

HEBER PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

REPORT TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEETING DATE: March 20, 2014

FROM: Laura Fischer, General Manager

SUBJECT: Authorize the General Manager to sign on behalf of the District a contract to construct a basketball court.

ISSUE: Shall the Heber Public Utility District Board authorize the General Manager to sign on behalf of the District a contract in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 to construct a basketball court?

GENERAL MANAGER RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the General Manager to sign a contract to construct a basketball court in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Not to exceed \$30,000, which will be expended from Parks Fund.

BACKGROUND:

At the last Board meeting, staff brought to the Board cost estimates to construct basketball court in our parks. The staff report identified possible locations at our parks, dimension of courts, and cost estimates.

Additionally the Board authorized a budget transfer of property tax revenue from the wastewater fund to the parks fund. The estimated amount of property taxes that will be increased in the Parks budget was \$43,000.

As mentioned at the last meeting the court sizes are as follows:

- Junior High 74' X 42'
- High School 84' X 50'
- Collegiate 94' X 50'

It is recommended to have at minimum an additional 3 feet of playing surface on each side of the court, but 10 feet is recommended.

DISCUSSION:

Staff was directed to bring back a cost estimate for several options:

- 1) Repair the cement at Tito Park and extend to at minimum High School court dimension with some additional surface area. Staff received two quotes for this option with some variations.

The following is a cost just to repair or replace existing cement.

- a) Pour a 4" cement slab over the existing cement. This was the most expensive quote for a total of \$17,700.

- b) Repair the existing slab, clean and seal all cracks, saw cut joint, grind down high area and prepare for restoration with 1/8" ardex topping and seal. The cost estimate for this was \$6,210.
- 2) Extend the cement at Tito Park with 4"-5" thick cement including footings, wire mesh and compaction.

The quote varied per square foot depending on the footing, but just for cement the costs were as follows:

- a) One quote was for \$8.78 per square foot – J. L. Gaeta (including additional supervision and insurance cost)
- b) Second quote was for \$8.575 per square foot – AM Desert Storm Concrete

I received three quotes from different contractors. They were not all comparable, as one didn't break down the cost of each item and the total was almost twice as high as the other two. So that quote isn't used in this analysis.

The other two contractors, AM Desert Storm and J. L. Gaeta were considered. AM Desert Storm is the preferable company as they were responsive and provided the information requested. Although Mr. Gaeta's price for cement per square foot was lower, he added in a charge for "construction supervision and construction insurance charge". Mr. Gaeta, who came to HPUD to discuss and visit the site, was not the contractor. He would use his brother's contractor's license and that is why there is an additional charge. He would have to include the cost to have a construction supervisor from his contractor in Los Angeles to come down for this job. I added the construction supervision and insurance cost of \$7,029.96 to the cement per square foot.

Staff feels that HPUD can get the high school basketball court constructed at Tito Park for an amount not to exceed \$30,000. The court would only have 3 feet additional surface area outside of the playing court. The finished size would be 90' X 56' and the existing cement would be repaired, sealed and coated with ardex topping.

After review of the Parks Fund and the projections of Property Taxes for FY 2013-14, staff does not recommend expending more than the \$30,000 for this project.

CONCLUSION:

As there is a minimum of \$30,000 in Parks Fund that can be used to construct a full size basketball court at Tito Park repairing the existing cement and extending the court size to 90' X 56' staff is recommending that the Board authorize the General Manager to sign on behalf of the District a contract with AM Desert Storm Concrete to construct a basketball court in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.

Respectfully Submitted,

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General Manager