




Approved by City Manager: 

CITY of CALABASAS

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

DATE: JANUARY 23, 2006

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS

FROM: JEFF RUBIN, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR 

SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATION TO AWARD CONTRACT TO SHANE'S INSPIRATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$875,000 FOR THE PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF A UNIVERSALLY ACCESSIBLE PLAYGROUND ENVIRONMENT AT GATES CANYON PARK.

MEETING DATE: FEBRUARY 1, 2006

SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council award contract to Shane's Inspiration in an amount not-to-exceed \$875,000 for the project management and development of a Universally Accessible Playground Environment at Gates Canyon Park.

BACKGROUND:

In the last two years, the Community Services Department and the City Council have been working together to create a Universally Accessible Playground Environment in the City of Calabasas, a project that would go far beyond Americans with Disabilities Act guidelines, and create a place where children of all abilities would have the opportunity to play and grow in our community.

The Calabasas City Council allocated \$100,000 in FY 04/05 to start project design, approved Gates Canyon Park as the site of the project, and approved a design

AGENDA ITEM #13

contract with Shane's Inspiration, a non-profit organization based in Los Angeles. At this time, Staff is recommending that the City Council approve a contract that will continue our affiliation with Shane's Inspiration.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

As described in the following contract, Shane's Inspiration would be responsible for project management and development of this project, including the public bidding of the construction of the playground, to meet the City's Municipal Code requirements. Staff hopes to break ground in early Spring 2006 with a completion estimate of early Fall 2006.

Staff feels that the expertise and history of Shane's Inspiration makes them unique, and the desirable project manager for this park. They have completed 9 such playground environments to date with more than 20 others in various stages of development. In addition to assuring that the playground is built to the satisfaction of the City's goals, Shane's Inspiration will be able to assist staff in planning for the future care and programming of the facility to maximize the Community's benefit.

FISCAL IMPACT/SOURCE OF FUNDING:

On January 23, 2006, the City received a donation of \$1,000,000 from the Friedman Charitable Foundation to cover all costs for the development of this unique play environment. Staff is requesting that the City Council allocate up to \$875,000 of these funds to be used for project development. The remaining \$125,000 will be used by the City at a later date for the maintenance and programming of the facility.

REQUESTED ACTION:

Staff requests that the City Council award contract to Shane's Inspiration in an amount not-to-exceed \$875,000 for the project management and development of a Universally Accessible Playground Environment at Gates Canyon Park.

ATTACHMENTS: Shane's Inspiration Contract