

**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**  
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

<b>AGENDA TITLE:</b>	Approval of Ridgecrest Neighborhood Association Neighborhood Mini-Grant Project
<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	Community Services Division, City Manager's Office
<b>PRESENTED BY:</b>	Rob Beem, Community Services Division Manager Nora Smith, Neighborhood Coordinator

**PROBLEM / ISSUE STATEMENT:**

The Ridgecrest Neighborhood Association is requesting \$5,000 in 2008 Neighborhood Mini-Grant funds for a joint project with the Ridgecrest Elementary PTA and Shoreline School District. This project completes the second phase of installation of new, safe, and creative playground equipment at Ridgecrest Elementary School. The new equipment will be accessible to all children of the Ridgecrest neighborhood.

In 2006 Ridgecrest Elementary School PTA installed the first phase of new play equipment after several years of fundraising. Ridgecrest Neighborhood Association Board partnered with the Ridgecrest PTA to request and obtained \$5,000 in 2006 Neighborhood Mini-Grant funds for the installation of the first phase equipment.

The old outdoor playground equipment, most of which was removed in 2006, had been on site at Ridgecrest Elementary School for more than 20 years. The first phase of the project in 2006 included funding and volunteer labor to dismantle and dispose of outdated equipment, reconfigure the existing play area, and purchase and installation of a small segment of new equipment that met ADA standards and is both mentally and physically challenging for elementary school and neighborhood children ages 5-12.

The second phase of the project in 2008 will complete installation the playground with the installation of five new elements of equipment at Ridgecrest Elementary to fill the holes left from removing old equipment in 2006 (see Attachment B).

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

City Council authorized \$20,000 in the 2008 budget to fund Neighborhood Mini-Grants. This is the first 2008 Neighborhood Mini-Grant submitted for approval. The project budget is included in Attachment A.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends Council approve \$5,000 in Neighborhood Mini-Grant funds for the Ridgecrest Neighborhood Association to partner with Ridgecrest Elementary School PTA in the purchase of new playground equipment.

Approved By:      City Manager  City Attorney \_\_\_\_

## **INTRODUCTION**

The Ridgecrest Neighborhood Association is requesting \$5,000 to purchase and install new playground equipment at Ridgecrest Elementary as a joint project with the Ridgecrest PTA. New up-to-date equipment will encourage creative play for children of all abilities from the neighborhood, providing a tangible neighborhood improvement.

Ridgecrest PTA has worked to assemble funding from a variety of sources to complete the playground equipment. Funding includes: \$50,000 from Shoreline School District, \$22,600 from Ridgecrest PTA fundraising and \$20,000 from a Tesuque Foundation grant. The \$5,000 Neighborhood Mini-Grant would provide the final funding needed to complete the project. Ridgecrest PTA and Ridgecrest Neighborhood Association propose to provide a match with both the \$22,600 raised by the Ridgecrest PTA through volunteer efforts and a volunteer match in the form of "sweat equity." Volunteers will also spend approximately 600 hours to complete remodeling the play area and installing the new equipment, under the supervision of the manufacturer's representative. Shoreline School District will provide ongoing maintenance for the new equipment.

Ridgecrest Neighborhood Association has successfully completed other Neighborhood Mini-Grant projects that include neighborhood signage, holiday lights and decorations, and extensive street tree plantings and beautification, and phase one of the Ridgecrest Elementary playground installation.

## **BACKGROUND**

Resolution No. 54 established the Neighborhood Mini-Grant program, with the process and administration of the funds to be handled by Neighborhoods staff. The allocation of the total funds available is determined from year to year by appropriation of the City Council. All such grants to individual neighborhood associations are governed by rules approved by the City Council on October 7, 1996 and amended on November 23, 1998. Grants must be approved by City Council prior to their implementation.

The Neighborhood Mini-Grant program provides grants of up to \$5,000 to each of the active organized, qualifying neighborhood associations in the City of Shoreline. Neighborhood associations are required to match Neighborhood Mini-Grant funds. A match may be generated from co-sponsoring groups, businesses, organizations, schools, media, in-kind donations and/or "sweat equity".

Neighborhood Mini-Grant project categories include the following:

- Projects that create or enhance a tangible improvement in the neighborhood;
- Projects that disseminate information and increase awareness of the goals and mission of the neighborhood association to the neighborhood community;
- Projects that directly benefit a public agency or organization and its immediate neighborhood, and that require the active involvement of both the public agency and members of the neighborhood in planning and carrying out the program.

