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To: Parks and Recreation Committee

From: Brock Wetenkamp, Director of Parks and Recreation

Re: Recommendation for Selection of Playground Design Consultant – Henry Schuette Park Playground Project

The purpose of this memo is to provide a recommendation regarding the selection of a consultant to assist with design and planning of the Henry Schuette Park Playground Project.

Ayres Associates previously served as the consultant for the Henry Schuette Park Master Plan, playing a key role in the development of the overall park vision, conceptual planning and community engagement efforts. Through this process, Ayres developed a strong understanding of the park, project goals, community priorities, and long-term vision for the playground and surrounding space at Henry Schuette Park.

Given their familiarity with the project and previous involvement in the master planning effort, City staff recommends continuing to work with Ayres Associates for the next phase of playground design, which includes Phase 1 design development and construction documents.

The primary goal of Phase 1 is to remove the existing playground and construct new play environments designed for ages 2–5 and 5–12. This phase includes adding seating, shade structures, and associated utility improvements to support these features. The existing restroom building will remain in place during Phase One to serve the new playgrounds and reduce overall project costs.

City Staff recommends the Park and Recreation Committee approve the selection of Ayres Associates to provide Phase 1 playground construction design services for Henry Schuette Park Playground Project and authorize staff to proceed with preparation and signing of a professional services agreement subject to City Attorney approval.

Sincerely,
Brock Wetenkamp