



CITY OPERATIONS COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMO

Needs Legal Review: No
Committee Meeting Date: September 21, 2021
Agenda Item: Park Planning
Presented By: Jan Brending, Clerk Treasurer

The City has hired Cameron McCarthy to develop a park plan for the city. Cameron McCarthy will begin the process in the next several weeks by conducting an inventory of the city's parks and trails. Part of the scope of work is a needs assessment that will be conducted identifying what types of parks, play equipment, etc. the residents of White Salmon desires. This information will be used to help identify how to upgrade the city's current playground equipment and play area. Cameron McCarthy will be using examples of different types of playgrounds including natural playgrounds to solicit input.

In speaking with Cameron McCarthy they believe the processes identified in the Scope of Work for this project can be completed so the city can issue a bid for installation of new equipment (whatever that turns out to be) in the park in the spring of 2022.

I recommend budgeting funds for the equipment replacement at this time. This would not include the installation of a splash pad in the park. I am recommending the city initially budget \$75,000 for this project. The project could come in less or depending on the features and the layout it could potentially cost more. I believe there are some residents that are interested in contributing towards the cost of the project. This funding would initially be identified out of the General Fund – Parks budget. However, the city intends to complete a Capital Improvement Plan in 2022 and if the project is in that plan then funding from the city's Municipal Capital Improvement Fund could be used to fund the project.

I have also talked to Cameron McCarthy about developing drawings and specifications for the project once it has been specifically identified. The drawings could be used for fund raising if that becomes necessary.