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**PUBLIC GROUNDS, BUILDINGS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 18, 2019**

Present: Committee members Kenneth Brady, chairman; Mark Getsay and Michael O'Donnell.

Also present: Mayor Dennis Clough; Council President Michael Killeen; Councilmembers Lynda Appel, Nick Nunnari, Dennis Sullivan; Recreation Director Bob DeMinico; Law Director Mike Maloney; Fire Chief Jim Hughes; and Nancy Nozik, AIA, of Brandstetter Carroll Inc.

The meeting convened at 7:02 p.m.

I. Discuss plans for the new Clague Park Playground.

Recreation Director Bob DeMinico gave the background of the project and introduced Nancy Nozik from Brandstetter Carroll Inc., who presented the proposal for the new Clague Park playground with a preliminary opinion of probable cost of \$942,455. Councilmembers, the Mayor and Fire Chief presented safety concerns regarding the use of boulders, lack of flat access to the playground equipment by ADA children and adults, the proposed use of engineered wood fiber or rubber ground cover at the base of the playground equipment and the high cost of the project. Boulders were used at the Aquatic Center but the area is monitored and no one is allowed to walk on the boulders. The use of boulders at the playground would not be monitored and they would be used to access slides and other equipment.

After much discussion, Nancy Nozik offered to modify the proposal taking into consideration safety concerns, the use of boulders, ADA access, cost and other concerns.

The meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth R. Brady
Chairman