

MEMORANDUM NO. M17-005

TO: Building & Grounds Committee
FROM: Dean R. Bostrom, Executive Director
Gary Buczkowski, Director of Planning & Development
RE: Seascape Sand Play Area
DATE: January 31, 2017

Background:

The Seascape Family Aquatic Center sand and play area dates back to the park's original construction. Back in 2010 the dry playground was replaced and a new rubber surface added to that area. The existing sand play area equipment was originally constructed of wood and has begun to show signs of wear and tear. With this in mind, \$46,300 was budgeted in the 2017 capital fund to replace this equipment.

Staff has identified a vendor who manufactures water play equipment and has procured a price for two pieces known as the Mermaid's Fountain and the Waterfall. Attached to this memo are pictures of that play equipment. In addition to the water play equipment, staff is recommending that a Dinosaur Bone Dig be included within that sand area. That item would be purchased separately from the water play equipment.

The sand surface would be replaced and the existing poured in place rubber surface would be extended to allow for wheelchair access to the new sand/water play features.

Implications:

The two sand/water play features manufactured by Kompan are considered to be proprietary and thus competitive pricing would be difficult. Kompan is part of the US Communities Government Purchasing Alliance, an organization that the Park District has recently joined for the purposes of procuring best possible pricing for this equipment. Total cost including freight for the two items is \$17,330.50.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the B&G Committee recommend the board approve the purchase of the Kompan water/play Mermaid's Fountain and the Waterfall in the amount of \$17,330.50.