



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-1465, **Agenda Item #:** 28.

3/23/2023

Posting Language

Authorize execution of a construction contract for Duncan Neighborhood Park project, with Muniz Concrete & Contracting, Inc., in the amount of \$1,240,576 plus \$148,000 contingency for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,388,576.

[Note: This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9A (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) by meeting the goals with 20.48% MBE and 1.60% WBE participation].

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Managing Department

Parks and Recreation Department.

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Capital Budget of the Parks and Recreation Department.

Purchasing Language:

Lowest responsive bid of two bids received through a competitive Invitation for Bids solicitation.

For More Information:

Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall continue to direct inquiries to the solicitation's Authorized Contact Person: Shawn Willett, 512-974-2021, Garrett Cox, 512-974-9423, or the Project Manager, Reynaldo Hernandez Jr., 512-974-9464.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

February 27, 2023 - Recommended by the Parks and Recreation Board on an 8-0 vote with two vacancies and one absence.

March 15, 2023 - To be reviewed by the Downtown Commission.

Additional Backup Information:

Initial work on developing the improvements for Duncan Neighborhood Park began in 2015 through public surveys in collaboration with the Shoal Creek Conservancy. The project design consultant and the Parks and Recreation Department (PARC) conducted another survey at the 2016 'It's My Park Day' at Duncan Neighborhood Park. In addition to surveys, PARC held a Visioning Workshop on November 16, 2016, and a Preliminary Plan Workshop on April 12, 2017. Information gathered through surveys and public engagement meetings were directly reflected in the concept development and final site plan for Duncan Neighborhood Park. Duncan Neighborhood Park is envisioned as a hub for the city and a destination for bikers and pedestrians alike. The focus of the design is to create a vibrant, ecologically rich environment along Shoal Creek and within the downtown urban core. The project is funded through the 2012 and 2018 General Obligation Bond

Programs and Parkland Dedication Fees.

This request for Council action is to authorize the execution of a construction contract to implement the proposed improvements for Duncan Neighborhood Park. The plan proposes a green retreat in the city by preserving the multi-use lawn, existing heritage trees, and improving site drainage. Improvements include a new park walkway, plaza entries at 9th and 10th Streets, connection to the Shoal Creek Hike and Bike Trail, improvements to the existing wetland to improve ecological function, and a wildlife habitat to serve as an educational opportunity for visitors. The proposed improvements will provide enhanced and compliant ADA access to Duncan Neighborhood Park amenities and park features.

Due to the potential for unforeseen changes in conditions, a 11.9% contingency in funding has been included to allow for the expeditious processing of any change orders. A contingency is an additional amount of money added to the construction budget to cover any unforeseen construction costs associated with the project. By authorizing the additional contingency funding, Council is authorizing any change orders within the contingency amount.

The park will remain closed for the duration of the proposed construction timeline. Unforeseen site conditions and weather impacts may increase the overall construction timeline. Access to the Shoal Creek Hike and Bike Trail will not be impacted during construction and will remain open. Intermittent utility work along 9th and 10th Streets will occur during construction, but at no time will these streets be permanently closed.

Approval of the construction contract is essential to meet ADA compliance and deliver improved park amenities. If not approved, the project will not move forward.

This contract allows for 180 calendar days for construction of improvements. This project is located within zip code 78705 (District 9).

Muniz Concrete & Contracting, Inc. is located in Austin, Texas.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Culture and Lifelong Learning, Health and Environment.