

COUNCIL ACTION FORM**SUBJECT:** RIVER VALLEY PARK SOFTBALL INFIELD RENOVATION PROJECT**BACKGROUND:**

This project includes renovation of six softball infields in River Valley Park, four fields are located at 1015 E. 13th St. and two fields located at 1200 E. 13th St. Renovation includes removal of existing infield material and drainage, relocating irrigation lines, adding new drainage, and installing new infield material to specified depths. The fields were initially constructed in the late 1960's and were renovated in the late 1980's from soil infields to the current infield material. Drainage was installed during that time to remove ground water from the subgrade, which allows the fields to drain quicker. Since the fields are located in a flood plain, over the years they have flooded multiple times. After each flooding event, various maintenance practices are required to make the fields safe and playable including, but not limited to, cleaning up debris, removing silt from the playing surface, and replacing infield material. Multiple flood events have made the infield surfaces inconsistent and made draining the fields less efficient. The only way to overcome this situation is to renovate the infields.

The FY 2016/17 budget appropriated \$140,000 to renovate all six infields at River Valley Park. Bolton & Menk, Ames, Iowa, was hired to develop plans and specifications for the project. Project estimates generated by Bolton & Menk determined the cost for the project, including design, observation, and an eight percent contingency at \$140,013. Project details and costs are as follows:

Landscape Architect's Estimate:

Infield Renovation	\$109,850
Contingency (8%)	\$ 8,788
Bolton & Menk Design & Observation Assistance	<u>\$ 21,375</u>
Total Estimate:	<u>\$140,013</u>

The contractor may start renovating the four fields in North River Valley Park, 1015 E. 13th St, once play has concluded on August 27. As soon as fall softball is completed in mid October, the contractor will start renovation on the two fields in South River Valley Park, 1200 E. 13th St. The contractor has until November 11, 2017 to complete the project.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve Plans and Specifications for the River Valley Softball Infield Renovation Project and set the bid due date for April 4, 2017, and April 11, 2017 as the date of hearing and award of the contract.
2. Do not approve the plans and specifications at this time, delaying the River Valley Softball Infield Renovation Project.

3. Refer back to staff.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The softball fields have been a critical component of providing a quality softball program for many years that is why it is necessary for the renovation to take place. Over the last five years, many improvements have taken place to provide a great experience for users including replacing the fencing on all six fields, replacing the irrigation on all six fields, replacing the scoreboards, adding a shelter and playground in South River Valley, renovating the concession stand in North River Valley and replacing the lights in South River Valley. The infield renovation is the last step in providing a quality, safe experience for users.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving Plans and Specifications for the River Valley Park Softball Infield Renovation Project and set the bid due date for April 4, 2017, and April 11, 2017, as the date of hearing and award of the contract.