

TOWN COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

Title: Authorize the Town Manager to execute a contract with Entre Prises for purchase of climbing boulder park features

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RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Town Manager to execute a contract with Entre Prises, Inc up to \$325,000.00 for the purchase of up to two climbing boulder park features.

BACKGROUND:

Staff was tasked with designing improvements to Mammoth Creek West that included the rehabilitation of the former grass area, the installation of a pavilion style stage and rock climbing features. The climbing features are intended to create a space for the local climbing community to train, socialize, and grow while also providing a space for programming summer camp and after school programs. Similar parks exist in Jackson Hole, WY and Bend, OR. These parks consist of standalone, top out manufactured boulders that come with plastic holds. Routes can be set and adjusted by changing holds, like a typical climbing gym, providing a wide range of climbing ‘problems’ that can cater to all abilities.

ANALYSIS:

The two most popular manufacturers of these climbing boulders are Entre Prises, Inc and Eldorado Walls. In Staff discussions with reps from both companies and other users, Staff decided the style of boulder provided by Entre Prises, Inc was the most versatile and offered the most customizability. To meet the goal of engaging the local climbing community and providing opportunities for a wide range of skills, Staff determined a large, custom boulder would be necessary. This authorization also allows the purchase of a ‘Wombat’ boulder for additional programming. The extensive surface area allows for climbers to set a significant number of ‘problems’, providing opportunities for all levels to participate.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

\$500,000.00 was allocated from the General Fund for the improvements at Mammoth Creek Park West. The Custom Alpenglow Boulder was quoted at \$283,658.00 and the Wombat Boulder was quoted at approximately \$40,000.00. These costs include the purchase of the boulder(s), shipping, installation and the climbing holds. The additional scope of work at the park include irrigation, natural sod, artificial turf, and the installation of a pavilion/stage area. As the costs of other scopes of work are finalized, the budget allocation to the bouldering features will be finalized as well. Authorizing the Town

Manager to execute a contract will allow the Town move forward with the development of the park in a timely fashion and adjust the budget accordingly.

PHOTOS:



Alpenglow Park; Bend, OR



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Teton Boulder Project; Jackson Hole, WY



Wombat Boulder during manufacturing process