

April 7, 2005

Honorable Mayor and Members of  
The Hermosa Beach City Council

Regular Meeting of  
April 12, 2005

**PROJECT CIP 04-534 PARK IMPROVEMENTS - FORT  
LOTS-O-FUN PLAYGROUND RENOVATION  
APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS**

**Recommendation:**

It is recommended that the City Council authorize staff to advertise for bids for the Fort Lots-O-Fun Park renovation and sole source with Big Toys, Inc. for the playground equipment for this park.

**Summary:**

The Friends of the Parks Community Foundation, comprised of Hermosa Beach residents, serves to provide needs assessments for community parks and recreation programs. Upon its formation in 2003, the organization deemed equipment replacement at Fort Lots-O-Fun as a priority project. The playground equipment is antiquated and does not meet state safety requirements, nor does it comply with the current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards.

The Friends of the Parks organization raised and donated \$10,000 towards the Fort Lots-O-Fun Playground Equipment Program. The Friends of the Parks Board held a public meeting to select a park design and playground equipment to satisfy residents' needs and concerns. The proposed design involves a large fort with two spring structures that simulate swing action. The new design maintains the existing open space and allows for open play plus a peripheral track for wheeled play equipment. After receiving and reviewing extensive feedback from residents, the Board contacted several playground equipment manufacturers and evaluated their equipment for safety, aesthetics and cost, then selected Big Toys, Inc. playground equipment.

The Fort Lots-O-Fun playground renovation includes construction of concrete access ramps per ADA requirements, a decomposed granite path around the park, replacement of existing chain link fencing, installation of a new wooden fort-style gate, installation of innovative playground equipment by Big Toys, Inc. along with installation of safety rubber matting.

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the renovation of Fort Lots-O-Fun as described and authorize staff to advertise for bids for Fort Lots-O-Fun renovation project with selected Big Toys, Inc. for the playground equipment.

**Attachments:**

1. Proposed Layout
2. Diagram of Proposed Front Gate

Respectfully submitted,

Concur:

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