

STAFF REPORT

Date: September 25, 2024

To: Mayor and City Council

Through: Jackie Bryant, Interim City Manager

Subject: Staff Report (For Possible Action): Award of Contract to Powerhouse Construction, Inc. for the Miguel Ribera Playground Improvements Project in an amount not to exceed \$549,885. (Community Development Block Grant, Parks Capital Maintenance Fund)

From: Jonathan Smith, Senior Civil Engineer

Department: Public Works

Summary:

Staff have determined that the playground structures at Miguel Ribera Park, located at 3925 Neil Road, are in poor condition and need to be replaced. The planned improvements include installing new playground equipment, safety surfacing, drainage enhancements, and a new shade structure. The project was advertised for three weeks, and bids were opened on August 29, 2024. Two bids were received, and Powerhouse Construction Inc. submitted the best bid pursuant to the requirements established in Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) Chapter 338. This project is approved in the fiscal year 2024-2025 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and funding was allocated through a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The work is scheduled to be completed by the end of November 2024. Staff recommends awarding the contract to Powerhouse Construction, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$549,885, which includes a project contingency for unforeseen issues during construction.

Consent Review	Yes	No
1. Is this item an annual or standard item that comes before Council for regular approval?		X
2. Is this item an agreement required based on an item previously approved by Council?	X	
3. Is this item included in the current budget approved and adopted by Council?	X	
Other Considerations		
What percent of the total City budget does this item represent?	0.06%	

Alignment with Strategic Plan:

Arts, Parks, and Historical Resources

Previous Council Action:

May 10, 2023 – Council approved the 2023-24 HUD Annual Action Plan for allocating grants from the federal Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) in the amount of \$2,010,659, which included funding recommendations from the CDBG Subcommittee for this scope of work.

Background:

Miguel Ribera Park, situated in southeast Reno at 3925 Neil Road, spans across 19.48 acres. Within the park, there are two existing play structures, kid coasters, and swings that have outlived their service life and require replacement. The Parks department performed outreach and released a survey to the community with different playground options that ran from late January to February 4th, 2024. The preferred option, chosen by the public, is shown in the figure below and the location of the park is shown in the vicinity map below.

Vicinity Map



Figure 1 - Miguel Ribera Playground



Discussion:

This project will include the demolition of existing play structures and installation of new playground equipment. The new playground equipment will include a 2-5 age structure, 5-12 age structure, tuned drums structure, sensory play wall, neutron carousel, swings, and rubberized playground safety surface. The safety surface will be aliphatic urethane pour-in-place rubber safety surfacing.

Staff received and opened two bids for the Miguel Ribera Playground Improvements Project on August 29, 2024. Powerhouse Construction Inc. submitted the best bid pursuant to the requirements established in the Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) Chapter 338. Powerhouse Construction Inc. is a local Contractor licensed in Nevada, and they have completed multiple projects for the City within the past five years. Table 1 below shows the bid results.

Table 1 – Bid Summary

Miguel Ribera Playground Improvements	Powerhouse Construction, Inc.	Bighorn Contractors, Inc.	Engineer's Estimate
Total Bid	\$499,885	\$775,975	\$650,180

The Engineer's estimate was based on previous playground improvement costs and current material and construction costs.

Staff recommends the Bid Award to Powerhouse Construction, Inc. for a total not to exceed of \$549,885, which includes a contingency for unforeseen items encountered during construction, as shown in Table 2 below.

Table 2 – Recommended Bid Award

Miguel Ribera Playground Improvements	\$499,885
Contingency	\$50,000
Bid Award	\$549,885

The consequences of not awarding this bid today will result in additional costs for re-bidding along with further deterioration of the playground equipment, citizen complaints, and limited playground accessibility.

Financial Implications:

This project is included in the FY23/24 Capital Improvement Plan and funds are available through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Parks Capital Maintenance Fund.

Legal Implications:

This project was competitively bid in accordance with Chapter 338 of the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS). NRS 338.147 provides that a local government shall award a contract for a public work for which the estimated cost exceeds \$250,000 to the contractor who submits the best bid pursuant to the requirements of the chapter. Powerhouse Construction, Inc. maintains the proper license to perform the project and submitted the best bid pursuant to State Law.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends Council award the contract to Powerhouse Construction, Inc. for the Miguel Ribera Playground Improvements Project in an amount not to exceed \$549,885 and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract.

Proposed Motion:

I move to award the contract to Powerhouse Construction, Inc. for the Miguel Ribera Playground Improvements Project in an amount not to exceed \$549,885 and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract.

Attachments:

- [Powerhouse_Construction_Contract_SR \(PDF\)](#)