

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: **PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FOR NEW PARK IN BAKER SUBDIVISION**

BACKGROUND:

As part of the development of the Baker Subdivision, located on the north side of Tripp St, there is approximately a one-half-acre parcel of land set aside for a park. The Planning and Housing and Parks and Recreation Departments have been working together to plan and develop the land into a park. The park will include a shelter, playground equipment, two-bay swing set, drinking fountain, grills, picnic tables, park bench, and a park sign. The park development is planned for later this spring.

Staff requested proposals from qualified playground vendors to provide and install the playground equipment for the space. Staff received proposals from three vendors, listed in the table below along with the cost of the proposals. Each vendor was allowed to provide up to two playground proposals.

Vendor	Proposal 1	Proposal 2
BCI Burke Company, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin	\$65,000	\$65,000
Cunningham Recreation, Charlotte, North Carolina	\$64,885	N/A
Play-Pro Recreation, Clive, Iowa	\$65,000	\$65,000

Staff reviewed each proposal for creativity, accessibility, site compatibility, and cost versus relative play value. **Staff determined that Proposal 1 from Play-Pro Recreation rated the highest rated.** Proposal 1 is shown in Attachment A & B. Staff contacted Play-Pro Recreation about adding one more stand along ground component at a cost of \$3,220, bringing the total cost to \$68,220.

FUNDING:

There is \$130,000 available through the City's Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) to complete this project. With the playground equipment and installation cost of \$68,220, there is \$61,780 left to complete the remaining items of the park project.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Award a contract to Play-Pro Recreation, Clive, Iowa, to purchase and install playground equipment (Proposal 1) for the park in Baker Subdivision in the amount of \$68,220, utilizing CDBG funding.
2. Award a contract to one of the other companies for a proposal submitted.
3. Do not award a contract at this time and refer back to staff.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Staff reviews each playground proposal with a critical eye to ensure patrons will have a great experience and the City receives equipment that is at the best price. Play-Pro Recreation has provided and installed multiple playgrounds throughout the park system in Ames over the last couple of years. Staff feels the equipment will be long lasting and will provide extensive play opportunities for families in the Baker Subdivision. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative #1, as noted above.

ATTACHMENT(S):

[Attachment A - Play-Pro Proposal 1.pdf](#)

[Attachment B - Play-Pro Proposal 1 Overhead View.pdf](#)