



City of Missoula, Montana
Item to be Referred to City Council Committee

Committee: Parks and Conservation

Item: 44 Ranch Playground

Date: September 11, 2019

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Ward(s) Affected:

- Ward 1
- Ward 2
- Ward 3
- All Wards
- Ward 4
- Ward 5
- Ward 6
- N/A

Action Required:

Approve a contract with Great Western Recreation in the amount of \$51,342.84 for the purchase of playground equipment at 44 Ranch Playground.

Recommended Motion(s):

I move the City Council: Approve a contract with Great Western Recreation in the amount of \$51,342.84 for the purchase of playground equipment at 44 Ranch Playground and authorize the Mayor to sign.

Timeline:

Referral to committee: September 16, 2019
 Committee discussion: September 18, 2019
 Council action (or sets hearing):
 Public Hearing: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)
 Deadline: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Background and Alternatives Explored:

The 44 Ranch Park was constructed in 2009 but the playground equipment was left to be chosen and installed by the neighborhood. In 2017, through a generous donation a large composite play structure designed for 5-12 year old children was installed in the playground. The remainder of the playground remained empty, awaiting funding to be raised. In 2019 Parks & Recreation, working with the neighborhood requested funding to complete the playground in the 2020 CIP. The selected playground equipment was chosen by Parks & Recreation and the neighborhood in order to provide a complete playground that addresses the 8 types of play developed by the national institute for play, and specifically provides play options for younger children aged 2-5. This equipment is being purchased through the U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance, a cooperative purchasing program.

Financial Implications:

The neighborhood has raised \$11,902 from grants and donations. Council approved \$64,500 in the 2020 CIP for the playground. Parks and Recreation staff are still working with the equipment manufacturer to secure an estimate for installation of the equipment, under a separate future contract.

Links to external websites: