# Hastings MINNESOTA

## City Council Memorandum

To: Mayor Fasbender & City Councilmembers From: Chris Jenkins, Parks & Recreation Director

Date: July 18, 2022

Item: Lake Isabel Park Redevelopment Project

**Council Action Requested:** Approve Lake Isabel Redevelopment Project, accept bid from Minnesota Dirt Works, and approve budget amendments.

**Background Information:** Lake Isabel Park was approved for a master planning process completed in 2020. After that planning process, ISG. Inc was hired for the design and engineering process. Once the D&E was completed, the project was put out for competitive bidding early in 2022. The bids returned were significantly higher than anticipated, and staff recommended to wait a few months and then re-bid with some minor alterations to the specifications and scope. The second round of bids were opened June 30, 2022, and bids are still high.

This project is also partially funded by a Department of Natural Resources Grant totaling \$240,000, and a \$25,000 commitment from the East Side Homeowner's Association. Through this process, and with the proposed modifications in scope and specifications, staff have been coordinating with the DNR to ensure the project remains grant eligible.

Of note, the East Side Homeowners Association also submitted some recommended modifications to the redevelopment plan to staff. Those modifications are sensible, and could reduce the overall cost of the project. Most of the modification is the elimination of the walkway and seating areas on the southern end of the park. Since bids have been submitted, that modification will require the contract to be signed with Minnesota Dirt Works, a change order issued, and pricing adjusted.

In order to complete this project on schedule, the City must provide final approval for the project, accept the bid submitted by Minnesota Dirt Works as the low, responsible, responsive bidder, and approve budget amendments to allocate the necessary funds to complete this project. This project is scheduled for completion June 30, 2023, which also coincides with the DNR Grant funding deadline for expenses.

At the April 19, 2021 regular City Council meeting, Council approved \$125,000 in general fund, and \$100,000 in Ward 1 Park Dedication funding for this project. Those funds were not carried over to the 2022 approved budget, however are still necessary to fund this project. Approval of this "carry forward" budget amendment now is necessary. An additional "new" budget amendment is also necessary to cover the higher project costs, as outlined below.

City staff and our consultants have been working diligently to make sure this City Council priority park redevelopment project gets completed in a timely and fiscally responsible manner. This project has had its challenges and setbacks, however staff believe this is still a viable and important project to complete for the community of Hastings.

Staff recommend approval of the plan, accepting the contractor bid, and approval of the necessary budget amendments to complete this project.

#### **Financial Impact:**

Contractor Bid: \$465,315.90 10% Contingency: \$46,531.59

Subtotal: \$511,847.49

By Owner Items: \$133,966.01

10% Contingency for Shelter and Installation only: \$4,400.00

Subtotal: \$650,213.50

Consultant Costs: \$12,300 Subtotal: \$662,513.50

2021 Budgeted Funds: \$225,000 DNR Grant funds: \$240,000

EHOA: \$25,000

Total Remaining Funds Needed: \$172,513.50

Current Park Dedication Funds Balance: roughly \$1,000,000.00

- 1. Budget Adjustment #1: \$125,000 of general fund and \$100,000 of Ward 1 Park Dedication, a repeat of the April 19, 2021 budget that did not carry forward.
- 2. Budget Adjustment #2: \$\$172,513.50 from Park Dedication Funds.

It is also important to note that City Staff will still have some significant, but accomplishable work to do as part of preparing the site for the contractor. This work includes removal of the basketball court, removal of the playground, removal of existing fencing, removal of existing landscapes and signs.

**Advisory Commission Discussion:** The Park & Recreation Commission has supported this project since a request to complete the master plan was submitted as part of the 2020 budget process, and continue to support completing the project.

### **Council Committee Discussion:**

#### **Attachments:**

- Current rendering
- Bid Tabulation Summary



#### MASTER PLAN







Lake Isabel Park Redevelopment Project Project # 8222554 06/30/2022 Bid Tabulation Summary

Minnesota Dirt Works Inc		JL Theis, Inc.		Pember Companies, Inc.		Urban Companies		Max Steininger, Inc.	
Unit Price	Extension	Unit Price	Extension	<b>Unit Price</b>	Extension	Unit Price	Extension	Unit Price	Extension
	\$465,315.90		\$497,157.04		\$526,320.80		\$530,041.75		\$613,557.63