

community input moving forward and will reevaluate the agreement once the agreement term is up.

Vice Chair McCune moved and Chair Kenton seconded the motion to recommend to Council Alternative 1: Recommend that the City Council approve and authorize the City Manager to execute the Special Agreement with Unique Boutique.

The motion carried by the following vote:

**Yes:** 3 - Chair Kenton  
Vice Chair McCune  
Commissioner Alexander III

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Pasqua

**3**      [18-0418](#)      Recommend to City Council Approval of the Conceptual Design for the Fair Oaks Park Renovation Project

Assistant City Engineer, Nathan Scribner provided the Parks and Recreation Commission with a brief overview of the Conceptual Design for the Fair Oaks Park Renovation Project report. Fair Oaks Park is an “Old English” themed 15-acre park centrally located within the City. The proposed project is to provide major renovations to the park and ensure its sustainability for the future, increase attractiveness and optimize recreational use. The project will incorporate an all-inclusive playground designed by Magical Bridge Foundation which was approved by Council in 2017. This playground is a separate Capital Project. Staff are working with a target construction cost of \$11.7 million (exclusive of the playground) and staying within the existing footprint of the park.

Mr. Scribner provided the Commission with an overview of the conceptual design which includes: all-inclusive playground; multi-use sports field with artificial turf and lighting; two picnic areas; new restroom facility; a new parking lot and replacement of basketball courts. The conceptual design is based on a combination of feedback from the community, City staff and the goals of the City Council approved Capital Project.

Mr. Scribner provided an overview of the project outline and next steps. Council will consider this item at their October 16, 2018 meeting.

Commissioners asked:

- 1) What features were removed due to the City's construction budget?
- 2) Will there be a reduction in picnic sites?
- 3) What will be eliminated to allow for the increase in playground size?
- 4) Will there be a significant impact to water usage with the installation of synthetic fields?
- 5) Has the City considered partnerships with outside organizations for possible funding of the park and/or park features?

Mr. Scribner noted:

- 1) Features removed from the conceptual design include batting cages and a dog park.
- 2) The number of picnic sites are approximately the same; however, for operational efficiencies the sites have been consolidated.
- 3) Due to water use and maintenance cost, the current water feature will be replaced with water misters.
- 4) There will be a substantial reduction in water usage given that the park currently has approximately 10-acres of irrigated turf.
- 5) Olenka Villarreal, founder of the Magical Bridge Foundation, provided the Commission with an overview of the agreement between the City of Sunnyvale and Magical Bridge Foundation.

Chair Kenton opened the public hearing.

The following members of the public spoke in support of incorporating a cricket pitch at Fair Oaks Park with some also requesting cricket/multi-sport use batting cages:

Raj Badoni  
Yashveer Arya  
Biju Nair  
Ganesh Prasad  
Prakash Giri  
Meera Kant  
Sunder Sarangan  
Hari Chirra  
Rohan Shah  
Biju Abhi  
Rabisheh G.

Commissioners inquired on possible locations of a cricket pitch at Fair Oaks Park. Mr. Scribner presented possible locations and constraints including the challenge of

finding a surface material for the pitch that is soft enough to safely be included in the multi-use field, but firm enough to perform well when used playing cricket. Staff is continuing to explore various materials and portable options.

Commissioners inquired on anticipated usage by other sporting groups outside of cricket. Community Services Manager Nancy Grove noted that the park is used by Pop Warner as their home field; several baseball/softball youth and adult leagues and drop-in soccer programs. She also noted that staff anticipates there will be an increase of usage once the synthetic field is installed.

Commissioners inquired on Sunnyvale Cricket Club's membership size and percentage of members residing in Sunnyvale. Membership size is approximately 100 with 50% of its members residing in Sunnyvale.

There being no additional public testimony, Chair Kenton closed the public hearing.

Vice Chair McCune moved to recommend to Council approval of the Preferred Site Plan as shown on attachment 6 of the report.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: Commissioner Alexander III offered a friendly amendment that there be an exploration into the cost of synthetic vs organic material and also the cost of expanding the batting cage length. Vice Chair McCune declined to accept the friendly amendment.

Vice Chair McCune moved, and Commissioner Alexander III seconded, to recommend to Council approval of the Preferred Site Plan as shown on attachment 6 of the report.

The motion carried by the following vote:

**Yes:** 3 - Chair Kenton  
Vice Chair McCune  
Commissioner Alexander III

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Pasqua

#### **STANDING ITEM: CONSIDERATION OF POTENTIAL STUDY ISSUES**

None.

#### **NON-AGENDA ITEMS & COMMENTS**