



## Parks & Recreation

# Memo

To: Robert Kuntz, City Administrator

From: Linda Bruer, Director of Parks and Recreation

Date: August 7, 2014

RE: Vlasis Park Log Home Repairs

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Seven logs have rotted and need to be replaced on the Schmidt-Dahlke log home in Vlasis Park. Attached is a memo from Assistant Director Hoffman outlining the difficulty he has encountered obtaining contractors to bid on this repair.

We are recommending award to Best Buy Builders in an amount not to exceed \$8,000 to replace the logs; as they were the only company interested in bidding and they were the company that successfully replaced logs in 2012.

\$7,000 was budgeted in the park operating budget for the repair this year. I would propose that \$4,000 be paid from the park operations budget and \$4,000 be paid from the historical commission's escrow fund which is generated from fundraising efforts such as the book sales.

If you have any questions with regard to the repairs or process, please let me know.



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# Memo

**To: Linda Bruer, Director of Parks & Recreation**

**From: John Hoffman, Deputy Director of Parks**

**Date: 8/6/2014**

**RE: Log Cabin Repairs**

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As you know, I have been soliciting bids for the replacement of seven rotten logs on the east side of the log home in Vlasis Park for several months now. It is getting increasingly difficult to find a contractor that will do this type of work. There are very few "log cabin repair" companies. The ones that do exist do not want to travel to our area to replace a few logs.

Two years ago, I was able to get three bidders; all general contractors. The low bidder, Thebeau Builders was approved for the work; however, they backed out at the last minute because they were unable to secure materials for the job and therefore were unable to do the work. The second low bidder, Best Buy Builders stepped in and did the work. Most general contractors don't want to deal with an old log cabin.

This year, only one of the three contractors that bid last time, was interested in bidding this time. Best Buy Builders submitted a proposal with a time and material bid not to exceed \$8,000. He said the price could be less. It just depends on how difficult, and therefore how long it takes to get some of the old logs out.

I recommend we award the contract to Best Buy Builders in the amount not to exceed \$8,000. Best Buy is the only contractor I could find to do this work and we were very satisfied with the job they did in 2012.

If you need any further information, please let me know.