DATE: June 28, 2005

SUBJECT: Approve an Award of Contract for the Reconstruction of the Playground at Lyon Village Park, 1800 N. Highland Street, Invitation to Bid Number 268-05.

C. M. RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Approve the Award of Contract No. 268-05 in the amount of $518,000.00 to Custom Park Services, Inc. and approve an allocation of $51,800.00 as a contingency for change orders for a total contract authorization of $569,800.00.

2. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to execute the contract documents, subject to review by the County Attorney.

ISSUE: Section 4-108(1) of the Arlington County Purchasing Resolution states that, “No contract for a capital improvement project that exceeds $250,000 shall be awarded without the approval of the County Board.”

SUMMARY: The Purchasing Agent bids on June 27, 2005 for the Reconstruction of the Playground at Lyon Village Park.

The low bid in the amount of $518,000.00 received from Custom Park Services, Inc. is consistent with the Landscape Architect’s estimate. This was found to be the lowest responsive bid submitted and Custom Park Services, Inc. was found to be a responsible bidder. It is recommended that the contract be awarded to Custom Park Services, Inc.

BACKGROUND: Lyon Village Park is a 1.5-acre neighborhood park, which serves primarily the residents of the Lyon Village Civic Association. The park’s existing amenities include a basketball and two tennis courts, a picnic shelter, tot and school age children’s play area and swings.

The master plan for Lyon Village Park evolved from numerous design meetings where PRCR staff worked closely with a group of citizens from the civic association. The design meetings took place from Summer 2003 through Summer 2004.

Staff: Bernadette Grullón, Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources
The site improvements call for replacement of playground equipment and site furnishings with a new tot and school age play area and swings, new paths throughout the site improving pedestrian circulation and a water sprayshower, which is a zero-depth and fully automated water play area for children. In addition, solutions to site drainage and erosion are also incorporated into the site improvements.

The Lyon Village playground was last replaced prior to 1990. It is one of the oldest and most heavily used playgrounds in the county. The improvements will allow the playground and associated amenities to be maintained in a reliable and serviceable condition.

**DISCUSSION:** Bids for the Reconstruction of the Playground at Lyon Village Park were opened on June 27, 2005. A total of two bids were received by the Purchasing Agent and there are as follows:

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**FISCAL IMPACT:** Funding for the Reconstruction of the Playground at Lyon Village Park was approved in the FY 2001 Bond and is available from proceeds of the 2005 bond sale of the 2000 Bond referenda (024.R0J.PG) and from FY05 PAYG CAPP Funds (013.649.PDCP).