Resolution 2011-152

Resolution to Award a Contract for the Construction of Improvements according to OP 7469 in the amount of $199,914.39 for Minnehaha Park Lower Glen Phase 3, Project 2—Plant Community Site Restoration to Minnesota Native Landscapes, Inc.

Whereas, The Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board (MPRB) is authorized to contract with public and private entities in the performance of its functions;

Whereas, The Board authorized selected improvements to be made at Minnehaha Park Lower Glen based on plans created by Barr Engineering Company specifically for this project and focused on restoring native plant communities in the Lower Glen;

Whereas, MPRB publicly solicited bids and received three bids on June 23, 2011;

Whereas, The bids received have been tabulated and the low bid offered by Minnesota Native Landscapes, Inc. in the amount of $199,914.39 was determined by staff and its consultants to be complete and responsible;

Whereas, The low bid was a combination of a base bid in the amount of $194,320.69 and an alternate bid in the amount of $5,593.70, which allows for an application of straw and burning of the Savanna Area of the Lower Glen; and

Whereas, The City of Minneapolis Department of Civil Rights and the City of Minneapolis Department of Purchasing and Procurement has reviewed the bid offered by Minnesota Native Landscapes, Inc. and determined the bidder to have met all criteria for award of a contract; and

Whereas, Funding for the proposed improvements is available through State bond funds (SG-2008-066);

RESOLVED, That the Board of Commissioners of the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board award a contract for the construction of improvements according to OP 7469 in the amount of $199,914.39 for Minnehaha Park Lower Glen Phase 3, Project 2—Plant Community Site Restoration to Minnesota Native Landscapes, Inc.; and

RESOLVED, That the President of the Board and Secretary to the Board are authorized to take all necessary administrative actions to implement this resolution.

Adopted by the Park & Recreation Board
In formal meeting assembled on August 17, 2011

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John Erwin, President

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Karen Robinson, Secretary

Approved:

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R.T. Rybak, Mayor

TO: Full Board

FROM: Bruce Chamberlain, Assistant Superintendent for Planning Services

DATE: August 17, 2011

SUBJECT: Resolution to award a contract for the construction of improvements according to OP 7469 in the amount of $199,914.39 for Minnehaha Park Lower Glen Phase 3, Project 2—Plant Community Site Restoration to Minnesota Native Landscapes, Inc.

BACKGROUND

In 2008, the Minnesota Legislature authorized $2.9 million in state bonds to be used for restoration of the Lower Glen. This included the restoration of WPA-era stone walls, steps, and bridges, as well as restoration of the shoreline, paths, and vegetation throughout the Lower Glen.

The Park Board developed a Joint Powers Agreement with the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) and the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to complete this work. Work on WPA walls, which was coordinated by the USACE, was completed in the spring of 2009. Creek bed stabilization work was completed in the winter of 2010-2011.

In the spring of 2010, through the Joint Powers Agreement with the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board began native plant community restoration and bluff stabilization in the Lower Glen. The first phase of this partnership involved contracting for the removal of invasive woody plant species in the 55 acre valley of the Lower Glen. The project was bid in October 2010 and awarded to Prairie Restorations, Inc. Their work took place from November 2010 to April 2011, and involved the removal of buckthorn, honeysuckle, box elder, Siberian elm, Russian mulberry, and other invasive species. The woody debris was either burned or hauled off site for chipping. This work is now complete.

The phase of work discussed in this resolution comprises native plant community plantings, native plant community maintenance for five years, bluff stabilization, and a stormwater diversion away from the stairs just south of the falls. This work is scheduled to be completed during the current planting season. Bids were received on June 23, 2011, and all bids were within the estimate provided by the Park Board's consultant. The bid of Minnesota Native Landscapes, Inc. was determined by staff and its consultants to be complete and responsible. Based on their base bid of $194,320.69

and the inclusion of an alternate bid for an application of straw and burning of the Savanna Area of the Lower Glen in the amount of $5,593.70, a total contract in the amount $199,914.39 would be awarded to Minnesota Native Landscapes, Inc., which is within the budget reserved for this part of the project.

The bid of Minnesota Native Landscapes, Inc. has been reviewed by the City of Minneapolis Department of Purchasing and Procurement and by the City of Minneapolis Department of Civil Rights for contract compliance, both of which have found the bidder to conform to their requirements and suitable for a contract.

FUNDING / COST SUMMARY

Sources		**$ 900,000.00**
Budget for invasive species removal, restoration of native plant communities, and replacement of historic iron fencing	$ 900,000.00	
Uses		**$ 804,943.06**
City of Minneapolis Purchase Order 237631, Prairie Restorations, Inc., Supply of Herbaceous Plants	$ 16,288.67	*actual to date*
Project 1: Prairie Restorations Inc., Minnehaha Park Lower Glen Phase 3, Project 1, Invasive Species Removal (inclusive of Change Order No. 1 and Change Order No. 2)	$ 347,976.00	*actual to date*
Project 1: Prairie Restorations, Inc., Minnehaha Park Lower Glen Phase 3, Project 1, Invasive Species Removal, Change Order No. 3	$ 1,764.00	*pending approval by Board*
Project 2: Minnesota Native Landscapes, Inc., Minnehaha Park Lower Glen Phase Three, Project 2, Plant Community Site Restoration,	$ 199,914.39	*pending approval by Board*
Project 3: Historic Iron Fence Restoration	$ 100,000.00	*estimate*
Barr Engineering Company design and engineering fees	$ 139,000.00	*actual to date*
Balance		**$ 95,056.94**

RELATED BOARD ACTIONS

May 21, 2008	Planning Committee Approval of the Lower Glen Cooperative Agreement with the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District to cooperatively repair WPA (Works Progress Administration) walls at Minnehaha Falls and to restore the Lower Glen in Minnehaha Park for an amount not to exceed $2,871,000

June 4, 2008	Board Approval of the Planning Committee Action of May 21, 2008
October 20, 2010	Approval of Barr Engineering contract for services
Nov 17, 2010	Approval of Prairie Restorations, Inc. contract for Minnehaha Park Lower Glen Phase 3, Project 1, Invasive Plant Removal (Contract #28485)
June 1, 2011	Approval of Change Order No. 2 to Prairie Restoration, Inc. contract for Minnehaha Park Lower Glen Phase 3, Project 1, Invasive Plant Removal (Contract 28485) to perform key planting operations within optimal seasonal conditions (Contract #28485)

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Board Award a contract for the construction of improvements according to OP 7469 in the amount of $199,914.39 for Minnehaha Park Lower Glen Phase 3, Project 2—Plant Community Site Restoration to Minnesota Native Landscapes, Inc.

ATTACHMENTS

Tabulation of bids received for OP 7469

Letter of Recommendation for award of the contract to Minnesota Native Landscapes, Inc. prepared by Barr Engineering Company, consultant to the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, including corrected tabulation of bids received

Approval letter from the City of Minneapolis

Prepared by: Cliff Swenson, Director of Design and Project Management
Michael Schroeder, Consultant to Planning Services
Reviewed by: Bruce Chamberlain, Assistant Superintendent for Planning Services
Approved by: Jayne Miller, Superintendent