



**CITY OF SALINAS
COUNCIL STAFF REPORT**

DATE: SEPTEMBER 20, 2022
DEPARTMENT: LIBRARY & COMMUNITY SERVICES
FROM: KRISTAN LUNDQUIST, DIRECTOR
TITLE: SYSTEM WIDE PLAYGROUND REPAIRS, FOCUSING ON 93905 AND 93906

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

A motion to approve a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Agreement with Miracle Playsystems and Ross Recreation for the purchase of playground equipment and labor to repair playground structures at designated locations throughout the park system, with a focus on ARPA funding direction provided by Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the City Council approve a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into Agreements with Miracle Playsystems and Ross Recreation, Inc. for the purchase of equipment and labor to repair playground structures at designated locations.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), which provided the City of Salinas with \$51,567,313 in relief funds. In September 2021, the City Council allocated ARPA funds for a number of government service projects, including \$2 million dollars for playground structures, park benches and barbeque grills, the majority of which was to be spent in the 93905 and 93906 zip codes which were hit hardest by the COVID-19 pandemic. With the allocation, the September 2021 Council Resolution called for staff to check in with the Finance Committee on this item and the Public Works sidewalk/street repair allocations.

DISCUSSION:

The City of Salinas has 35 playgrounds located in parks/facilities across the City. An assessment of the playgrounds was conducted as part of the Parks, Recreation & Libraries Master Planning effort in 2017. The majority of the playgrounds were found to be in fair and/or good condition. The playground at Williams Ranch Neighborhood Park was found to be in poor condition and in need of replacement.

In May 2022, staff provided an update to the Finance Committee on the recommended projects identified for ARPA funding. This report included playground surfacing material system wide, two new playground structures at Williams Ranch and Northgate Neighborhood Parks, and tables, benches, and BBQ pits.

Following the review with the Finance Committee in May, staff, in conjunction with the playground manufacturing companies associated with each park, conducted an assessment to identify costs for necessary playground repairs. Across the system, we have playground apparatus from four different playground manufacturing companies including Miracle Playsystems, Ross Recreation, Playcraft and Play World.

The City has Miracle Playsystem playgrounds in twelve (12) parks. Staff has received quotes for equipment/labor to repair broken equipment in the amount of \$165,128.09. A breakdown by park is included below:

Park	Zip Code	Repair Costs
Claremont Manor Neighborhood Park	93901	\$ 74,572.94*
Clay Street Play Lot	93901	\$ 5,794.71
El Dorado Park	93906	\$16,050.00
Laurel Heights Neighborhood Park	93905	\$ 7,589.40
Laurel Neighborhood Park	93906	\$ 7,996.84
Laurelwood Neighborhood Park	93906	\$10,136.98
Maple Play Lot	93901	No repairs identified
Mission Park	93901	\$ 5,362.057
Northgate Tot Lot	93906	\$13,151.63
Santa Rita Neighborhood Park	93906	\$13,052.09
Soto Square	93906	\$ 5,096.37
Woodside Neighborhood Park	93901	\$ 6,324.56

*The repair costs for Claremont Park include the demolition of the old, safety-hazard structure with a broken slide, and replacing it with a new piece of equipment. This playground structure is obsolete (over 35 years old) and can no longer be serviced or repaired by the vendor.

The City has Ross Recreation playgrounds in twelve (12) parks. Staff has received quotes for equipment/labor to repair broken equipment in the amount of \$64,886.33. A break down by park is included below:

Park	Zip Code	Repair Costs
Azahel Cruz Pocket Park	93905	No repairs identified
Central Community Park	93901	\$ 1,236.90
Closter Park	93905	Prop 68 Total Renovation
Creekbridge Neighborhood Park	93906	\$10,563.25

El Gabilan Play Lot	93905	\$ 5,817.82
Jaycees Tot Lot	93905	\$ 5052.96
Los Padres Neighborhood Park	93905	No repairs identified
McKinnon Neighborhood Park	93906	\$16,756.75
Monte Belle Community Park	93905	\$ 5,818.68
Myrtle Court Play Lot	93905	No repairs identified
Natividad Creek Park	93905	\$13,817.05
Sobranes Neighborhood Park	93905	\$ 5,822.92

The City also has a total of five (5) playgrounds with PlayCraft or Playworld. At this time, we have quotes to repair the two playgrounds at Cesar Chavez Park in the amount of \$8,625.27.

The repairs to these playgrounds are considered sole source as other playground manufacturing companies' equipment is not compatible with another manufacture's equipment. Consistent with Purchasing Policies and ordinance (2576) the purchase of equipment in the amount of more than \$30,000 with one vendor requires City Council authorization.

In addition to the repairs identified above, staff recommends the design and installation of four (4) new playground structures at Northgate Neighborhood Park, Natividad Neighborhood Park, Steinbeck Neighborhood Park and Williams Ranch Neighborhood Park. All of these locations fall within the 90905 and 93906 zip codes and the estimated total value for the new playgrounds is of approximately \$822,000 (pending Steinbeck quote). See chart below for new structures:

Park	Zip Code	Estimated Renovation Cost
Northgate Neighborhood Park	93906	\$470,000
Natividad Park	93906	\$162,000
Steinbeck Neighborhood Park	93906	Pending
Williams Ranch Neighborhood Park	93905	\$190,000

During the ARPA update to the City Council on August 23, 2022, the current plan for park improvements was presented. As staff developed the plan, the focus was on safety, making necessary repairs while meeting the Council direction of the majority of the funding to be spent in the 93905 & 93906 zip codes. At the time of the update, the ratio of playground funding between 93905/06 to 93901 was 8:1. Additional quotes have been obtained and as of this report, the estimated allocation for 93905/06 is \$967,348.01 (plus pending Steinbeck) and \$93,291.68 for 93901. This represents a ratio of just over 9:1 (pending Steinbeck) and clearly meets Council's direction of spending the bulk of the funding in the 93905 and 93906 zip codes. See chart below demonstrating total funding for playground structures in 93905 & 93906:

Park	Zip Code	Repair/Renovation Cost
Cesar Chavez Park	93905	\$ 8,625.27
Creekbridge Neighborhood Park	93906	\$10,563.25

El Dorado Community Park	93906	\$16,050.00
El Gabilan Play Lot	93905	\$ 5,814.82
Jaycee's Tot Lot	93905	\$ 5052.96
Laurel Heights Neighborhood Park	93905	\$ 7,589.40
Laurel Neighborhood Park	93906	\$ 7,996.84
Laurelwood Neighborhood Park	93906	\$10,136.98
McKinnon Neighborhood Park	93906	\$16,756.75
Montebella Community Park	93905	\$ 5,818.68
Natividad Creek Park	93905	\$13,817.05
Natividad Neighborhood Park	93906	\$162,000.00
Northgate Neighborhood Park	93906	\$470,000.00
Northgate Tot Lot	93906	\$13,151.63
Santa Rita Neighborhood Park	93906	\$13,052.09
Sobranes Neighborhood Park	93905	\$ 5,822.92
Soto Square Park	93906	\$ 5,096.37
Steinbeck Neighborhood Park	93906	Pending quote
Williams Ranch Neighborhood Park	93905	\$190,000.00
	Total	\$967,348.01

CEQA CONSIDERATION:

Not a Project. The City of Salinas has determined that the proposed action is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (CEQA Guidelines Section 15378).

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

The playground repairs are consistent with the City Council Goals of:

- Youth and Seniors

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

Funds are appropriated and available in account 3911.55.8171.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution

Agreement with Miracle Playsystems

Agreement with Ross Recreation (Landscape Structures)

LCS ARPA Park Spreadsheet