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Approve the Concept of Constructing an Inclusive Playground at Fair Oaks Park and Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Agreement Between Magical Bridge Foundation and the City of Sunnyvale for Design and Construction Services Related to the Playground.

Superintendent of Parks and Golf, Jim Stark, presented a staff report on constructing an inclusive playground at Fair Oaks Park that would provide inclusive play opportunities for children and adults.

Jill Asher, co-founder of the Magical Bridge Foundation, provided background information on the foundation including fundraising, development, design, and the benefits of building a Magical Bridge Playground in the community.

Commissioners inquired about the foundation's mission, how the parks are developed, the number of employees and the location of the Magical Bridge Playground in Palo Alto.

Magical Bridge co-founder, Jill Asher, indicated the foundation's mission is to bring inclusive playgrounds to communities around the country and to begin advocacy work. The foundation worked with inclusive experts in the development of the Palo Alto playground and the foundation currently has two full-time employees and contractors. The playground is located inside Mitchell Park in Palo Alto.

Vice Chair Kenton opened the item for public comment, and there being no public comments, closed the item for public comment.

Commissioners indicated an inclusive playground is a great and innovative project.

Superintendent Wax indicated agenda item 17-0328, Approve the Concept of Constructing an Inclusive Playground at Fair Oaks Park Concept of Constructing an Inclusive Playground at Fair Oaks Park, will be presented to Council on July 11 and inquired if a representative from the Parks and Recreation Commission plans to attend the meeting. Vice Chair Kenton confirmed he will attend the July 11 Council meeting.

Commissioner Pasqua moved and Commissioner Pochowski seconded.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

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Yes: 4 - Vice Chair Kenton

Commissioner Gabashvili Commissioner Pasqua Commissioner Pochowski

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Chair Alexander III

STANDING ITEM: CONSIDERATION OF POTENTIAL STUDY ISSUES

None.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS & COMMENTS

None.

-Commissioner Comments

Vice Chair acknowledged Sunnyvale resident, Esther Lucas, for bringing the concept of an all-inclusive park to the attention of Commission and Council.

Commissioner Pasqua thanked Commissioner Pochowski for his leadership and service and for serving two terms on the Commission.

-Staff Comments

INFORMATION ONLY REPORTS/ITEMS

4 <u>17-0658</u> Update on the Age-Friendly Initiative

Superintendent Wax indicated two focus groups were conducted in April regarding the Age-Friendly Initiative and an on-going task force will be formed to develop an action plan that will include recommendations from the community.

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ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Kenton adjourned the meeting at 8:56 p.m.