



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM

MEETING DATE: 6/20/2023

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AGENDA CONTENT: Discussion and possible action to approve funding from ABLC fund balance to haul dirt from Freedom Park northern tract to BG Peck Soccer Complex.

AGENDA ITEM SECTION: Regular Agenda

BUDGETED AMOUNT: \$0.00

FUNDS REQUESTED: Estimate of \$48,360.00

FUND: 40-506-520 (Annual account deficit to hit ABLC fund balance)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On January 17, 2023, pursuant to the Texas Local Government Code, Secs. 505.159, the Angleton Better Living Corporation held a public hearing open to public comment to designate projects for fiscal year 2022-2023 including land, buildings, equipment, facilities, and improvements to enhance the City of Angleton’s public park facilities, suitable for amateur sports, entertainment, tourist, and public park purposes and events, including parks and park facilities, open space improvements, and related parking facilities, roads, water and sewer facilities, and other related improvements that enhance any of those items.

Staff and the city engineer, HDR, have been working on field drainage solutions for BG Peck Soccer Complex since 2021. The existing conditions of the fields impact recreational use during the fall and summer season when there is inclement weather. HDR’s recommended solution includes recutting the ditches followed by hauling in fill, sloping, and regrading the fields for improved drainage. This project will require irrigation adjustments, hydromulching/sod, etc. These improvements are necessary to increase park use and improve the level of recreational service to the community.

Concourse development, Rancho Isabella Municipal Utility District development off 523 near Angleton High School, is excavating the pond on the northern tract of Freedom Park for offsite detention per their agreement with the City of Angleton. Dirt excavated was designed to raise

the elevation of homesites above the 100-year floodplain. Concourse reached out to city staff because they will have excess dirt that could be utilized for BG Peck Soccer Complex improvements.

On June 13, 2023, City Council discussed funding options to haul dirt from Freedom Park to satellite city owned property locations. City Council recommended staff pursue ABLC for funds needed to pursue this project.

ABLC has an opportunity to fund the transport of 14,500 cubic yards of dirt from the northern tract of Freedom Park to BG Peck Soccer Complex for an estimated cost of \$48,360. This estimate may vary based on dirt compaction rate, number of cubic yards transported per trip, and additional materials needed to pile dirt onsite such as a bulldozer.

Staff have collected three quotes which vary greatly. If funds are approved, staff will be required to publish a Request for Bids.

Raising the elevation of fields at BG Peck Soccer Complex will require staff to take a multiphase approach. Phases may include the following:

- Solidify funding to transport dirt and stockpile onsite
- Recut drainage ditches throughout the park
- Confirm drainage plan with Angleton Drainage District
- Fill, slope, and regrade fields one at a time (Number of fields complete in the off-season will depend on how quickly the work can be done on each field)
- Make adjustments to irrigation, hydromulching/sod, etc. to finish the field

Staff will schedule public hearings to allow for public comment on various phases of the project to promote transparency if the project is pursued.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends ABLC discuss and consider approving funding from ABLC fund balance to haul dirt from Freedom Park northern tract to BG Peck Soccer Complex.