



Parks & Recreation

To: Mayor and City Council Members
Doug Faseler, City Manager

From: Jack Jones, Director of Parks and Recreation

Through: Rick Cortes, Assistant City Manager

Date: August 5, 2014

Subject: **Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a Design/Build Agreement with Transcend, Inc. D/B/A SPA Skateparks for a not-to-exceed price of \$385,000 to provide design, build, and construction administration services for a new public skateboard park within the new community park on the west side of Seguin as approved in the November 2013 Parks Bond Election.**

In May 2014, staff released a Request for Qualifications (RFQ's) document to solicit qualifications from design/build skate park firms/teams from around the country. This was phase 1 of a two part process to help the City to select the best qualified firm/team to design and build the skate park. By the deadline of May 20, 2014, the following nine firms/teams submitted their qualifications for consideration:

- Evergreen Skateparks
- California Skateparks
- Grindline Skateparks
- Misiano Skateparks
- Pillar Design Studios & Artisan Skateparks
- Reynolds, Porter, Northshore Development
- SPA Skateparks
- Spohn Ranch Skateparks
- Wally Hollyday Skateparks

City staff ranked all nine firms/teams in accordance with the following general evaluation criteria (summary) published in the RFQ document:

- General Background, Experience, Qualifications, and Capabilities
- Skate Park Designers Background, Experience, Qualifications, and Capabilities
- Skate Park Construction Background, Experience, Qualifications, and Capabilities
- Project Understanding and Approach

After the initial rankings were completed, City staff narrowed the field to the top three scoring firms/teams to move on to the second phase of the selection process. The following three firms/teams were clearly ranked above the others and represent the top design and build skate park firms/teams in the country:

- Grindline Skateparks
- SPA Skateparks
- Spohn Ranch Skateparks

In June 2014, staff released a Request for Proposal's (RFP's) document to the top three firms/teams. They were asked to submit proposals by the deadline of July 1, 2014 within a not-to-exceed budget of \$385,000 for a minimum 10,000 square foot public skateboard park. The proposals included at least two design concepts illustrative of what each firm/team could do within the not-to-exceed budget. The proposals were ranked in accordance with the following general evaluation criteria (summary) published in the RFP document:

- Proposed Concept
- Timeframe
- References
- Budget

Based upon the rankings, staff recommended the selection of SPA Skateparks to provide design, build, and construction administration services for the skate park. Some of the reasons for selecting SPA over the other two firms/teams were:

- Desirable illustrative concepts ranging from 10,100-12,000 square feet of skateable area.
- SPA Skateparks and their partner New Line Skateparks, Inc. have completed approximately 20 skate park projects in Texas and 200 across the country. Some local Texas projects have included the Jaws Skate Park in New Braunfels, Boerne, Cedar Park, and a new skate spot in Schertz.
- Timeframe for skate park design and construction was generally in-line with the overall park construction of the new community park on the west side of Seguin.
 - As proposed, public input meetings to design the skate park would begin in September with concept approval in October of this year. It is anticipated that skate park construction will begin in January 2015. Depending on weather and construction of the infrastructure related to the skate park that will be completed separately by the General Contractor for the overall community park project, it is anticipated that the skate park will be open to the public in the April/May 2015 timeframe.

At the City Council meeting on July 15, 2014, the City Council unanimously approved a resolution approving the selection of SPA Skateparks to provide design, build, and construction administration services for a new public skateboard park within the new community park on the west side of Seguin as approved in the November 2013 Parks Bond Election authorizing the City Manager to negotiate a contract with SPA Skateparks.

City staff recommends approving the resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a Design/Build Agreement with Transcend, Inc. D/B/A SPA Skateparks for a not-to-exceed price of \$385,000 to provide design, build, and construction administration services for a new public skateboard park within the new community park on the west side of Seguin as approved in the November 2013 Parks Bond Election.