

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Gerry Bradley, Director of Parks and Recreation

**SUBJECT:** Playground Resurfacing Program

## **BACKGROUND:**

In an effort to create a safe, accessible and attractive park system, the City began a program to replace all wood chip playground surfacing with poured in place rubberized surfacing.

Due to the heavy use of our playgrounds and environmental conditions, many of the rubberized surfaces are becoming worn, cracked and faded. Based on the manufacturer's maintenance recommendation and the overall appearance of the playground's surface, staff obtained bids from GameTime/Total Recreation Products, Inc. through a BuyBoard cooperative purchasing contract to repair and seal the rubberized surfacing.

The repairs and resurfacing will allow staff to provide safe and accessible playgrounds for our residents and protect our investment in the rubberized surfacing for years to come. Industry reports indicate that 70% of all playground injuries are due to falls to the surface. The cost for these repair services for four of the most worn playground surfaces is \$66,660.58.

Funding is identified within the Parks and Recreation Department's Capital Improvement Program in fiscal year 2018/19.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff will take direction from City Council on how to proceed.

## **ATTACHMENTS:**

**BuyBoard Resurfacing Quote**