

RE: Rotary Park Playground Equipment Grant

Background:

The main playground structure at Rotary Park has been in service since the later 1990's. This equipment has served our community well; however it is becoming harder and harder to get replacement parts to repair necessary pieces.

Analysis:

After working with our playground vendor with the McCauley Park playground and learning about a grant opportunity that would allow for a new playground structure at half price we are taking this opportunity to also renovate the Rotary Park main playground structure.

In order to pay for our half of this playground we anticipate using funds saved from the McCauley Park Playground renovation due to a sponsorship received from Christian County Links. This would allow the department to spend up to \$100,000 for the playground equipment, demolition of the old playground, and installation of the new playground. This will then put a new nearly \$200,000 play set at Rotary Park in early 2023, with funds that will be spent this year.

This complete project to renovate both McCauley Park playground and Rotary Park playground will be completed with the budgeted Capital Improvement project in the 2022 budget.

Recommendation:

Staff is excited about the opportunity to renovate both playgrounds in McCauley Park and Rotary Park and are very excited for the this grant opportunity and the partnership with CC Links that is allowing the parks department to afford both projects with funds already in the 2022 budget. Thank you for your continued support as we look forward to a very productive fall and winter having new playgrounds installed.

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