BuyBoard HUB vendor proposal and shade-covering color options.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the City Council approve the use of parkland dedication funds to replace the shade cover over Freedom Park playground.