



Item No. 5A. Town of Atherton

TO: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

FROM: STEVE TYLER – PARK SUPERINTENDENT

DATE: FEBRUARY 3, 2016

SUBJECT: PARCOURSE REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Park and Recreation Committee discuss the findings of the ad-hoc committee and review their recommendations for replacement equipment.

BACKGROUND

In June, an errant vehicle caused some damage to the par course between the N Meadow and the parking lot on the E side of the park. While investigating repairs to this station, it became necessary to close down the station that sits behind the Corporation Yard because of deteriorating components. Both stations are tired and in need of replacement. A plan to update all 4 stations of equipment is being reviewed.

The Park and Recreation Committee put together an ad hoc committee in April to study the refurbishing/upgrading of the par course equipment (all four stations) in the park. The committee recommended that staying consistent with the newer playground equipment made by Columbia Cascade would be the best fit for the park. They also recommended continuing using the “standard brown” for the color. They never really defined what type of materials to use for the sections of the equipment that require wood (real wood, recycled plastic wood, sofdek) but they did suggest they did not care at all for the recycled plastic look.

Staff currently has two stations of equipment budgeted in the 2015-16 CIP (under park masterplan projects). Staff suggests that these two damaged stations be chosen to upgrade this year. Staff also suggests the Columbia Cascade Pipeline series in brown as suggested by the P&R ad hoc committee earlier this year. As much as staff believes that recycled wood or sofdek benches would perform the longest, staff would suggest the timber benches (natural wood) for these applications.

This item was brought to the Park and Recreation Committee on October 7, 2015 and November 4, 2015. At the November meeting, the Committee expressed their desire to set up some presentations by vendors of a few different types of equipment. Those presentations are scheduled to take place at the beginning of the December 2, 2015 meeting.

Following the December 2 meeting, and ad hoc committee was formed with the directed purpose of “ascertaining the scope and configurations of both the Healthbeat (HB) and Columbia Cascade (CC) equipment for functionality, proper configuration and that it met the goals of circuit training”.

ANALYSIS

The group (individually) visited the sites of the 4 current par course stations at Holbrook-Palmer Park. The committee members felt the current style of equipment had a “good overall feel” to it. The committee also felt that the configuration of the HB equipment was a little “sparse” and its aesthetic in the park was not as good as the CC equipment. They felt that although the HB equipment did promote exercise of certain muscle groups, it did not administer to the “core training” needs as well as the CC equipment did. They also felt the wooden components of the CC equipment were a better and more inviting component to users than steel decking.

The aesthetic component came back into discussion as it related to signage inside the stations. The CC equipment (as quoted) would consist of an individual sign for every piece of equipment, much the same as the HB equipment (but larger). It was noted that if the CC equipment was purchased in the pre-set groups, each station would have only 1 multi-use sign. This was a big plus to the committee. While both manufacturers equipment complies with the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the HB equipment strictly specifies their equipment is rated for ages 13 and older, while the CC equipment being non-moving, claims no such specific age restrictions.

The committee decided that Columbia Cascade Pipeline equipment was the best overall fit for the park (function, configuration and circuit training goals plus aesthetics).

Staff was requested to pursue the pricing for group sets of CC equipment so pricing differences could be evaluated at the January 2016 Park and Recreation meeting.

Pricing received from CC shows that there are two significant advantages to purchasing this equipment in a group set.

1. The cost drops by approximately 40% the cost of buying the exact equipment to match what is existing in the stations now. This has to do with group packing and (as stated above) and the savings from not having a sign at each piece of equipment.
2. You actually get more activity components by purchasing by the group (15 instead of 12).

PARCOURSE EQUIPMENT BREAKDOWN					
TYPE	STATIONS	#ACTIVITIES	EQUIPMENT COST	ESTIMATED COST OF INSTALLATION AT 50%	TOTAL
Columbia Cascade Pipeline	Individual match existing	12	\$24,395.00	\$12,198.00	\$36,593.00
Columbia Cascade Pipeline	Pre-configured groups A-D	15	\$14,557.00	\$7,288.00	\$21,845.00
Healthbeat	Suggested manufacturer	12	\$43,480.00	\$21,740.00	\$65,220.00

DISCUSSION

- Columbia Cascade Pipeline – suggested.
- Colors– Brown suggested
- Bench materials – Timber suggested
- Signs – brown with white lettering suggested.

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Attachments: Columbia Cascade group equipment pricing quote dated