

CITY OF SEGUIN



To: City of Seguin Mayor and City Council
From: Jack Jones, Director of Parks and Recreation
Through: Steve Parker, City Manager
Rick Cortes, Deputy City Manager
Mark Kennedy, City Attorney
Date: June 17, 2025
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 a BuyBoard quote in the amount of \$714,320.09 for the purchase and installation of an inclusive playground and fitness stations at Manuel C. Castilla Park; and declaring an effective date.

Historical Background

Manuel C. Castilla Park was named after one of Seguin's first Hispanic City Council Members who was a veteran and member of the American G.I. Forum. The small pocket park (0.25 acres) on the east side of N. Guadalupe St. and on the north side of W. Martindale St. was dedicated in 1993 and renovated in 1996. In 2002, additional parkland located on the west side of N. Guadalupe St. (12.4 acres) was dedicated to the City of Seguin by the Rio Nogales Power Plant (now CPS Energy). This included a ¼ mile walking/jogging asphalt track, small playground, and a restroom building.

There have been several improvements at Manuel C. Castilla Park over the past 13 years as follows:

- In 2012, a 24' by 40' picnic pavilion was constructed on the west side of the park that included picnic tables and a grill.
 - A sidewalk connecting to the parking lot, pavilion lighting, and electricity were added in 2014.
- In 2014, a large amount of dirt was added by City staff to the large practice field area on the west side of the park to cover exposed rocks. An irrigation system was installed on the practice field area and then hydro-mulched/seeded.
- In 2015, a new larger and more modern restroom was constructed on the west side of the park to replace an older one. In addition, the ¼ mile walking/jogging asphalt track was resurfaced with new asphalt.
- In 2016, the following improvements were made to the east side of the park through CPS Energy's Day of Caring:
 - A concrete sidewalk from the existing sidewalk on W. Martindale St. to the existing concrete pad and a concrete sidewalk from the existing concrete pad to the existing flagpole area was added.
 - Six new matching military benches (Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, and POW/MIA) were added, and two other benches were purchased that replaced old benches.
 - Two new picnic tables were purchased for the small pavilion.
 - Plants, bushes, and trees were planted.
 - Replaced the old bleacher near the basketball court with a new three row aluminum bleacher.

- In 2018, a crosswalk on N. Guadalupe St. was added along with park sidewalks along W. Martindale St. and N. Guadalupe St.
- In 2020, 15 trees were planted that was approved as part of the fiscal year 2019/2020 budget. Funding came from the Tree Preservation Fund.
- In 2022, a new concrete basketball court with LED lighting was constructed on the east side of the park (similar to the basketball court at Park West) replacing the old asphalt court that was in a state of disrepair.
- In 2022, LED lighting was added to the practice field area on the west side of the park for use at night in the fall when the time changes.
- In 2023, the drinking fountain was replaced with a new one on the east side of the park.
- In 2023, the poured-in-place rubberized surfacing was replaced with new surfacing at the playground on the east side of the park.
- In 2025, a new large size 40' x 60' foot picnic pavilion was constructed on the west side of the park by the Seguin Chamber Leadership Class that included picnic tables and a grill.

On October 17, 2023, City staff gave a presentation to City Council regarding Manuel C. Castilla Park including recommended improvements needed as part of the 2020 Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trails Master Plan. As written in the Master Plan, Manuel C. Castilla Park is designated as a Community Park. One of the recommendations for the park was a large, inclusive playground. As discussed at the meeting, the park is heavily used daily by the community for things such as walking/jogging, tackle football practice, flag football, cheerleading, baseball/softball practices, large family gatherings, etc. In addition, there is a large Kite Flying Day held at the park annually.

At the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting on June 2, 2025, Recreation Consultant Jeff Mankins with Play & Park Structures of Southern Texas presented a new playground concept that is unique and different from other playgrounds in the area that have been recently installed by Play & Park Structures of Southern Texas. The Board recommended approval for City Council consideration of the playground concept and four fitness stations as presented at the Board meeting.

Action Requested

Staff is requesting City Council approval of the proposed playground concept and quote/scope of work from Play & Park Structures of Southern Texas in the amount of \$714,320.09. The proposal submitted aligns with staff's direction to the playground consultant requesting a unique playscape concept including four fitness stations and needed sidewalk connections. The proposed playground will be a tremendous upgrade to the park replacing the small and out of date 23-year-old playground located inside the ¼ mile walking/jogging track.

Procurement Methodology & Funding Source

In the adopted fiscal year 2024/2025 Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Budget, \$700,000 was approved for a new playground. In addition, on April 1, 2025, the City Council approved a Budget Amendment in the amount of \$250,000 from the Park Development Fund for additional work needed in the park for things such as a required Site Plan, three new baseball/softball practice backstops, required site detention, new irrigation, trees, hydro-mulching for grass, etc.

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.

Staff Recommendation

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 a BuyBoard quote in the amount of \$714,320.09 for the purchase and installation of an inclusive playground and fitness stations at Manuel C. Castilla Park; and declaring an effective date.

ATTACHMENTS

- Resolution
- Proposed Playground Concept
- BuyBoard Quote
- Picture of the playground being replaced