



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 4/11/2023

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-2122-97: BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AND HAPPY PLAYGROUNDS L.L.C., FOR THE CHERRY CREEK PARK PLAYGROUND PROJECT AND FINAL PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,900.

BACKGROUND:

In October 2015, Norman residents passed the Norman Forward Initiative, which funds various projects through a ½ % sales tax increase over 15 years. Included in 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 Development staff worked to identify criteria to determine which parks had the highest level of needs to bring them up to 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 program to spend the first five years of funding. After completing the renovation projects at the City's four highest-needs parks in the first four years of the program, Cherry Creek Park was identified as the next park for playground and park improvements. The Cherry Creek Park improvements include a significant playground replacement with synthetic grass safety surfacing.

DISCUSSION:

On February 22, 2022, City Council approved Contract Number K-2122-97 for the NORMAN FORWARD Neighborhood Park Improvement Plan to Happy Playgrounds L.L.C., in the amount of \$200,000. The work included the installation of a modular play unit, stand-alone play components, synthetic grass safety surfacing, and a large shade structure. Four partial payments were made during the construction process.

On April 5, 2023, Parks and Recreation Staff inspected the project at Cherry Creek Park and found it complete as per specifications.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that City Council accept the NORMAN FORWARD Neighborhood Park Improvement Cherry Creek Park Playground Project as complete and approve payment in the amount of \$11,900 to Happy Playgrounds L.L.C. Funding is available in the Norman Forward Neighborhood Park Improvements Project, Construction (account 51798830-46101; project NFP101).