



REQUEST FOR ACTION CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Date: 3/4/2025
Agenda Section: Consent Agenda

Department Origination: Community Development

Agenda Item: Approve Playset Replacement at Southdale Park in the amount of \$142,751.30

Approval Required: Simple Majority Vote

BACKGROUND

Due to the age and condition of playsets in Baxter, the City has annually budgeted for playset replacements. The City completed a replacement of the Oscar Kristofferson park playset in 2022 and a replacement of Loren Thompson park playset in 2024. The City is now requesting a playset replacement at Southdale Park. Attached are two playset options; the two options were designed to be comparable in cost so that the focus can be placed on which playset is best suited for Southdale Park.

The Parks and Trails Commission reviewed the two options at its regular meeting on February 25 weighing the pros and cons of each option. They discussed the ages range of kids that use that play equipment as it matches up with the intended age ranges for the play apparatuses proposed in each option. The Commission ultimately recommended option one but swapping the KidForce Spinner with the ARO Spinner from option 2. The recommended improvement options from the Parks Commission are attached to this memo. The memo and two options that the Parks Commission reviewed are also attached. Below is the budget for the project:

St. Croix Recreation – Playset Equipment, Freight and Woodchips: \$106,626.30

Twin Cities Recreation – Installation of Play Equipment: \$26,625.00

LandWerx – Demolition, Disposal, and grading the site:: \$9,500.00

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The 2024 budgeted amount for playset replacement is \$146,400. The total cost to complete the attached playset replacement is \$142,751.30. The state contract number for St. Croix is 218090.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

The Parks and Trails Commission recommends approval of the attached playset replacement at Southdale Park in the amount of \$142,751.30.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED

Approve playset replacement at Southdale Park in the amount of \$142,751.30.