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COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT & RECREATION

To: Board of Public Works **Item 2b**

From: Terri Vosters, Community Enrichment & Recreation Director
Jake Van Gompel, Street & Park Superintendent

Date: 2/22/2023

Re: Authorization to seek bids for Project #6-23: LaFollette Park Playground Renovation

Discussion:

American Rescue Plan (ARPA) funds of \$350,000 were proposed to renovate a playground in an area of the City that historically has more disadvantaged children. Staff sought information from the School District and found that LaFollette Park would be the best option for this renovation.

Staff has been in contact with three vendors to evaluate a LaFollette Park playground renovation, potential layouts, and different equipment/amenities available. We are generating a final specifications manual with guidelines for the type of equipment, playground surfacing, and site amenities we would want to see installed. City staff will save costs by performing some of the site work in and around the playground area in conjunction with the project.

Currently, staff is seeking authorization to seek competitive bids for providing a final design/layout based on specifications, the furnishing and installing of park equipment, and related surfacing work, utilizing funds made available by the ARPA funding.

Recommended Action:

Authorize staff to seek bids for Project #6-23: LaFollette Park Playground Renovation.