

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-126

CITY COUNCIL TO CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION NO. 2024-, RECEIVING A PRESENTATION AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH LEATHERS AND ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR DESIGN SERVICES, PROJECT MANAGEMENT SERVICES AND CONSTRUCTION SUPERVISION FOR A NEW INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND AT DUNES CITY PARK SUBJECT TO REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY THE CITY ATTORNEY.

WHEREAS, On May 17, 2005, the City Council passed Resolution 2005-130 adopting the University Village Specific Plan. Included in the University Village Specific Plan is the park at the Dunes, now known as Dunes City Park; and

WHEREAS, several parks have been planned for development within Marina. On June 21, 2005, City Council passed Resolution 2005-159 Adopting a Negative Declaration and Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan. The Master Plan served as the basis for the preliminary planning for the city parks; and

WHEREAS, community outreach for parks planning was held on November 13, 2018. The design consultant team retained by the City, Verde Design (Verde), prepared parks concept plans for City various parks, including the Dunes City Park, that were presented to a joint Public Works Commission and Recreation and Cultural Services Commission on February 21, 2019; and

WHEREAS, on April 9, 2019, Resolution 2019-36 the City Council received presentation and provided comments on several city parks including the Dunes City Park, and

WHEREAS, on January 26, 2023, an on-site Marina community engagement open house was held and was followed by an in-person public presentation in the City Council Chambers. There were 35 and 42 attendees of the community engagement and public presentation, respectively. Participant preferred option, questions and comments were received at the community engagement as well as through the email address created specifically for this project; and

WHEREAS, on March 16th, 2023, the Public Works Commission received a presentation and provided input on the Dunes City Parks concept options; and

WHEREAS, on March 21, 2023, the City Council received a presentation on the various concept options and approved Option 2; and

WHEREAS, during the City Council retreat to review FY 2023-2025 budget, the City Council decided to remove the ballfield at the Dunes City Park and fund the refurbishment of Preston Park. This decision triggered a redesign on the previously approved Option 2 of the Dunes City Park; and

WHEREAS, On February 6, 2024, the City Council received a presentation and approved the program elements to be included, see **EXHIBIT A**, which includes a great lawn, fitness court, multicourt, basketball court, sand volleyball court, tennis courts, a restroom, and an expansive inclusive playground; and

WHEREAS, the Dunes City Park Project is included in the Capital Improvement Program budget, QLP 2017 and is fully funded at \$9.9 million; and

WHEREAS, the City of Marina desires a state-of-the-art, custom designed, community built, inclusive playground approximately 30,000-38,000 square feet; and

WHEREAS, Leathers and Associates Inc. are leaders in state-of-the-art, custom designed, community built, inclusive playgrounds.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Marina that does hereby:

1. Authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Leathers and Associates, Inc. for design services, project management services and construction supervision for a new inclusive playground at Dunes City Park, not to exceed \$1,707,771.00, subject to review and approval by the City Attorney.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Marina at a regular meeting duly held on the 6th day of November 2024, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: McAdams, McCarthy, Biala, Visscher, Delgado

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ATTEST:

Bruce C. Delgado, Mayor

Anita Sharp, Deputy City Clerk

October 23, 2024

Item No. **13a**

Honorable Mayor and Members
of the Marina City Council

City Council Meeting
of November 6, 2024

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RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that City Council consider:

1. Adopting Resolution No. 2024-, authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Leathers and Associates, Inc. for design services, project management services and construction supervision for a new inclusive playground at Dunes City Park, not to exceed \$1,707,771.00, subject to review and approval by the City Attorney.

BACKGROUND:

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Community outreach for parks planning was held on November 13, 2018. The design consultant team retained by the City, Verde Design (Verde), prepared parks concept plans for various City parks, including the Dunes City Park, that were presented to a joint Public Works Commission and Recreation and Cultural Services Commission on February 21, 2019.

On April 9, 2019, Resolution 2019-36 the city council received a presentation and provided comments on several City parks including the Dunes City Park. Comments for this park included space for an inclusive playground.

On January 26, 2023, an on-site Marina community engagement open house was held and was followed by an in-person public presentation in the City Council Chambers. There were 35 and 42 attendees in the community engagement and public presentation, respectively. Participant questions and comments were received at the community engagement event as well as through the email address created specifically for this project.

On March 16th, 2023, the Public Works Commission received a presentation and provided input on the Dunes City Parks concept options.

On March 21, 2023, the City Council received a presentation on the various concept options and approved Option 2.

On February 6, 2024, the City Council received a presentation and approved the specific program elements, which includes a great lawn, fitness court, multicourt, basketball court, sand volleyball court, tennis courts, a restroom, and an expansive inclusive playground, see **EXHIBIT A**.

ANALYSIS:

The approved Phase I programming at Dunes City Park includes a great lawn, fitness court, multicourt, basketball court, sand volleyball court, tennis courts, a restroom, and an expansive inclusive playground.

The vision for the playground is a state of the art, custom designed, inclusive playground approximately 30,000-38,000 square feet.

This playground will break the mold of traditional, manufactured playgrounds by creating one that is custom designed, community built, and unique to the ideas and dreams of Marina youth and their families.

Each Leathers and Associates, Inc. playground is one-of-a-kind and reflects the community in which it is built. Designs are inspired by natural and historic features, local traditions, architecture and the ideas and imagination of local youth.

Leathers and Associates are leaders in accessible play. Their designs include features for children and adults with mobility limitations, sensory processing disorders, visual and auditory impairments, and developmental and cognitive delays. Their designs utilize equipment with different levels of challenge, providing play opportunities for children of all abilities, which fosters cooperative, social, and shoulder-to-shoulder play.

Additionally, Leathers and Associates are one of a few firms that supports projects in which the community actually builds the playground on site. Under the supervision of construction consultants, hundreds of volunteers will work side-by-side to build the playground from the ground up – all within the span of approximately 2 weeks.

This approach drives community engagement and pride as every volunteer will take ownership of this new and exciting playground.

Together, the City of Marina and Leathers and Associates will create one of the largest inclusive playgrounds in California which will not only serve Marina but will become a destination, drawing families from the region and potentially the entire state.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Total estimated expenditure is \$ 1,707,771.00.

This is an approved CIP project (QLP 2017) with an available funding amount of \$ 9.9 M to complete Dunes City Park, including the inclusive playground.

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

The presentation and providing input for Dunes City Park is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per Article 20 Section 15378 and under General Rule Article 5 Section 15061.

CONCLUSION:

This request is submitted to the City Council for consideration and input.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Willer, Ed.D.
Recreation & Cultural
Services Director
City of Marina

REVIEWED/CONCUR:

Layne P. Long
City Manager
City of Marina

EXHIBIT A

