

ACTION FORM BRYAN CITY COUNCIL

DATE OF COUNCIL MEETING: May 12, 2015		DATE SUBMITTED: April 27 2015	
DEPARTMENT OF ORIGIN: City Manager's Office		SUBMITTED BY: Hugh R. Walker	
MEETING TYPE:	CLASSIFICATION:	ORDINANCE:	STRATEGIC INITIATIVE:
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AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION: Consideration of Williamson Park being the location and site for a skate park to be designed/built by Grindline Skateparks, Inc. based on the agreement dated May 29, 2014, and as extended by the City Council on May 12, 2015 (subject to City Council's approval).			
SUMMARY STATEMENT: On April 15, 2014, the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board unanimously recommended forwarding to the City Council a design/build agreement between the City of Bryan and Grindline Skateparks, Inc. On May 27, 2014, the City of Bryan City Council unanimously approved a design/build agreement with Grindline Skateparks.			
<p>The agreement, dated May 29, 2014, is in the not to exceed amount of \$1,200,000 and includes the designing and constructing of at least one skate park. The agreement states "Substantial Completion" of the entire Project should occur "within 214 calendar days after the effective date" of the agreement.</p> <p>Since City Council approval of the agreement, two (2) public meetings were held, numerous updates have been provided to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, and the City Council has discussed skate parks at several meetings. On August 7, 2014, the City Council directed staff to remove one site (Buzz Hamilton Park) from consideration and continue to review possible sites. On January 13, 2015, the City Council was updated and requested staff to continue to evaluate sites. On April 14, 2015, the City Council was provided legal advice regarding the design/build agreement terms as the 214 calendar days had expired.</p> <p>As a reminder, at the time of the agreement, the City of Bryan had two (2) modular skate parks: one in Williamson Park and one in Henderson Park. The Williamson Park modular skate park was identified as unsafe and in need of removal, and on January 21, 2015, the City Council was informed of the pending removal. On January 26, 2015, the Williamson Park modular skate park was removed, which leaves the City with one modular skate park. (Note: When modular skate parks are constructed, State statutes provide municipalities with liability immunity. However, once a municipality makes modifications to a modular skate park unit, the City assumes the liability.)</p> <p>For the design/build agreement to continue with Grindline, an agreement extension is required, and a proposed extension is on this same City Council agenda. If the City Council does not approve the proposed agreement extension, then this item does not need to be considered by the City Council. Conversely, if the City Council approves the proposed agreement amendment, then this item should be considered. If the City Council does not support a new skate park in Williamson Park, then this agenda item should not be approved.</p> <p>Based on recent discussions, City staff has included this Council Action Form as an opportunity for the City Council to select a single skate park site/location. If the City Council approves the Williamson Park site, the design and size</p>			

of the proposed skate park will be shared with the Skate Park Advisory Committee and a future public meeting will be scheduled. Since this agreement is a design/build, future consideration by the City Council is not needed, unless Williamson Skate Park is not pursued. The City Council will be provided updates and status reports as the new skate park progresses. Attached to this Council Action Form is a preliminary conceptual design for a skate park in Williamson Park; this design is not a final design, it represents an earlier concept when multiple parks were being considered. The skate park design may change and the skate area could be larger than represented in the conceptual design.

STAFF ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATION: If the City Council wants to move forward with a new skate park and the City Council approves the proposed agreement amendment (on this same agenda), City staff recommends approving Williamson Park as a site/location. If constructed, a new skate park will be the first onsite constructed skate park in the City.

As proposed, if the City Council approves the Williamson Park site, future City Council consideration will not be required.

Designing and building a new skate park requires the expenditure of public funds. Additionally, a constructed skate park will require on-going maintenance. Since the Parks & Recreation Department is a General Fund department, costs for the skate park and operations and maintenance will be a General Fund expense.

OPTIONS (In Suggested Order of Staff Preference):

1. Approve Williamson Park as a skate park site/location
2. Do not approve Williamson Park as a skate park site/location
3. Take no action, which potentially keeps Williamson Park as a possible skate park site but requires staff to pursue other sites, too
4. Take no action, if the City Council does not approve the proposed agreement amendment between the City and Grindline Skateparks, Inc.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Conceptual skate park layout for Williamson Park (pdf file)

FUNDING SOURCE: As approved in the FY2015 Budget (General Fund)

APPROVALS: Hugh R. Walker, 04/27/2015

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