



DATE: April 30, 2019

CATEGORY: Consent

DEPT.: Public Works

TITLE: **Wyandotte Park, Project 18-34 –
Approve Plans and Specifications
and Authorize Bidding**

RECOMMENDATION

1. Approve plans and specifications for Wyandotte Park and authorize staff to advertise the project for bidding.
2. Authorize the City Manager to award the construction contract to the lowest responsible bidder if the low bid is within the project budget.

BACKGROUND

In February 2015, the City acquired the parcel at 2254 Wyandotte Street (0.88 acre) for a new park. The property was formerly used as a dog kennel and, in early 2016, the City demolished the structures on the site.

Staff held two community meetings and brought forth the concept favored by the community to the Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) on September 12, 2018.

On November 13, 2018, Council approved the conceptual plan recommended by the PRC for the new park and also approved “Wyandotte Park” as the name. Council also discussed and approved the addition of public art for the project, mitigation and removal of eight Heritage trees, and modification from a mounded lawn area to a flat lawn area in the front of the park. See Figure 1 below for the Council-Approved Concept Plan.

Figure 1: Council-Approved Concept Plan



ANALYSIS

In January 2019, eight Heritage trees were removed and all remaining trees were pruned. The site is currently used as a temporary storage yard by a City utilities contractor through the end of May 2019.

The plans and specifications have been prepared in compliance with the Council-approved conceptual plan and feature the following amenities:

- Natural discovery zones;
- Open space with mulch under trees;
- Benches/pathway seating;
- Minimal structure play/primarily organic play;
- Water play feature – small trickle of water running through cobbles;
- Flat lawn area near Wyandotte Street;
- Loop trail within trees; and
- Public art (element and location to be determined).

A raised crosswalk on Wyandotte Street is also included to help tie the site to the existing pocket park across the street. Bollard lighting similar to lighting at Heritage Park is included to light the pathway at the rear and provide modest lighting for security purposes. Two accessible parking stalls will be added along the street frontage.

A short fence is planned on the frontage and permeable concrete pathways will accommodate City vehicles for maintenance purposes. Benches are located throughout the park along with two picnic tables, a bike rack, and landscape boulders. The existing perimeter fence will be replaced with a new “Good Neighbor” fence.

Public Art

Following Council direction to include public art, staff presented the project to the Visual Arts Committee (VAC) at their February 13, 2019 meeting and developed criteria to release the Call for Artists to solicit art proposals in March. The City received nine proposals within the public art budget. The VAC reviewed the proposals at their April 10, 2019 meeting and requested additional information from one of the top three artists. The VAC expects to make a final selection at its May 2019 meeting.

Following the selection by the VAC, staff will submit the recommendation to Council in June 2019 for approval and authorization for the City Manager to execute an agreement

with the artist. With Council approval of the public art before the summer break, staff expects installation of the art in time for the opening of the new park.

Project Schedule

If Council approves the recommended actions, park construction is expected to begin in July 2019 and be completed by early 2020.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Wyandotte Park Construction, Project 18-34, is funded with \$2,580,000 from the Park Land Dedication Fund. There are sufficient funds to implement construction of this project.

The estimated total project cost is as follows:

Construction (including contingency)	\$2,150,000
Consultant Services	50,000
City Project Management	60,000
Construction Inspection and Testing	70,000
Public Art	18,000
Permits, Printing, Miscellaneous	20,000
Project Contingency	<u>54,500</u>
Subtotal	\$2,422,500
City Administration @ 6.5%	<u>157,500</u>
TOTAL ESTIMATED COST	<u>\$2,580,000</u>

ALTERNATIVES

1. Do not approve plans and specifications and authorization to bid the project and place the project on hold.
2. Provide other direction.

PUBLIC NOTICING – Agenda posting and announcement on the City website.

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