



Item No. 10 Town of Atherton

CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT – REGULAR AGENDA

**TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
GEORGE RODERICKS, CITY MANAGER**

FROM: ROBERT OVADIA, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

DATE: APRIL 19, 2023

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF PLAYSTRUCTURE REPAIRS AT HOLBROOK-
PALMER PARK PLAYGROUND**

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council authorize funding in the amount of \$65,045.25 for the purchase of materials and repair of the play structure at the Park; and authorize the City Manager to contract with Community Playgrounds for the repair work.

BACKGROUND

During a routine inspection of the playground on February 15, 2023, staff noticed significant deterioration in several supports on the play structure for older children in the park. The play structure was subsequently closed from use and taped off for safety. In addition to the structural supports needing repair/replacement, there were other damaged and rusted parts needing replacement.

ANALYSIS

Following the inspection and closure of the play structure, staff contacted the equipment manufacturer regarding the structure and needed parts to affect repair and reached out to two playground installers for quotes for installation.

The equipment manufacturer provided quotes for both timber base beams and posts as well as base beams and posts made from recycled plastic as follows:

- Fir Beams/Posts - \$10,616.88
- Recycled Plastic Beams/Posts - \$13,816.09

Additional replacement parts for the structure were quoted at \$5,447.19.

Due to the nature of the replacement parts (structural beams and posts), the structure must be

completely disassembled and reassembled for installation. Staff obtained a sole-source quote for installation from Community Playgrounds, Inc. in the amount of \$43,981.18.

During the site and landscape walkthrough conducted by the Park and Recreation Committee, Committee members opined on the roped off play structure recommending that it would be better to remove or repair the structure than keep it roped off for an extended period of time. Staff is recommending that the play structure be repaired with fir beams and posts rather plastic; and be repaired rather than removed at this time. However, staff also recommends that the Council consider redesigning the playground area as part of the upcoming Capital Improvement Program.

FISCAL IMPACT

An allocation of \$65,045.25 is needed to fund the play structure repair with fir beams/posts, including a contingency of \$5,000. An allocation of \$68,244.46 is needed to fund the play structure repair with recycled plastic beams/posts, including a contingency of \$5,000.

GOAL ALIGNMENT

This Report and its contents are in alignment with the following Council Policy Goals:

- Goal Area B – Preserve Small Town Character and Quality of Life

POLICY FOCUS

Maintenance of the playgrounds and play structures is consistent with the Holbrook-Palmer Park Master Plan adopted in 2015.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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COMMISSION/COMMITTEE FEEDBACK/REFERRAL

Park and Recreation Committee (meets each month)

ATTACHMENTS

1. Location Map
2. Parts and Installation Quotes