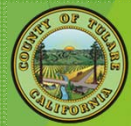


Tulare County Parks & Recreation Lily Pond Project

Mooney Grove Park

October 8, 2019



Overview

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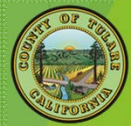


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RFP for Full Restoration

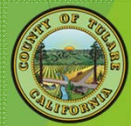
- ▶ RFP to design a fully restored Lily Pond issued May 24, 2019
- ▶ Submissions were due July 29, 2019
- ▶ Two proposals submitted:
 - ▶ The Real Mooney Grove Project - did not meet proposal requirements
 - ▶ Sierra Designs - met proposal requirements
 - ▶ Total Design costs \$116,915 - \$146,915
 - ▶ Construction estimated between \$400,000 - \$600,000



Options

Option 1: Accept the proposal from Sierra Designs and move forward with design and full restoration of the Lily Pond

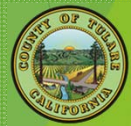
- ▶ Cost for design \$116,915 - \$146,915
- ▶ Construction estimates for full restoration \$400,000 - \$600,000
- ▶ Ongoing maintenance costs unknown, would be included in design
- ▶ Parks does not currently have funding to pursue this option



Options

Option 2: Remove the Lily Pond and landscape over its footprint

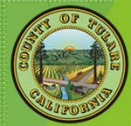
- ▶ Strongly opposed by members of the public
- ▶ Work could be completed by Park staff and would have limited costs



Options

Option 3: Replace the Lily Pond structure with an artistic memorial to the pond on its site

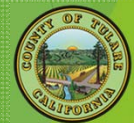
- ▶ Option previously recommended by staff
- ▶ Estimated cost \$78,000
- ▶ Parks has sufficient funding to cover the cost



Options

Option 4: Convert the existing Lily Pond structure into a gated memorial

- ▶ Proposed at RFP review meeting
- ▶ Costs for this option would require further research



Options

Option 5: Enclose the Lily Pond with a wrought iron fence and establish a five-year community fundraising campaign

- ▶ Recommended by the Parks Advisory Committee
- ▶ \$10,000 estimate for wrought iron fence
- ▶ Solicit architectural rendering of the restored from Sierra Designs
- ▶ Accept tax deductible donations through Friends of Tulare County
- ▶ Collaborate with local organizations that offer work experience to youth
- ▶ Solicit in-kind donations of labor and materials from local businesses
- ▶ Explore grant opportunities
- ▶ Parks has sufficient funding for the fence and architectural rendering



Conclusion & Requested Action

It is requested that Board provide direction to staff as to which, if any, of the five proposed options staff should pursue with regard to the Lily Pond, or provide direction to modify one of the proposed options.

Option 1: Accept the proposal from Sierra Designs Inc. and direct staff to move forward with design and restoration of the Lily Pond

Option 2: Approve the removal of the Lily Pond and direct staff to landscape over its footprint

Option 3: Approve the replacement of the Lily Pond structure with an artistic memorial to the pond on its site

Option 4: Direct staff to convert the existing Lily Pond structure into a gated memorial

Option 5: Direct staff to enclose the Lily Pond with a wrought iron fence and establish a five-year community fundraising campaign to restore the structure

