

July 23, 2015

Ms. Rhoda Savage, Director of Parks & Recreation
City of McKinney
1611 N. Stonebridge Drive
McKinney, Texas 75071

Dear Rhoda,

During our meeting on July 14, 2015, Larry, you and I discussed the content of the MOU and issues which Larry and I deem important in our agreement with the City of McKinney and the Parks and Recreation Department. Also discussed were the history and goals of our club and this particular project.

The McKinney Sunrise Rotary is a local service club chartered on May 22, 1992 and comprised of dedicated business men and women to provide humanitarian services throughout our community and our world. Our focus has been children of elementary school age and the awarding high school seniors with scholarships through MEF. With the funds raised through our flag program the club has supported, to name a few, Angel Flight South Central, Meals on Wheels, Boy Scouts, Boys and Girls Clubs, Habitat for Humanity, elementary school programs through CIS and the McKinney-Vento Act programs and the Military Wounded Warriors project. Additionally we initiated and support the Interact Clubs at Boyd and North High Schools and the Rotaract Club at Collin College. Globally we have purchased wheel chairs, supported the polio immunization program, Shelter boxes for disaster areas, most recently in Nepal, and assisted in the development of clean water programs in third world countries.

The Board of Directors and membership voted in 2014 to focus on one signature project for the City of McKinney. After researching various suggestions and conducting a "needs assessment", it was agreed there was a definite need for an "all-abilities" playground in McKinney. According to Dr. Paul Foster, Director of Special Populations in MISD, there was in 2015, 2,300 students with special needs registered in McKinney schools. These children represented 9% of the overall enrollment. It was noted that this does not include those children who are too young for school, home schooled or attending other special education facilities. Currently, there are very limited playgrounds which give them the opportunity to play on equipment appropriate for their needs and abilities. The Parks and Recreation Department have recently built a new playground with varying degrees of wheelchair access. The closest "all-abilities" playgrounds are in Prosper, Allen and Frisco.

Initially our Sunrise Rotary proposed a "community- build All-abilities" playground in partnership with the City of McKinney. The direction has morphed into a playground adapted to an existing plan for Phase 2 of Bonnie Wenk Park with a design firm, La Terra, already under contract with the McKinney Parks and Recreation. Our service club (Sunrise Rotary) is committed to the end result of a playground for those children and families living with disabilities, as well as for able-bodied

children. The change in the basic building model has necessitated us to revise the marketing and sponsorship approach. We are in the process of revising our timeline and marketing approach to better match that of the Parks and Recreation Department.

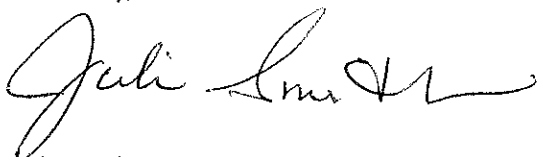
The Sunrise Rotary Club is projecting raising a total of \$500,000.00 to cover the construction /design costs within 8 – 12 months from September 1, 2015. The club itself has set aside approximately \$30,000.00 to begin this project. This will include contacting businesses for sponsorships, writing grant proposals, fundraisers and direct solicitation to the community. In the event this goal is not met by the date agreed upon, the funds received will be given to the City of McKinney Parks and Recreation Department to apply toward the playground. McKinney Sunrise Rotary is also requesting that there be “add-on” and “Deduct alternate” clauses incorporated into the agreement with the designer, the city and builder to cover the possibility of a surplus or shortfall in funding. The newly organized McKinney Sunrise Rotary Foundation is in the process of applying for their 501 (C) (3) status.

La Terra (the design firm) has set a fee at 6.3% or approximately \$30,000.00 as the cost of the design fees, and we are requesting an opportunity to have a conversation to negotiate that figure. In addition, we would like to meet with the design team representative at least one time before they begin on the project for the opportunity to exchange ideas on equipment and safety features the stakeholders feel important. We are requesting two meetings after the three (3) renderings have been delivered, with the understanding we and the McKinney Parks and Recreation, will be able to make reasonable changes.

Additionally, there is a group of “Alpha students” teachers in McKinney Independent School District (MISD) who want to have the playground as a project in the first school quarter and they have requested a meeting with the surveyor so that project is as accurate as possible. Inclusion of MISD was an original part of the Rotary’s proposal and it remains an integral part of building community awareness and support. Their project completion date is the week of February 22, 2016 and it would be a huge event showcasing the partnership the community and the city; with the city council, MISD administrators, Parks and Recreation Department, La Terra and Rotary members in attendance. They understand that their design is for a school exercise; with the possibility that there might be, coincidentally, some of their design incorporated into the final playground. Another community awareness tool Sunrise Rotary would like to have the city consider is to have a city-wide contest to name the playground. The positive benefit to all parties is immeasurable.

As this playground goes from a plan to a reality, the Sunrise Rotary realizes its building will not be the typical project, and we anticipate the City of McKinney, through its Parks and Recreation Department, will be partners for the inclusion of the entire community making McKinney’s “All-Abilities Playground” a “destination” for children with special needs as well as adding to the Uniqueness of the City of McKinney. The McKinney Sunrise Rotary Club requests, as part of the agreement, that the City Of McKinney assume full ownership including all future maintenance and liabilities of this All-Abilities Playground upon completion of this playground project.

Sincerely,



Juli Smith

President, Sunrise Rotary Foundation

cc: Sunrise Rotary Board of Directors