## **ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS**

The Ridgecrest Neighborhood Association is requesting approval for a \$5,000 Neighborhood Mini-Grant to complete the second phase of installation of new, safe, creative playground equipment at Ridgecrest Elementary School. The goal of the Ridgecrest Neighborhood Mini-Grant is to create a tangible improvement for children at the elementary school and in the community.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends Council approve \$5,000 in Neighborhood Mini-Grant funds for the Ridgecrest Neighborhood Association to partner with Ridgecrest Elementary School PTA in the purchase of new playground equipment.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

- A - Ridgecrest Neighborhood Association 2008 Neighborhood Mini-Grant Budget For Ridgecrest Elementary School Playground Equipment
- B – Layout of playground
- C – Depiction of new Asterope climber
- D - Photo of existing playground equipment

## Attachment A

### Ridgecrest Neighborhood Association 2008 Mini-Grant Project Budget Ridgecrest Elementary School Playground Equipment

<u>Project / Item</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Playground structures: Kompan Asterope (climbing structure), Edge Custom (slide and climbing structure), Supernova (merry-go-round) and 2 Spicas (spinners)	\$78,182
Installation of posts, supervision of overall installation	\$ 9,918
KDCA Fee*	\$ 1,564
Tax	<u>\$ 7,929</u>
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>\$97,593</b>

\*KCDA is the purchasing cooperative owned by Washington State Public School Districts. KCDA bids and awards supply and service contracts and obtains better pricing through bulk buying. KCDA charges a fee for their services.

### Project Match

The group proposes to provide a match with \$50,000 from Shoreline School District, \$22,600 from Ridgecrest PTA fundraisers, \$20,000 from Tesuque Foundation in the form of a grant obtained by the PTA, and a volunteer match in the form of "sweat equity." Volunteers will spend approximately 600 hours to put in the equipment. Tasks to be completed by volunteers include: final demolition of the old equipment and installing the new equipment (under the supervision of the manufacturer's representative).

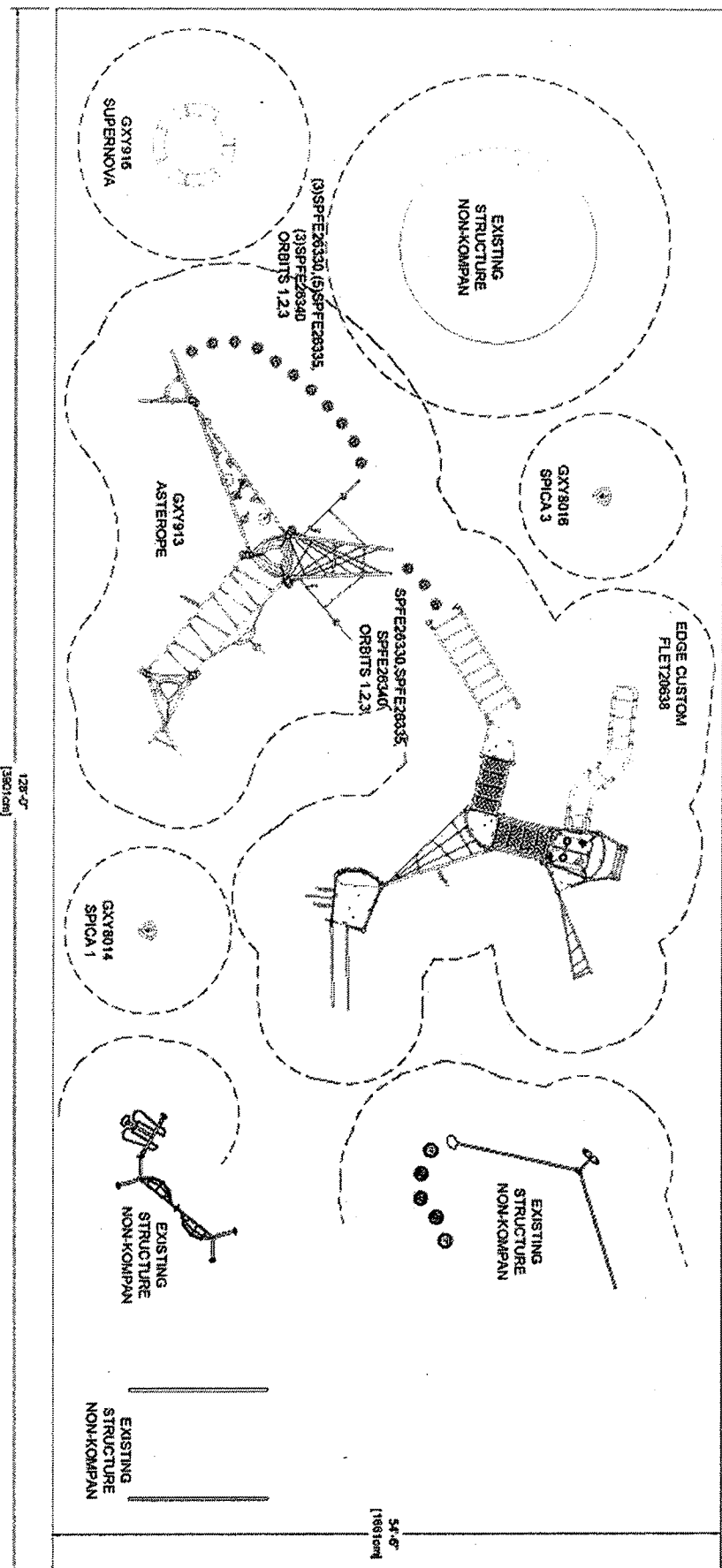
<u>Funding</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Shoreline School District	\$50,000
Ridgecrest Elementary PTA fundraising	\$22,600
Ridgecrest Elementary PTA grant from Tesuque Foundation	\$20,000
City of Shoreline Neighborhood Mini-Grant	<u>\$ 5,000</u>
<b>Total Project Funding</b>	<b>\$97,600</b>

