



**CITY of CALABASAS**  
**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

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**DATE: MAY 12, 2022**

**TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS**

**FROM: ERICA L. GREEN, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR**

**SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH UNLIMITED PLAY INC., PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH PLAYPOWER LITTLE TIKES FARMINGTON, INC. NOT-TO-EXCEED \$2,000,000, AND FUNDING SOURCES TO REPLACE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AT BRANDON'S VILLAGE/GATES CANYON PARK.**

**MEETING DATE: MAY 25, 2022**

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**SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approving a Memorandum of Understanding with Unlimited Play Inc., Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with PlayPower Little Tikes Farmington, Inc. in the not-to-exceed amount of \$2,000,000, and funding sources to replace existing playground equipment, rubberized surfacing, at Brandon's Village/Gates Canyon Park.

**BACKGROUND:**

In February 2022 the Community Services Department closed the tot play structure and removed amenities from the 5-12 year-old play structure at Gates Canyon Park due to safety concerns. Replacement structures and rubberized surfacing are required.

## **DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:**

The department performed a safety inspection of the play areas at Gates Canyon Park due to the poor condition of the rubberized surface that was identified in the annual playground inspection report. Due to the surface dropping because of the lack of a concrete foundation beneath it, the distance between the height of the play areas and rubberized surface is beyond that of the industry requirement for safety. In February, Staff met with a representative from Spectra Turf playground surfacing company who requested a "drop test" be conducted to determine if it met the standards of the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM). A drop test measures the shock absorbency of the surface by simulating the impact of a child's head from the maximum height of the play structures. On February 10, the "drop test" was conducted by a representative from ABC Playground Safety. Due to the results of the test, the tot play structure was closed and the 5-12 year-old play structure was modified to meet safety standards. As time passes, the surfacing continues to deteriorate and compromises the safety of the play structures further. The replacement of the play structure and rubberized surfacing is required to prevent any further deterioration and indefinite closure, which is likely within the next month.

Brandon's Village at Gates Canyon Park provides all-inclusive play structures that were originally constructed in 2006 at a cost of \$875,000. To ensure the inclusive play element is maintained with the new play structures, staff has collaborated with Unlimited Play, Inc. a non-profit organization that partners with PlayPower Little Tikes Farmington, Inc. to help fundraise and build custom all-inclusive playgrounds.

PlayPower Little Tikes Farmington, Inc. is contracted with Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing. Cooperative purchasing is an arrangement in which multiple businesses combine buying requirements onto a single contract and aggregate volume to enhance purchasing power. The City will utilize the PlayPower Little Tikes Farmington, Inc. Sourcewell contract.

The Memorandum of Understanding with Unlimited Play, Inc., will include facilitating public engagement, fundraising, and marketing. The Professional Services Agreement with PlayPower Little Tikes Farmington, Inc. will include play structure design, demolition, installation, rubberized surfacing demolition and playground signage.

If approved, the estimated completion of the project is approximately Fall 2023. The timeline includes public engagement, design, fundraising, community build and grand opening.

**FISCAL IMPACT/SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

The estimated cost of the project is \$2 million. The funding sources include \$192,744 Prop 68 Per Capita Grant, \$125,000 Gates Canyon/Brandon's Village maintenance allocation and \$800,000 American Rescue Plan Act allocation for a total of \$1,117,744. The remaining \$500,000 to \$1 million to be fundraised.

**REQUESTED ACTION:**

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Attachment A – Memorandum of Understanding with Unlimited Play, Inc.
- Attachment B - Professional Services Agreement with PlayPower Little Tikes Farmington, Inc.
- Attachment C – Unlimited Play, Inc. PowerPoint