



CITY COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation

DATE: May 13, 2025

SUBJECT: Motion to Approve the purchase of playground equipment for Suellen H. Fardelmann Sports Complex - **Parks and Recreation Department**

CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDATION:

The City Manager recommends approval to purchase new replacement playgrounds for Suellen H. Fardelmann Sports Complex, Inc. d/b/a Gametime, via OMNIA Partners contracts for Playground Equipment, Outdoor Fitness Equipment, Surfacing, Site Accessories, and Related Products Gametime for \$825,697.90.

BACKGROUND OF ITEM:

The recommended replacement cycle for playground equipment to maintain safety and usability standards is ten (10) years. The City applied for and received a grant through the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Land and Water Conservation Fund Program Grant (LWC) to renovate and update the Suellen H. Fardelmann Sports Complex. Part of the renovation was to install an ADA-accessible playground.

On February 28, 2025, the City entered into an agreement with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to have an Amendment to Agreement No. LW751 to extend the project completion and expiration by 12 months, the project completion date will be December 31, 2025, and the expiration date will be April 30, 2026.

ANALYSIS:

The playground equipment will be acquired by piggybacking on Omnia Partners - US Communities Contract #2017001134. Gametime has been a reputable and qualified supplier and installer of playground equipment for the City since 2004. Their experience and familiarity with our facilities will ensure a smooth and efficient process for these projects. Gametime has recently completed two (2) other grant projects in the city and recognizes the importance of meeting project deadlines.

As part of their services, they are responsible for acquiring all necessary permits.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

Priority #3: Establish “a strong sense of place” by creating unique spaces that foster community pride and increase social interaction and commercial marketability to improve economic stability, increase property values, and affect the memories of Cooper City residents.

Priority #4: Maintain and improve the city’s infrastructure and appearance to support and ensure a sustainable and beautiful environment.

FISCAL IMPACT: The proposed playground exceeds the budget by \$625,697.90. It is proposed that the funds be re-allocated as follows:

1. Parking Lot Resurfacing Project for the SFSC cost was lower than anticipated; this balance reflects funds allocated for Kozak Playground, \$146,813.73.
2. AED Standalone Units for three (3) Sports Complexes \$30,003.45.
3. LWCF Grant Agreement for Suellen H. Fardelmann Sports Complex \$67,500.
4. General Fund Balance \$381,380.72. The recently completed FY24 Audit Financials show we had an unrestricted fund balance of just over \$28 million. However, we have appropriated \$5,741,361 from fund balance in FY25 to fund rollovers and our designated appropriations, which were approved at the January 14th, 2025 Commission Meeting (Item 20, Resolution 25-01). For simplicity purposes, we are showing the remaining available budget of \$22,314,913 as the budgeted amount below.

<u>General Ledger Acct. Number</u>	<u>Budgeted Amount</u>	<u>Requested Amount</u>	<u>Remaining Amount</u>
300-314-564700-572-24005 Equipment & Machinery – Playground replacement – Large Fardelmann	\$200,000	\$625,697.90	\$825,697.90
300-312-563340-539-PLSHF Parking Lot Resurface – Sports Complex	\$600,000.00	-\$146,813.73	\$0
300-314-564700-572-AEDSA AED Stand-Alone Units Sports Complexes	\$50,000	-\$30,003.45	\$0
300-000-331302-331 Federal Grant - LWCF	\$67,500	-\$ 67,500	\$0
001-000-386980-386 Appropriation from Fund Balance	\$22,314,913	-\$381,380.72	\$21,933,532.28

ALTERNATIVES:

As discussed at the April 22, 2025, Commission Meeting, the City could opt to purchase a less expensive playground for the park and still meet the grant obligations, with a more affordable playground alternative. This alternative would cost approximately \$400,000, and it is shown on Exhibit 3.

The initial recommended playground also remains consistent with the City's commitment to remaining Autism Friendly and encompasses shapes, colors, and other attributes to be welcoming to participants. The reduction in cost for the playground also changes the surface from a full pour-in-play surface to a combination of pour-in-play/mulch.

Should the City invest in the more affordable playground option, the additional general fund transfer would not be required.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. GameTime Charlotte - USC Contract 2017001134_Executed
2. Sports Complex PG Rev 3 Quote PIP & Shade
3. Budget Amendment
4. LW751 - EXECUTED AGREEMENT_SuellenFardelmannSportsCmplx_7.27.22 – original
5. LW751.A1.EXECUTED AMENDMENT NO. 1
6. Aventus Renders with Falcons Nest
7. Alternative Option Sports Complex PG 400K package
8. Second Renewal Amendment #14