



**TOWN OF LOS GATOS
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 09/17/2024

ITEM NO: 8

DATE: September 12, 2024
TO: Mayor and Town Council
FROM: Katy Nomura, Interim Town Manager
SUBJECT: Authorize the Interim Town Manager to Execute an Agreement with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. in the Amount of \$37,135 to Assess and Evaluate Artificial Turf and Natural Grass at Creekside Sports Park (CIP Project 831-4404)

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Interim Town Manager to execute an agreement with Kimely-Horn and Associates, Inc. (Attachment 1) in the amount of \$37,135 to assess and evaluate artificial turf and natural grass at Creekside Sports Park (CIP Project 831-4404).

BACKGROUND:

The Town of Los Gatos Capital Improvement Programs calls for the replacement of the artificial turf at Creekside Sports Park. Replacement of artificial is required approximately every 10 years as the synthetic material wears down over time. The synthetic material at this field is now 12 years old and its condition is deteriorating.

This project was partially funded in 2023. During development of the proposed Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2024/25, staff noted that additional funding was needed for the work to move forward. Town Council heard concerns from the community regarding the potential health and environmental impacts of the materials used in the fabrication of artificial turf. Additional funding was not added to the project.

DISCUSSION:

Staff sought cost proposals from three firms on the Parks and Public Works list of on-call consultants to provide an assessment of the use of artificial turf versus natural grass for

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Reviewed by: Interim Town Manager, Town Attorney, and Finance Director

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Creekside Sport Park. Kimley-Horn was the only respondent of the three firms from which proposals were sought.

Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. (Kimley-Horn) provided a comprehensive proposal to evaluate the pros and cons of the two field types, provide a comparison of construction costs for replacing the artificial turf versus reconstructing the field with natural grass, and to assess the long-term operating cost of the two field types. Staff is recommending that the Town enter into agreement with Kimley-Horn to complete this analysis. Result of their work will be presented to Town Council for consideration.

CONCLUSION:

Executing the agreement will allow staff to present an evaluation to Town Council regarding the use of artificial turf versus natural grass for the Creekside Sports Park.

COORDINATION:

This report has been coordinated with the Town Manager's Office and the Finance Department.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is sufficient funding in the Adopted Fiscal Year (FY) 2024/25 – 2028/29 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget to cover the agreement with Kimley Horn for the Creekside Turf Replacement Project. The total projected cost to replace the artificial turf was \$1 million in 2022. At this time the cost is estimated to be \$1.2 million.

| Creekside Turf Replacement CIP No. 831-4404 | | |
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| | Budget | Costs |
| GFAR | \$ 500,000 | |
| Total Budget | \$ 500,000 | |
| | | Costs |
| Agreement with Kimley Horn (Requested with this Staff Report) | | \$ 37,135 |
| Total Expenditures | | \$ 37,135 |
| | | |
| Available Balance | | \$ 462,865 |

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

This is not a project defined under CEQA, and no further action is required.

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Attachment:

1. Agreement for Consultant Services