Resolution 2013-200

Resolution Awarding a Construction Contract to Thomas and Sons Construction Inc., in the Amount of $848,885.00 for the Sheridan Veterans Memorial, O.P No 7801, Pending Approval by City of Minneapolis Purchasing & Procurement and Civil Rights Departments and Authorizing Administrative Use of a Construction Contingency Up to $42,445 for Necessary Construction Change Orders that May Arise with the Contract

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

Whereas, The MPRB has allocated funding for improvements to Sheridan Veterans Memorial from a variety of sources including MPRB neighborhood capital, state grants, Hennepin County Environmental Response Fund, Sheridan Neighborhood Organization (SNO) Neighborhood Revitalization Program, and donations from SNO fundraisers, individual veterans, People for Parks and Xcel Energy;

Whereas, The MPRB publicly solicited and received three bids on May 2, 2013 for O.P.#7801 for the Sheridan Veterans Memorial in Sheridan Memorial Park;

Whereas, The bids received have been reviewed and tabulated with the apparent low bid provided by Thomas and Sons Construction Inc., in the amount of $848,885.00;

Whereas, The bid is under review by City Purchasing and Procurement and the Department of Civil Rights for approval;

Whereas, The total of the contract award is within MPRB-allocated funding; and

Whereas, This resolution is supported by the MPRB 2007-2020 Comprehensive Plan, which envisions “Dynamic parks that shape city character and meet diverse community needs”;

RESOLVED, That the Board of Commissioners award a construction contract to Thomas and Sons Construction Inc., in the amount of $848,885.00 for the Sheridan Veterans Memorial, O.P No 7801, pending approval by City of Minneapolis Purchasing & Procurement and Civil Rights Departments and authorizing administrative use of a construction contingency up to $42,445 for necessary construction change orders that may arise with the contract; 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.

TO: Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board

FROM: Bruce Chamberlain, Assistant Superintendent for Planning

DATE: May 22, 2013

SUBJECT: Resolution Awarding a Construction Contract to Thomas and Sons Construction Inc., in the Amount of $848,885.00 for the Sheridan Veterans Memorial, O.P No 7801, Pending Approval by City of Minneapolis Purchasing & Procurement and Civil Rights Departments and Authorizing Administrative Use of a Construction Contingency Up to $42,445 for Necessary Construction Change Orders that May Arise with the Contract

BACKGROUND

This action considers awarding a construction contract to Thomas and Sons Construction, Inc. in the amount of $848,885 for the construction of the Sheridan Veterans Memorial located at Sheridan Park.

On May 2, 2013, the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board received three (3) bids for the Sheridan Veterans Memorial, O.P. 7801. MPRB staff, along with their consultants, recommends award of the bid to Thomas and Sons Construction, Inc. in the amount of $848,885, pending approval by City of Minneapolis Purchasing & Procurement and Civil Rights Departments. The award includes the base bid and acceptance of a number of alternates, including the overlook and seating alcoves. In addition, the available funding allows for a 5% construction contingency of $42,444.

The project was originally bid in early March 2013; only one valid bid was received and exceeded available funds. A scaled back project was re-issued for bid in mid-April. The MPRB Board allocated additional funds to the project at its April 17, 2013 meeting, which allowed acceptance of several alternates critical to the character of the design, including pre-cast bench walls, integral color concrete paving, seating alcoves with benches, and an overlook.

The memorial will be located at the south end of Sheridan Memorial Park, with an overlook at the edge of the bank along the Mississippi River. The memorial will honor all veterans of the ten conflicts in which Minnesotans have served. Plans call for a central sculpture on a circular plaza, surrounded by four concentric rings made up of lawn, a perimeter walk, and peace gardens with bench alcoves and markers. Closely planted oaks comprise the outermost ring. The ten markers in the peace gardens each bear a description of one of the ten conflicts. An eleventh “empty” marker will represent the ever potential threat of war, reminding us to strive for peace. The sculpture and eleven markers are being created by local artist Robert Smart. The perimeter walk is punctuated with granite pavers engraved with quotes about peace.

Northeast Minneapolis residents and veterans from multiple wars have worked tirelessly to make this memorial along the Mississippi a reality. Back in 1995, a group of WW II veterans led by Ed Karbo began looking for a site to commemorate war veterans. They joined forces with the Sheridan Neighborhood Organization (SNO) in 2005 to site the memorial in Sheridan Memorial Park. "The Sheridan Veterans Memorial is a thank you to those who stepped forward to serve, a tribute to those whose lives were lost or forever altered, and a living reminder of our hope for a world with lasting peace," (State Representative Diane Loeffler).

