



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**County Board Agenda Item
Meeting of November 13, 2010**

DATE: October 22, 2010

SUBJECT: Award of Contract for the Replacement of the Synthetic Turf Surfacing on the Competition Field at Gunston Community Center.

C. M. RECOMMENDATION:

1. Approve the Award of Contract in the amount of \$764,539.38 to The Matthews Group, Inc., t/a TMG Construction Corporation, and approve an allocation of \$70,460.62 as a contingency for change orders, for a total contract authorization of \$835,000.00.
2. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to execute the contract documents, subject to review of such documents by the County Attorney.

ISSUES: The Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources requests the County Board's approval of the Award of Contract to allow the Competition Field at Gunston Community Center to be renovated by replacing the existing synthetic surfacing with new synthetic turf surfacing and providing shade structures to enhance bleacher seating areas.

SUMMARY: The Competition Field at Gunston Community Center is a rectangular field used primarily for soccer, and was Arlington County's very first synthetic turf field. The field was installed in 2002 and has seen eight years of play from pickup games, County recreational soccer leagues and Gunston Middle School physical education classes. The typical lifespan of a synthetic turf field is eight years, so it has reached its life expectancy while having provided thousands of hours of play annually during its eight-year life. The turf is now worn beyond reasonable repair. The project was identified as a parks maintenance capital project during the Parks Infrastructure Asset Management Study.

The improvements to the field are for replacement of the synthetic turf surfacing layer with new monofilament synthetic infill-type surfacing. The existing aggregate layer and drainage system will be retained. The existing surfacing and rubber in-fill will be recycled to the extent possible. Improvements also include new shade canopies over the bleacher areas.

BACKGROUND: Arlington County has a total of 96 sports fields; seven of these fields currently have synthetic turf surfacing. The remainder of the fields have natural turf surfacing

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County Attorney:

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with the exception of one field which has stone dust surfacing. The competition field at Gunston Community Center was the first field to utilize synthetic turf surfacing and is the first field requiring replacement.

The proposed work is to be performed through the County's open contract for job order contracting. The contract number is 424-10-3.

DISCUSSION: Construction is anticipated to begin in December 2010 and conclude in spring 2011. This schedule will allow the fall sports season to be concluded, with the majority of the construction occurring during the off season prior to the start of the spring sports season.

FISCAL IMPACT: Funding for the Replacement of the Synthetic Turf Surfacing at the Competition Field at Gunston Community Center is available from Pay-As-You-Go Capital Maintenance funds. The funds are available in account 313.438200.80001.GSF2.0649.000.