

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: SKATE PARK RENOVATION PROJECT

BACKGROUND:

This project is to make needed repairs to the Skate Park and to add additional features as funds allow. The base bid included repairing and/or replacing concrete sections, sealing cracks, repairing coping, filling popouts, and adding two additional skate elements. These two elements include an LA Highbank on the west side of the park and a five-foot Floating Ramp on the northwest corner. Alternate 1 adds a five-foot Floating Ramp to the southwest corner of the park, while Alternate 2 adds a twelve-foot Grind Edge to the east side.

Within the FY 2013/14 Capital Improvements Plan, \$75,000 was appropriated to replace concrete sections at the skate park. Initial cost estimates from a local consultant suggested that costs would exceed the appropriated CIP amount. As a result of that new information, an additional \$30,000 was added to the project to ensure all recommended repairs were completed, for a total project budget of \$105,000.

American Ramp Company (ARC) was hired and conducted a public input session with users in FY 2014/15 to gain feedback regarding issues, concerns, and what skating elements should be added to the park. **ARC estimated the total project cost to be \$115,790 which included the base bid, Alternates 1 & 2, and design fees.**

Bid Specifications and Drawings were sent out to nine firms specializing in skate park repair and construction. Only one bid was received for the project:

Bidder	Base Bid	Alternate #1	Alternate #2	Total Bid with Alternates
Spohn Ranch	\$141,475.46	\$5,292.76	\$2,982.15	\$149,750.37

The bid received on March 30 was higher than expected. Since then, Staff received feedback from six of the nine skate park firms specializing in skate park repairs and construction on why they didn't bid the project. Feedback received is indicated below.

- Project scope was too small compared to other projects that are out for bid.
- One company indicated they don't specialize in installing pre-cast elements in the skate parks they construct.
- Two companies indicated their construction schedule for 2016 is already full and were unable to take on more work.

- Two companies indicated they prefer to work only on Design Build projects, which the State of Iowa prohibits municipalities from awarding public improvement projects to firms for both the Design and Build components of the same project.
- One company said that even if the scope of the project was decreased to lower the overall project cost, skate park construction companies would be even less likely to bid the project.

When adding the design fees of \$10,000 to the total bid for repairs and new elements, the total project cost is nearly \$160,000. In order to complete the base bid and Alternates 1 & 2, an additional \$54,750.37 would be needed. Staff has identified savings from a project that was completed in FY 2015/16 that could be used to complete the skate park project. The Ada Hayden Heritage Park Water Line Installation Project was completed at a cost of \$45,500. The budgeted amount was \$104,000 which resulted in a savings of \$58,500 which is enough to cover the skate park project.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. a. Award the contract to Spohn Ranch Skate Parks of Los Angeles, California for the Skate Park Renovation Project for the base bid and Alternates 1 & 2 in the amount of \$149,750.37.
 - b. Authorize the use of \$54,750.37 of savings from the Ada Hayden Water Line Installation for this project.
2. a. Award the contract to Spohn Ranch Skate Parks of Los Angeles, California for the Skate Park Renovation Project for the base bid only in the amount of \$141,475.46.
 - b. Authorize the use of \$46,475.46 of savings from the Ada Hayden Water Line Installation for this project.
3. Reject the bid and modify the specifications to decrease the scope of the project and rebid in the fall of 2016 for project construction in the summer of 2017.
4. Reject the bid and delay the project.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The proposed project will address needed repairs and add additional skating elements to a well-used facility in the park system. Decreasing or even delaying the project does not guarantee that more companies will bid the project, or ensure that project costs will decrease. Therefore, completing the entire project including Alternates 1 and 2 would add uniqueness to the Skate Park and demonstrate to users that the City is continually committed to providing excellent parks and facilities.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1 as described above.