

**CITY OF ALBANY
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
STAFF REPORT**

Agenda date: October 18, 2010
Reviewed by: BP

SUBJECT: Jewel's Terrace Park Tot Lot Renovations

REPORTED BY: Penelope Leach, Recreation and Community Services Director

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve renovations for the tot lot at Jewel's Terrace Park, accept grant funds from GameTime, and appropriate \$35,000 from Measure F 2002. Renovations include:

- (1) replacing the play equipment with a new structure per the attached design
- (2) painting the swing set
- (3) painting and repairing the fencing surrounding the tot lot

BACKGROUND

Each year the City inspects the play equipment at each of the City's parks. As a result, repairs are made and new parts are ordered and installed. The tot lot equipment located on the east side Jewel's Terrace Park for younger children ages 2-5 years requires more repairs than any of the City's other play structures as it is among the oldest equipment in Albany's parks. Additionally, the structure has some elements that are out of compliance by today's standards. Although the play structure is safe for use, it does need replacing.

DISCUSSION

The attached design is larger than the current structure and offers more play elements including a separate Merry Musical station with a variety of drums. The design fits into the area nicely while maintaining space for open play in the sand and the swing set. In the new design, the rubber surface leading into the play area has been expanded for better ADA access and to comply with regulations pertaining to the required "fall zones."

Community members living near the park were sent letters, Jewel's Terrace Park email groups were notified, and signs were posted at the park inviting the community to attend the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting on Thursday, October 14, 2010, to discuss and provide input for the proposed renovations.

Staff was able to locate a 100% matching grant for the new play structure equipment and the cost of freight; however, given the deadline for the grant and the fact that staff would like to complete

the project before the rainy season begins, staff has placed this item on the October 18 Council agenda and will verbally report any recommendations from the October 14 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting that differ from the information provided in this staff report.

FISCAL IMPACT

Expenses	
New Equipment	\$ 16,567.00
Merry Musical Drums	\$ 3,015.00
Demolition, installation new equipment	\$ 4,277.64
Rubber Surface prep and install	\$ 9,089.41
Rubber Surface	\$ 5,620.20
Project Management	\$ 2,500.00
Tax	\$ 1,013.42
Freight	\$ 1,876.09
SUBTOTAL	\$ 43,958.76

Revenue	
Grant	\$ 9,188.00
Measure F for Parks	\$ 34,770.76
TOTAL Expenditures	\$ 43,958.76

Attachments

Proposed design for play structure