

Agenda Item: 2.c

Meeting Date: November 17, 2020

MEMORANDUM

To: City Commission

Date: 2020-11-05

From: Vince Gizzi

Subject: Purchase of Playground Equipment for Edgewater Park

Presenter(s): Lanie Sheets, Administration Superintendent

Recommend: Motion to award a contract to REP Services, Inc. of Lake Mary, FL in the amount of \$155,264.45 to furnish and install playground equipment, safety surfacing, and shade structure at Edgewater Park.

Epic Goal(s): Create a visual sense of place throughout Dunedin.

Boards & Committees: Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee
Disability Advisory Committee

Budget Impact: Funds for this work were budgeted in the Penny Fund (Account # 134-4647-572-056401) in fiscal year 2021 in the amount of \$150,000. The additional funds will be met through carry-forward of \$18,272.

Past Action: NA

Next Action: NA

Attachments: [A. Edgewater Playground Quote.pdf](#), [B. Edgewater Playground Site Plan.pdf](#), [C. Purchasing Memo Playground Equipment Edgewater Park 2021 \(REP Services\).pdf](#),

Background: Edgewater Park is one of our most popular park destinations and a popular site for families to bring their children to play or gather for celebrations. The

pre-school playground and both swing sets have reached their useful life and are due for replacement. With the location of the playground next to the Dunedin Marina, the Edgewater Playground has a nautical theme with aqua tones, sea life and life ring panels, and wooden planks.

The current equipment layout is separated with the school-age equipment, preschool equipment, and two sets of swings all in isolated areas. The new layout will bring the entire layout together allowing for a better use pattern for both parents and children. A large shade unit will cover the new equipment protecting the users from the harsh Florida sun and providing for an enjoyable experience throughout the year. Traditionally, parent bench seating is located around the perimeter of the playground. Although this playground will have that as well, a special and unique feature will include a centralized seating area with picnic tables under the shade canopy. This seating area will provide a 360 degree viewing of the entire playground allowing parents and guardians to simultaneously keep an eye on children of different ages.

The most recent addition of playground equipment with extra consideration for inclusive design was the school-age equipment at Edgewater Park. In 2017, with the support from the GFWC Women's Club of North Pinellas and the Disability Advisory Committee, The school-age unit included multi-generational and barrier-free equipment including a wheelchair accessible rocking boat and play as well as a merry go round with raised seat backs for additional support. Staff has worked diligently to expand upon the inclusive design. The new swing sets will include an ADA swing with a molded seat back and harness. Additionally, a "parent and child" swing set will be installed so families can swing together.

A quote was obtained from Rep Services, Inc. in the amount of \$155,264.45 to furnish and install playground equipment, safety surfacing and shade structure at Edgewater Park based on the Clay County Contract (#18/19-2) pricing. The remaining budgeted amount will be utilized to demolish the existing structure, for permitting costs, and to purchase and install the necessary sidewalk connections and site amenities including picnic tables, benches, etc. Funding for the projects is as follows:

Fiscal year 2021 playground CIP	\$150,000
Fiscal year 2020 playground carry-forward	\$18,272
Total	\$168,272

Staff recommends that a contract be awarded to Rep Services, Inc. as noted above.