



## CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

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**MEETING DATE:** 10/25/2022

**REQUESTER:** Bethany Grissom, Park Planner

**PRESENTER:** Jason Olsen, Director of Parks and Recreation

**ITEM TITLE:** CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF THE FINAL ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT K-2122-64: BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AND HAPPY PLAYGROUNDS L.L.C., FOR THE URBAN VINEYARD PARK PLAYGROUND PROJECT AND FINAL PAYMENT OF \$7,936.15.

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### **BACKGROUND:**

In October 2015, Norman residents passed the Norman Forward Initiative, which funds various projects through a ½ % sales tax increase over 15 years. The Norman Forward Initiative is a project to improve all of the City's neighborhood parks. The funds for this project are "pay-go," meaning that Parks staff can only do a few park projects per year as the funds from the sales tax are collected. Knowing this, Park Planning staff worked to identify criteria to determine which parks had the highest level of need to meet the standards expected in the City's public parks. The overall NORMAN FORWARD Neighborhood Park Improvement plan was presented to the Board of Park Commissioners in March 2017; and then to the City Council in May 2017 for approval of the plan to spend the first five years of funding. After completing the renovation projects at the City's three highest-needs parks in the first three years of the program, Vineyard Park was identified as the next park for playground and park improvements. The Vineyard Park improvements include a major playground replacement with synthetic grass safety surfacing.

### **DISCUSSION:**

On November 1, 2021, City Council approved Contract K-2122-64 for the NORMAN FORWARD Neighborhood Park Improvement Plan to Happy Playgrounds L.L.C. for \$180,000. The work included the installation of a modular play unit, stand-alone play components, synthetic grass safety surfacing, and a large shade structure. Due to a reduction in the square footage of the project 1,428 less square feet of synthetic turf had to be used reducing the overall cost by \$21,777 to a new total of \$158,232. Three partial payments were made during the construction process. The final invoice is for a final payment of \$7,936.15 (and also reflects the deduction in total turf costs).

On September 12, 2022, City of Norman Parks and Recreation Staff inspected the project at Vineyard Park and found it complete per specifications. Photos of the final project are attached.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that City Council accept the NORMAN FORWARD Neighborhood Park Improvement Urban Vineyard Park Playground Project as complete and approve payment in the amount of \$7,936.15 to Happy Playgrounds L.L.C. Funding is available in the Norman Forward Neighborhood Park Improvements Project, Construction (account 51798830-46101; project NFP104).