

June 26, 1997

SUBJECT: SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT
FOR KITSILANO PARK

RECOMMENDATION

A) THAT the Board approve the purchase of playground equipment for \$14,950.00 from Swing Time Distributors for Kitsilano Park playground under Quotation Proposal P-97-1.

B) THAT no legal rights shall arise hereby, and none shall arise until execution of the contemplated contract. The Board may rescind this resolution at any time up to the execution of the contemplated contract.

BOARD POLICY

Contract awards to other than the low bidder must be approved by the Board.

BACKGROUND

A budget of \$19,602.00 was included in the 1994-96 capital plan for the redevelopment of the Kitsilano Beach Park children's playground.

Three Park Board generated community meetings and several community citizen generated meetings were held to gather community ideas for the playground and review and select one of the six playground development quotation proposals received from manufacturers for Kitsilano Park.

DISCUSSION

Resulting from these public meetings was a specific community request for a play structure constructed mainly of natural wood material as compared to steel and plastic. Quotations were obtained as follows:

Playtech Distributors	\$13,540.00
Suttle Agencies	\$14,800.00
Swing Time Distributors	\$14,950.00
Westland Rec-Creation Concepts	\$14,996.00
RecTec Industries	\$14,999.00

The low bidder, Playtech Distributors, with a bid of \$13,540.00, did not meet the proposal specification requirements in the opinion of the community consultative committee by including only 14 of a possible 26 play elements in their proposal bid.

The second low bidder, Suttle Agencies, with a bid of \$14,800.00, included a total of 26 play elements in their proposal bid but could not fulfill the community request for a natural wood structure, proposing all metal and plastic playground equipment. A request was faxed to Suttle Agencies to rebid with a wood structure but this request was declined.

The third low bidder, Swing Time Distributors, with a quotation of \$14,950.00, in the opinion of the community playground committee, best met the requirement of an all wood play structure, including 23 play elements in their proposal.

It is the recommendation of the staff to support the community's request to accept the quotation proposal from Swing Time Distributors.

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