AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM

MEETING DATE: 4/20/26

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AGENDA CONTENT: Discussion and possible action on funding for shade structures at Bates Park

AGENDA ITEM SECTION: Regular Agenda

BUDGETED AMOUNT: $0

FUNDS REQUESTED: TBD

FUND: ABLC Contingency or Bond

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

At the February 17, 2026 meeting, the Angleton Better Living Corporation (ABLC) requested that staff return with additional information regarding the installation of shade structures at Bates Park. This project is intended to enhance spectator comfort and improve usability of the softball complex, particularly during tournaments and peak summer months.

Staff has obtained multiple proposals for shade structures, which vary in size, quantity, and design:

- USA Shade (8 structures – 30' x 15'): $193,000
- USA Shade (8 structures – 24' x 12'): $165,000
- USA Shade (6 structures – 24' x 12'): $122,000
- McKenna Contracting (6 structures – 24' x 12'): $85,720
- McKenna Contracting (Hip structure – 45' x 30'): $33,886

Each option includes materials and installation, with variations in total coverage and overall park impact.

No funding has been formally allocated for this project to date. If the Board chooses to proceed, funding would need to be identified through ABLC fund balance, contingency, or savings from other bond projects.

As ABLC funding is currently committed across multiple capital projects and operational support, consideration of this project may impact the timing or scope of other planned improvements.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that ABLC provide direction on a preferred option and funding approach. If funding is approved, staff will proceed with finalizing agreements, procurement, and installation.