



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**County Board Agenda Item
Meeting of December 08, 2012**

DATE: November 5, 2012

SUBJECT: Award of Contract for the Reconstruction of the Playground at Ft. Myer Heights Park, located at 1400 Ft. Myer Heights Drive, Invitation to Bid Number 617-12.

C. M. RECOMMENDATION:

1. Approve the Award of Contract Number 617-12 in the amount of \$475,920.43 to Avon Corporation, Inc. and approve an allocation of \$47,592.04 as a contingency for change orders for a total contract authorization of \$523,512.47.
2. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to execute the contract documents and all other documents to implement the above actions, subject to review of such documents by the County Attorney.

ISSUES: County Board approval is required for award of the construction contract. There are no outstanding issues.

SUMMARY: The project is a Parks Maintenance Capital renovation of the playground area at Ft. Myer Heights Park. The 0.48-acre park is frequently used by local residents for active as well as passive recreation. The existing park amenities consist of a small playground area, basketball court, picnic area and open grassy field. The new improvements include playground equipment, site furnishings, and an accessible path to the playground from Ft. Myer Drive. Following a community process that involved neighbors from the community, the Radnor / Fort Myer Heights Civic Association (RAFOM), and staff from Arlington County DPR, the design of the improvements for the playground area were developed. This is a request of award of contract for construction of the park improvements.

BACKGROUND: In July 2011 a community process was initiated to develop conceptual designs for the renovation of the playground at Ft. Myer Heights Park. Interested stakeholders came together through several meetings to discuss the playground design, address any community concerns and develop the timeline for the project implementation. Through the guidance of a community based design group, a conceptual plan was developed (see attachment)

County Manager:

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County Attorney:

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Staff: Aaron Wohler, Department of Parks & Recreation

that was approved by RAFOM. The Parks Maintenance Capital project includes site clearing, removal of miscellaneous above and below grade site improvements, site drainage, concrete retaining walls, accessible paving, new playground equipment, playground safety surfacing, site furnishings, fencing, and enhanced plantings.

DISCUSSION: The County received bids for this project on October 23, 2012 in response to Invitation to Bid Number 617-12. A total of three (3) bids were received by the Purchasing Agent and are listed below:

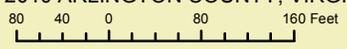
Bidder:	Bid Amount:
1. Avon Corporation, Inc.	\$475,920.43
2. Fort Myer Construction Corporation	\$497,567.80
3. Jeffrey Stack, Inc.	\$594,148.55

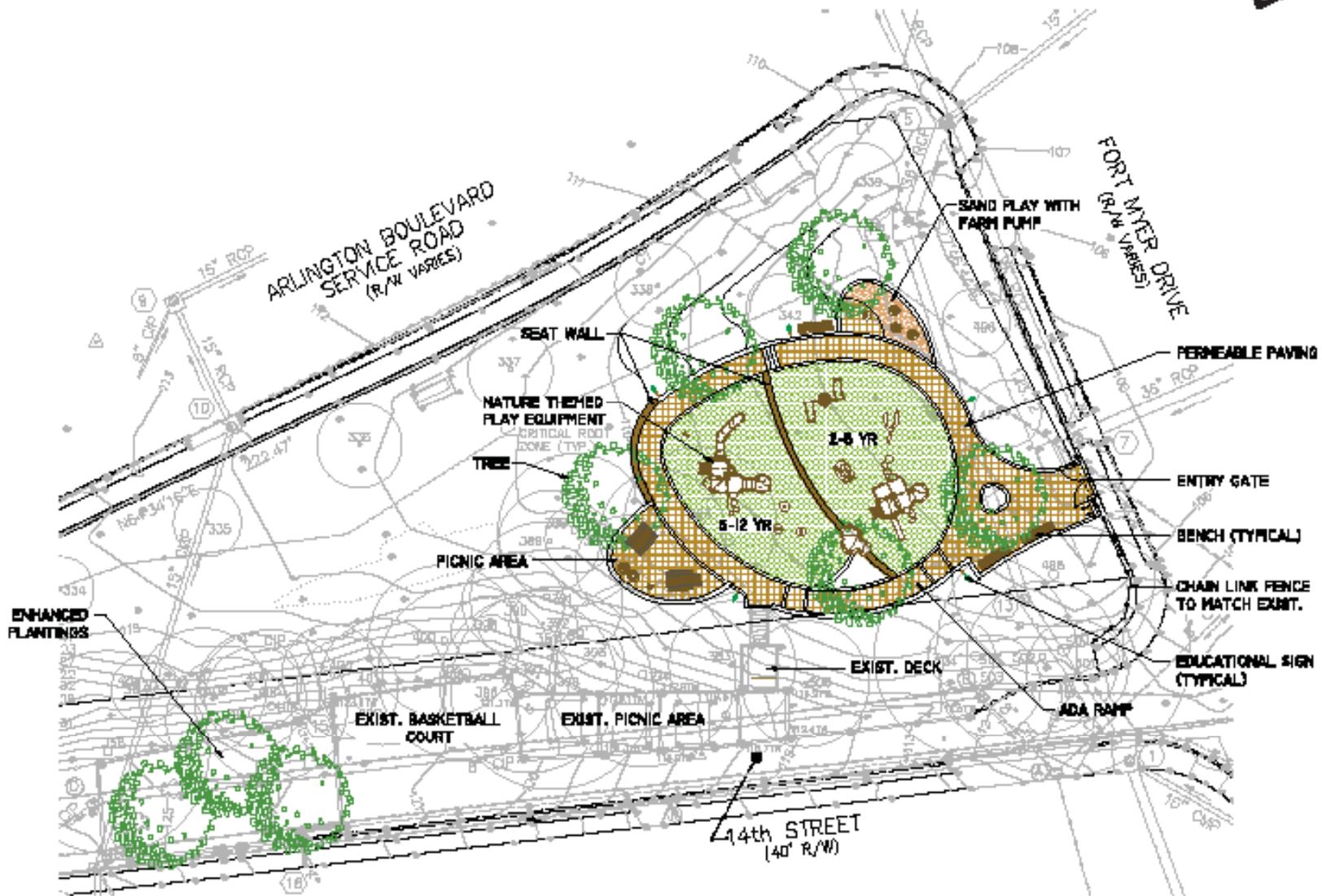
The lowest responsive bid for the construction of the playground was received by the Avon Corporation, Inc. in the amount of \$475,920.43. This was found to be the lowest responsive bid submitted and Avon Corporation, Inc. was found to be a responsible bidder. It is recommended that the contract be awarded to the Avon Corporation, Inc.

FISCAL IMPACT: Funding for the Parks Maintenance Capital project for the playground at Ft. Myer Heights Park is available from Parks Maintenance Capital FY2012 Pay-As-You-Go (313.80001.FMPC.0649.PC12) and Trust and Agency account (799.60X9).



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FT. MYER HEIGHTS PLAYGROUND CONCEPTUAL SITE PLAN

1400 NORTH FORT MYER DRIVE

