

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

DATE: May 17, 2016

REGULAR

ITEM #: 24

MOTION

AGENDA ITEM: Lions Park RFP

SUBMITTED BY: Kristina Handt, City Administrator

BACKGROUND:

On November 4, 2015, Parks Commission Chair Weis explained the scope of the RFP request for ballpark redesign and presented photos of ball parks in other Minnesota cities. Weis explained that the Parks Commission has placed Lions Park on the Parks Commission CIP and has incurred significant cost for repairs, prompting the need for further planning.

Following the presentation and public comments the following motion passed:

Councilmember Fliflet, seconded by Councilmember Bloyer, moved TO ISSUE AN RFP FOR ARCHITECTURAL WORK TO REDESIGN THE BALLFIELDS IN THE HISTORIC DOWNTOWN. MOTION PASSED 5 – 0.

At the April 18, 2016 Parks Commission meeting, the commissioners approved a proposed layout/redesign that included the removal of the parks storage building for a skating rink. A copy of the proposed layout is included in the packet.

ISSUE BEFORE COUNCIL:

Should the RFP also include the removal of the parks storage building (south of fire station #1)?

PROPOSAL DETAILS/ANALYSIS:

Since the proposed impacted area approved at the Parks Commission on April 18, 2016 extends beyond the ballfield area to include the removal of the parks storage building for a hockey rink, staff is bringing the issue back to Council to either amend the proposal to include removal of the storage building or to not include a hockey rink at the storage building site.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Staff anticipates additional cost to remove the parks storage building. The exact amount will be estimated in the RFP. Furthermore, the city may expect additional costs in determining where the items currently housed in the storage building will be relocated.

OPTIONS:

- 1) Approve issuing an RFP to include removal of the parks storage building
- 2) Do not approve issuing an RFP with the parks storage building removal
- 3) Make other changes to parameters of RFP

RECOMMENDATION:

Per Parks Commission actions:

Motion to include the removal of the parks storage building in Lions Park RFP