A ground breaking ceremony is planned for May 23 and the grand opening for November 11, 2013, Veterans Day.

RELATED BOARD ACTIONS

May 1, 2013	Resolution 2013-186 amending Professional Services Agreement #28086 with Howard R Green Company related to the Sheridan Veterans Memorial in the amount of $24,000 for a new contract total of $171,470 and extending of the contract date to June 30, 2014.
Apr 3, 2013	Resolution 2013-168 approving PSA Amendment with artist Robert Smart for additional services, including one (eleventh) marker.
Mar 6, 2013	Resolution 2013-150 approving concepts for central sculpture and marker by artist Robert Smart.
Feb 2, 2013	Resolution 2013-128 approving acceptance of 2013 Hennepin County ERF Grant for environmental engineering and clean-up of contaminated soils.
Jul 11, 2012	Resolution 2012-237 approving PSA agreement with Robert Smart, artist for design, fabrication, and installation of a central sculpture and ten markers.
Jun 6, 2012	Resolution 2012-214 approving amendments #4 to PSA #28086 with H R Green for Sheridan Memorial Park in the amount of $79,950 for a new contract total of $147,470.
Jun 6, 2012	Resolution 2012-208 approving an amendment to the NRP agreement with Sheridan Neighborhood Organization
Jan 18, 2012	Resolution 2012-120 approving amendments #3 to PSA #28086 with H R Green for Sheridan Memorial Park in the amount of $9,500 for a new contract total of $67,520.00.

Mar 2, 2011 Resolution approving amendments #1 and #2 to PSA #28086 with H R Green to extend the contract date to 12/31/2011 and provide additional design and engineering services for the trail connection from Sheridan Memorial Park to the former Scherer Bros. site in the amount of $8,820.00 for a new contact total of $58,020.00.

Jun 16, 2010 Resolution approving Professional Services Agreement #28086 with Howard R. Green Company for professional services to develop plans and specifications for the Veterans Memorial at Sheridan Memorial Park for a fee not to exceed $49,200.

FUNDING/COST SUMMARY

Sources		$1,373,567
MN Dept of Admin, Real Estate and Construction Services - Grant ID#26	$100,000	
Metropolitan Grant SG 2010-046	$743,000	
NRP - Sheridan Neighborhood Org. (SNO)	$ 80,000	
SNO fundraising for memorial	$ 17,908	
Donations from veterans	$ 15,757	
Hennepin Co ERF grant	$ 52,750	
2013 MPRB Parkway funding	$300,000	
People for Parks – oak trees	$ 2,640	
Xcel Energy – plant materials	$ 3,500	
Funding carryover	$ 58,012	
Uses		$ 1,373,217
MPRB In-house services and expenses	$ 45,734	
Survey and soil borings	$ 5,000	
Art Commission - Rob Smart	$173,000	
HR Green PSA #28086 + amendments	$171,470	
Peer Engineering - Environmental	$ 27,030	
Misc consulting	$ 2,766	
Advertising / Printing	$ 1,669	

Permits and fees	$ 4,829	
Contaminated Soils Clean-up	$ 40,250	
Planting	$ 6,140	
Ground Breaking and Grand Opening	$ 4,000	
Contract award to Thomas and Sons	$848,885	*Pending Board Approval*
Construction contingency	$ 42,444	
Balance		$ 340

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends award of a construction contract to Thomas and Sons Construction Inc., in the amount of $848,885.00 for the Sheridan Veterans Memorial, O.P No 7801, pending approval by City of Minneapolis Purchasing & Procurement and Civil Rights Departments and authorizing administrative use of a construction contingency up to $42,445 for necessary construction change orders that may arise with the contract.

This action is supported by the following vision and goal statements in the MPRB 2007-2020 Comprehensive Plan.

Vision Theme 3	Dynamic parks that shape city character and meet diverse community needs
Goal:	Parks shape an evolving city.
Goal:	Park facility renewal and development respects history and focuses on sustainability, accessibility, flexibility and beauty.

ATTACHMENTS:

- bid tabulation (PDF)
- award recommendation 5-7-13 (PDF)

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