Resolution 2015-125

Resolution Approving a Professional Services Agreement with Aune Fernandez Landscape Architects to Provide Design, Engineering, and Construction Administrative Services for a Non-Motorized Trail Segment Along Minnehaha Parkway in the Amount of $69,000.00

Whereas**,** The Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board (MPRB) is the steward of Minneapolis parks;

Whereas, The MPRB is authorized to contract with public and private entities in the performance of its functions;

Whereas, As part of the 2014 State legislature the MPRB was awarded $550,000 in Metropolitan Council Parks and Trails funding to reconstruct this segment of pedestrian and bicycle trails along Minnehaha Parkway;

Whereas**,** The MPRB requested proposals from five local firms with expertise in trail design to perform design, engineering and construction administrative services;

Whereas, MPRB planning staff reviewed the proposals and recommends Aune Fernandez Landscape Architects as the consultant for the project; 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 approve a Professional Services Agreement with Aune Fernandez Landscape Architects to provide design, engineering and construction administrative services for this segment of non-motorized trail along Minnehaha Parkway in the amount of $69,000; 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: Michael Schroeder,

DATE: February 18, 2015

SUBJECT: Resolution Approving a Professional Services Agreement with Aune Fernandez Landscape Architects to Provide Design, Engineering, and Construction Administrative Services for a Non-Motorized Trail Segment Along Minnehaha Parkway in the Amount of $69,000.00

BACKGROUND

This resolution considers a Professional Services Agreement in an amount of $69,000 with Aune Fernandez Landscape Architects for design, engineering, and construction administrative services related to the reconstruction of a segment of pedestrian and bicycle trail within the Minnehaha Creek Regional Park.

In 1999, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) developed a Master Plan for Minnehaha Creek Regional Park. The park features over five miles of trails for pedestrians and cyclists. The trails along this stretch of the park are a major connection within the Grand Rounds National Scenic Byway. The trails meander through eleven neighborhoods, connecting the Chain of Lakes District to the Mississippi River District. 2013 Regional Park counts indicate that there are nearly 1.5 million visits to the Minnehaha Creek Regional Park trail annually.

Many goals for trail improvements that were identified as part of the 1999 Master Plan will guide this project, they are: separate pedestrian and cyclist trails where feasible, improve ADA accessibility, reduce trail confusion through consistent design, eliminate on-street crossings where feasible, and improve vegetation management in order to increase trail user safety and security. In addition, the newly Board adopted trail signage and marking standards will be implemented.

The trail segment slated for reconstruction is a portion of the Minnehaha Creek Regional Park that was not improved as part of the original trail improvements that followed the 1999 master plan. In 1999 the existing Lyndale Avenue Bridge did not allow for a combined use trail to pass under. In 2012 Hennepin County completed reconstruction of the Lyndale Avenue Bridge over Minnehaha Creek, and included as part of the bridge construction clearance along the north side of the bridge arch to accommodate a combined pedestrian/bicycle trail. Improvements to this trail segment will provide a combined pedestrian/bicycle trail under Lyndale Avenue, resolve trail user conflict areas, replace aged infrastructure and reconfigure trail alignment as deemed necessary to create a safer user experience.

The MPRB sought proposals from local design and engineering consultants. The Request for Proposal scope of services included assistance with the community engagement process, providing design and engineering services, seeking review agency approvals, and providing construction oversight. The MPRB issued the Request for Proposal on December 19, 2014. Four firms responded to the Request for Proposals by the January 16, 2015 deadline. The Proposals were analyzed by staff based on the following criteria:

A. Quality, thoroughness and clarity of the proposal
B. Previous experience on comparable projects
C. Qualifications and expertise of the design team
D. Evidence of understanding of the MPRB's Community Engagement process
E. Available resources to meet schedule and deliverables
F. Technical competence of the proposal and project approach
G. Ability to meet all general MPRB requirements
H. Cost of Services

Based on the proposal submitted by Aune Fernandez Landscape Architects (AFLA), MPRB staff recommends that the Professional Services Agreement for this segment of trail be awarded to AFLA in the amount of $69,000.

FUNDING/COST SUMMARY

Sources			**$550,000.00**
	2015 MN Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment	$550,000.00	
Uses			**-$550,000.00**
	Surveying	($11,000.00)	Pending Board Approval
	AFLA Consultant PSA	($69,000.00)	
	MPRB Planning Staff (6%)	($33,000.00)	
	Construction and Contingency	($412,500.00)	
	Soil Borings (estimated)	($7,000.00)	
	Project Communications (estimated)	($2,500.00)	
	Project Soft Costs (estimated)	($15,000.00)	
Available Balance			**$0.00**

RELATED BOARD ACTIONS

February 4, 2015 2014 Grand Rounds Trail Segments Community Engagement Plan

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board of Commissioners approve a Professional Services Agreement with Aune Fernandez Landscape Architects to Provide Design, Engineering, and Construction Administrative Services for a Non-Motorized Trail Segment along Minnehaha Parkway in the Amount of $69,000.00.

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: Park facility renewal and development respects history and focuses on sustainability, accessibility, flexibility and beauty.

ATTACHMENTS:

- AFLA_Submittal (PDF)

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