**KOMPAN**  
 Client: RIDGECREST ELEMENTARY  
 Date: 01/28/08 Project #:             
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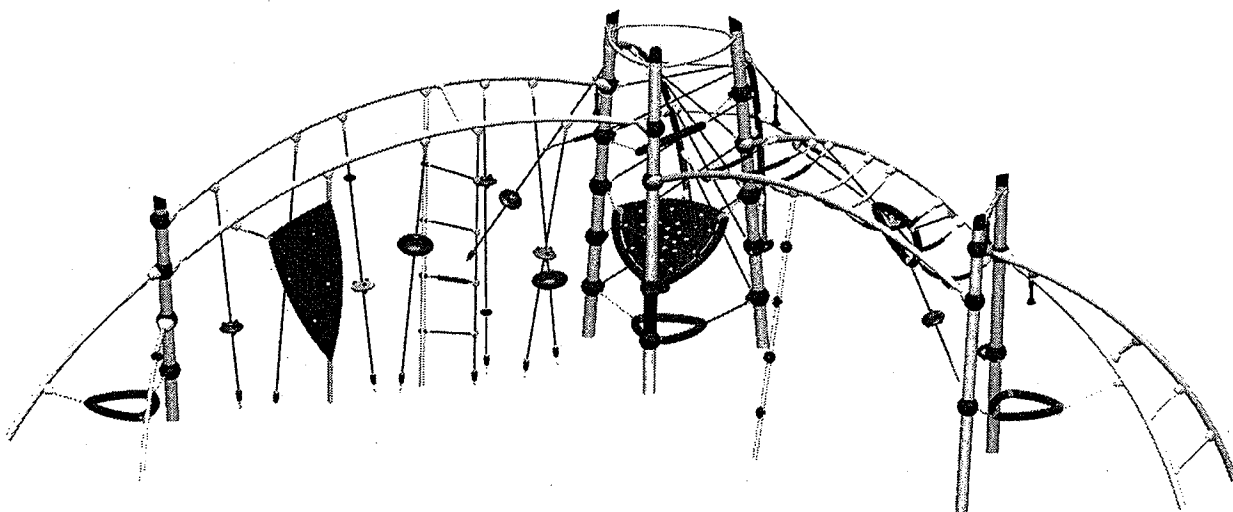
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 grade of 1% maximum."  
 For surface impact options, the owner's bid items  
 may be set to 5% inches. Please consult KOMPAN  
 for specific product requirements.  
 This representation is based upon assumed site  
 dimensions and cannot be used as an accurate map  
 of existing site work.  
 Layout is in accordance with ASTM F1487-07

# Attachment B

FOR QUOTING  
 ONLY  
 NOT FOR CONSTRUCTION



**Ridgecrest Neighborhood Association  
2008 Mini-Grant Project Budget  
Ridgecrest Elementary School  
Asterope Climber**



**Ridgecrest Neighborhood Association  
2008 Mini-Grant Project Budget  
Ridgecrest Elementary School  
Existing play equipment**

