



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM

MEETING DATE: 10/24/2023

PREPARED BY: Megan Mainer, Director of Parks & Recreation

AGENDA CONTENT: Discussion and possible action on funding assistance and backstop locations for Rotary Club of Angleton District Grant Youth Baseball and Softball Backstop project.

AGENDA ITEM SECTION: Regular Agenda

BUDGETED AMOUNT: \$0 **FUNDS REQUESTED:** Up to \$4,000

FUND: 96-500-815.01

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

In 2023, the Rotary Club of Angleton Board of Directors approved the Rotary Foundation District Grant application to install 10 backstops throughout Angleton parks as well as \$7000 from the Rotary Club of Angleton foundation funds to support the project. If awarded, the Rotary Foundation District Grant would provide an additional \$3000 for the project.

This project was precipitated by Robert Martin, current Angleton Little League President (ALL), who spoke at a Rotary Club of Angleton meeting in 2023 and expressed the need for more backstops throughout town for practice fields.

On August 8, the Rotary Club of Angleton was notified they were awarded \$3000 in Rotary Foundation District Grant funds to execute the project.

Staff identified 10 locations for the backstops and communicated with ALL for input. Staff received ALL recommendations on August 16, staff revised backstop locations, and on September 7, ALL President, Robert Martin, approved all updated locations. Enclosed is an attachment for the proposed locations based on condition of existing backstops, existing practice areas without backstops, parkland availability throughout Angleton, and proximity to existing parking.

Staff collected four quotes were from local fence contractors for ten (10) backstops that are 10ft tall x 16 ft wide, 2-inch 8-gauge black chain link fence, 3-inch posts, and with a top, center, and bottom rail.

- Fences by George Alonzo \$14,000
- Strong Fence Services \$15,850
- Superior Fence & Rail \$22,866

- Dobson Fence & Deck \$35,282

ALL plans to contribute inground home plates for all 10 locations and inground anchors for bases for proposed backstops located at Freedom Park.

Staff presented the locations and funding assistance request to the Angleton Parks & Recreation Board on October 2, 2023, and the Angleton Parks & Recreation Board approved funding assistance through parkland dedication funds the proposed locations, but requested a MOU with the Rotary Club of Angleton so each entity understood their responsibilities related to the project. The motion passed with Erin Boren abstaining as a prospective Angleton Rotarian.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends City Council approve up to \$4000 in funding through parkland dedication funds for the Rotary Club of Angleton District Grant Youth Baseball and Softball Backstop project and approve all backstop locations as presented.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

I move we approve up to \$4000 in funding through parkland dedication funds for the Rotary Club of Angleton District Grant Youth Baseball and Softball Backstop project and approve all backstop locations as presented.