



## CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

**FROM:** The Office of the City Manager    **DATE:** April 9, 2018

**SUBJECT:** Approve award of bid RFP No. 18-008 to Whirlix Design, LLC for the design, manufacture and installation of playground equipment, fall zone material, and shade elements at Norich Park in the amount of \$198,000.00 and authorize the City Manager to execute the associated construction agreement.

**PRESENTER:** Michael Wilson, Park Planner

### **SUMMARY:**

This item is to award the bid for purchase and installation of new playground equipment, shade structures, and fall surface material at Norich Park. The currently approved capital projects budget includes \$205,000 for the project, with funding sourced from park impact fee reserves.

### **GENERAL DESCRIPTION:**

The playground equipment at Norich Park was installed in 1994 and, due to its use and age, is scheduled to be replaced. Competitive sealed proposals were received on February 20, 2018 from:

- Child's Play Inc.
- KOMPAN Inc.
- Lea Park & Play Inc.
- The Playwell Group Inc.
- Play By Design, Inc.
- WeBuildFun Inc.
- Whirlix Design LLC.

Selection criteria included quality and uniqueness of design, play value and aesthetics, durability of equipment, ease of maintenance, parts availability, quality and performance of previous work, warranty, key project personnel, and price. Based on an evaluation of the selection criteria, a five-member committee recommends awarding the bid to Whirlix Design, LLC. Their proposal offered the greatest diversity of playground components and accessibility for all ages and abilities, representing the best value to the City.

The Whirlix proposal, in the amount of \$198,000.00, includes the design, manufacture and installation of a playground system including subsurface drainage rock, fall zone material, and shade elements at Norich Park.



Whirlix is the new North Texas distributor of Landscape Structures playground components. Landscape Structures has a history of producing quality, durable products with a high amount of play value. Our most recent installation of a Landscape Structures playground was at Adventure World Playground.

The project schedule anticipates construction activities to begin in August, after peak summer use.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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