



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING**

#17-0348

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: March 21, 2017

TITLE: Resolution to Approve an Imagination Playground Agreement with
KaBOOM!

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve an Imagination Playground agreement with KaBOOM! and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement and necessary documentation on behalf of the City in the event of award.

Background

The Parks and Recreation Department has submitted a Creative Play Grant application to KaBOOM! for an Imagination Playground and should know within the coming days if we have been awarded the grant. KaBoom requires a turn around time of five days between notification and execution of the agreement. Staff therefore is requesting pre-approval of this agreement so we can be timely with the agreement.

An Imagination Playground is an innovative design in play equipment that encourages creativity, communication, and collaboration in play. The collection of custom-designed, oversized blue foam parts allows children to constantly build their play spaces. KaBOOM! accepts applications from municipalities and child-serving organizations. While not a traditional grant, if approved, grantees/community partners are awarded ownership of the playground equipment. The playground pieces will be stored at Riverland Park, however the pieces can be moved from park to park as needed.

Projects must show a demonstrated impact for low-income areas, providing increased play opportunities. The City of Fort Lauderdale Parks and Recreation Department, as a Community Partner, was approved to participate in this initiative and receive the new playground equipment. If awarded the play equipment, the signed agreement must be submitted to KaBOOM! within five days of the award acceptance.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact to the City.

Strategic Connections

This item is a Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018 initiative, included within the Public Places Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 4: Be a community that finds opportunities and leverages partnerships to create unique, inviting, and connected gathering places that highlight our beaches, waterways, urban areas and parks.
- Objective 1: Improve access to and enjoyment of our beach, Riverwalk, waterways, parks and open spaces for everyone.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Community*.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Agreement

Exhibit 2 – Resolution

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