

MEMORANDUM

To: City of Seguin Mayor and Council
Steve Parker, City Manager

From: Jack Jones, Director of Parks & Recreation

Through: Rick Cortes, Deputy City Manager

Subject: Resolution of the City Council of the City of Seguin, Texas authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Agreement with Play & Park Structures of Southern Texas regarding the BuyBoard quote in the amount of \$625,268.40 for the purchase and installation of an inclusive playground, large pavilion, and multi-generational outdoor fitness equipment/station at Bauer Park that is funded through the American Rescue Plan Act; and declaring an effective date.

Date: November 1, 2022

On June 16, 1910, William Bauer filed a survey/plat known as the Wm Bauer Subdivision with Guadalupe County. The block bounded by College Avenue, Marys Street, Bauer Street, and Bruns Street was designated on the survey/plat as "Bauer Park". The area was maintained by the City as a public park.

In April of 1962, the descendants of William Bauer granted to the City any rights that they might have in Bauer Park and specifically granted permission to use the park property for a public library. In 1965, the new library facility opened for public use and was closed in 2016 with the construction of the new state of the art library located on Nolte Street.

Demolition of the old library was completed in February of 2019 along with approval for the reaffirmation of Bauer Park as the name of the former library site located at 717 E. College Street. After the demolition, park restoration included sodding the disturbed areas with bermuda grass, adding sidewalks along Bauer and Elm Streets where none existed to create an exercise loop, and adding park benches. As part of the Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trails Master Plan approved in March of 2020, a specific master plan was completed for Bauer Park. On January 18, 2022, City Council approved \$700,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for improvements to Bauer Park.

City staff has been working with Play & Park Structures of Southern Texas recently to come up with a detailed park design that meets the overall intent of the Parks Master Plan including the Conceptual Bauer Park Site Plan on page 43 of the Parks Master Plan. The differences in the current design versus the conceptual plan are the colors of the shade structures and the playground features as the yellow colors do not hold up as well as compared to blue colors in the Texas sun. In addition, product warranties are reduced by years for yellow colors. The inner crushed granite walkway is not needed, and staff is hopeful for a donation of public art, such as book sculpture, etc., at some point in the future.

Play & Park Structures submitted a BuyBoard quote for the purchase and installation of an inclusive playground, large pavilion, and multi-generational outdoor fitness equipment/station in the amount of \$625,268.40. The BuyBoard is a Local Government Purchasing Cooperative administered by the Texas Association of School Boards in Austin, Texas. City purchases utilizing the BuyBoard are in compliance with all State bidding requirements.

City staff has reached out to local community organizations and companies/businesses regarding three sponsorship opportunities for inclusive playground features at Bauer Park. The City of Seguin is pleased to announce that Caterpillar, Inc. is sponsoring the Inclusive Orbit in the amount of \$20,000 and Niagara Bottling, LLC. is sponsoring the Sensory Roundabout in the amount of \$15,000. This is similar to when Park West was constructed as the four Seguin area Lions Clubs sponsored the Rock’N Ship and the Kiwanis Club of Seguin sponsored the Tots’ Choice Arch Swing.

At a special called meeting October 24, 2022, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board unanimously recommended approval for City Council consideration of the design and proposal from Play & Park Structures of Southern Texas as presented. City staff recommends approval of a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Seguin, Texas authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Agreement with Play & Park Structures of Southern Texas regarding the BuyBoard quote in the amount of \$625,268.40 for the purchase and installation of an inclusive playground, large pavilion, and multi-generational outdoor fitness equipment/station at Bauer Park that is funded through the American Rescue Plan Act; and declaring an effective date.