



INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Gary D. Greer
City Manager

DATE: February 3, 2015

SUBJECT: Donation for Park Improvement Project

The Carrollton/Farmers Branch Rotary Club approached Parks and Recreation Department staff about the possibility of raising funds to create a signature barrier free playground in Farmers Branch. After much discussion, the project focused on raising funds to replace the ageing playground at Gussie Field Watterworth Park adjacent to City Hall. This exciting opportunity soon drew the attention of the Farmers Branch Rotary Club and they are now cosponsoring this great endeavor. The Rotary Clubs are planning to raise approximately \$160,000 for an entirely new playground.

The exciting opportunity has drawn public attention and the Valwood Improvement Authority recently donated \$5,000 for this project.

The Branch Church, Farmers Branch campus, recently raised funds in the amount of \$3,505 to donate to this project. This donation is on the agenda for acceptance. This very generous donation from the Branch Church shows their continued commitment to quality of life in Farmers Branch.

Possible Council Action:

1. I move to accept a donation in the amount of \$3,505 from The Branch Church – Farmers Branch Campus in support of park improvements sponsored by the Carrollton/Farmers Branch and Farmers Branch Rotary Clubs.
2. I move to accept a donation in the amount of \$3,505 from The Branch Church – Farmers Branch Campus in support of park improvements sponsored by the Carrollton/Farmers Branch and Farmers Branch Rotary Clubs, with modifications.
3. I move to table the item for further study or take no action.