



# Folsom City Council Staff Report

<b>MEETING DATE:</b>	10/14/2025
<b>AGENDA SECTION:</b>	Old Business
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Resolution No. 11469 – A Resolution Rescinding Resolution No.11389 and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement for Design Consulting and Community-Build Construction Assistance Services with Leathers & Associates for the Kid’s Play Park – Play Structure Replacement Project (Project PK2501) for \$111,569 in the Parks & Recreation Equipment/Capital Fund (Fund 609)
<b>FROM:</b>	Parks and Recreation Department

**RECOMMENDATION / COUNCIL ACTION**

Staff recommend that the City Council rescind Resolution No. 11389, which authorized the City Manager to execute an agreement with Leathers & Associates for design consulting services for the Kids Play Park Renovation Project at a cost of \$81,640. In alignment with the City Council’s May 27 direction to shift the project scope from a contract-build to a community-build, staff further recommend approval of Resolution No. 11469 – A Resolution Rescinding Resolution No.11389 and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement for Design Consulting and Community-Build Construction Assistance Services with Leathers & Associates for the Kid’s Play Park – Play Structure Replacement Project (Project PK2501) for \$111,569 in the Parks & Recreation Equipment/Capital Fund (Fund 609).

**BACKGROUND**

Folsom Kids Play Park, also known as Castle Park, is home to the beloved castle-themed wooden playground designed by Robert Leathers and built by the community in 1996. The almost 30-year-old wooden play structures have reached the end of their useful life and without replacement parts available, the City has decided to rebuild the play structures.

Staff publicly advertised a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the playground design with a due date of April 20, 2025. A total of 4 proposals were received and reviewed by staff from the Parks & Recreation Department. After following a comprehensive evaluation process, which is outlined in Resolution No. 11389, staff recommended awarding the Kids Play Park Renovation Project playground design contract to Leathers & Associates. The contract was presented to City Council

as Resolution No. 11389 on May 27. As a condition of approval, City Council directed staff to change the construction method to a community build to help with costs and complete the project in a faster timeline. Leathers & Associates was informed of the contract award and the new direction from City Council. In order to cover the additional costs of the community-build construction assistance services, Leathers & Associates increased their contract cost from \$81,640 to \$111,569.

### **POLICY / RULE**

In accordance with Chapter 2.36 of the Folsom Municipal Code, Public Works projects or purchases costing \$75,049 or greater shall be awarded by the City Council.

### **ANALYSIS**

In the original proposal for a contractor-built project, Leathers & Associates planned to provide only limited support during the contractor-led construction phase. Their involvement included having one construction superintendent attend three construction meetings and providing eight days of construction assistance over two site visits.

With the shift to a community-build, Leathers & Associates will now be responsible for an organizational phase to prepare for the community-build and for providing three construction superintendents to lead volunteers through a six-day construction period.

The resulting cost increase of \$29,929 reflects the additional construction superintendent's time required for more staff to lead the volunteers and the associated travel expenses.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

The Folsom Kid's Play Park – Play Structure Replacement project (Project PK2501) is included in the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Capital Improvement Plan with a project budget of \$800,000 in the Parks & Recreation Equipment/Capital Fund (Fund 609). Sufficient funds are budgeted and available within the fund and project budget to cover the cost of the agreement with Leathers & Associates for \$111,569 for design consulting and community build construction assistance services.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

Per California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines, replacing an existing playground is exempt from environmental review since the project involves minor alterations to an existing public facility with negligible or no expansion of use.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Resolution No. 11469 – A Resolution Rescinding Resolution No.11389 and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement for Design Consulting and Community-Build Construction Assistance Services with Leathers & Associates for the Kid's Play Park – Play Structure Replacement Project (Project PK2501) for \$111,569 in the Parks & Recreation Equipment/Capital Fund (Fund 609).

2. Leathers & Associates Agreement for Design Consulting and Community-Build Construction Assistance Services.
3. Resolution No.11389 – A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement for Design Consulting Services with Leathers & Associates for the Kids Play Park Renovation Project (Project PK2501).

Respectfully Submitted,

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Parks & Recreation Director