



STAFF REPORT

SAUSALITO CITY COUNCIL

MEETING DATE: November 12, 2019

AGENDA TITLE: Professional Service Agreement with Far Western, Anthropological Research Group, Inc. for Dunphy Park

LEAD DEPARTMENT: Public Works

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Approve the Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute the Professional Services Agreement with Far Western, Anthropological Research Group, Inc. for the preparation of an archeological study of Dunphy Park

SUMMARY

The renovation of Dunphy Park started in 2013, if not earlier, with the Sausalito City Council noting this project as a priority for the City's infrastructure. The development of the plan for improvements at this park progressed over several years with many public meetings as well as discussions with special interest groups. In 2017 RHAA Architects initiated the design of the park improvements which included the installation of pedestrian paths and native grasses on the Southerly portion of the park.

This project, which is located directly adjacent to the San Francisco Bay required many regulatory permits including but not limited to consultation with the Army Corp of Engineers. As part of the Corp's review, the City was directed to seek guidance to determine if archeological resources were present within the project boundary. The City contacted local tribal organizations who indicated that no archeological resource areas were known for the main park area; however, resources were known to exist on the southerly portion of the park. The environmental document for the project was secured with the understanding that the City would develop a study and report of archeological resources located in the southerly section of the park prior to performing any permanent improvements in this area.

In addition, the project included several funding sources that could have been lost if the project were delayed. Previous communications efforts with tribal organizations concluded that the improvements proposed in the southerly section were acceptable. Based on the constraints associated with project timing, the City moved forward with the

work on the main park area with the understanding that a full archeological study would be necessary prior to performing any permanent construction on the southerly section.

At this time, the construction has been moving forward, albeit at a slower rate than originally expected. Nevertheless, City staff anticipates completion of the main park area within the two months, and installing planting, grasses and amenities shortly thereafter. Removal of the stockpiled soils on southerly section is necessary prior to performing a full archeological study.

Key staff members from Purnuske, Chathaam, Inc. were utilized to prepare the environmental documents related to archeological resources. These key staff members are currently employed with Far Western Anthropological Research Group, Inc. and in order to have continuity for this project, especially with the sensitivity needed for the care of the southern section of the park, staff requested that council accept the proposal from Far Western Anthropological Research Group, Inc. for the archeological study for the southerly section of the park.

On August 27, 2019 the City received Far Western Anthropological Research Group, Inc.'s proposal to perform field testing and prepare a report detailing tribal cultural resources at this location. The report will also evaluate the site for its potential listing in the California Register of Historic Places.

DISCUSSION

At this time, the southern area of the park is being utilized as a stockpile area for soils initially removed from the main park area. Prior to starting any archeological resource studies in this area, the stockpiled soils will need to be removed. Removal of stock piled soils is scheduled to begin in late November 2019 and should be completed in December 2019. These dates have been slightly modified from the October 8, 2019 staff report.

Archeological testing may occur after the removal of the stock piled material with the development of the Cultural Resources Report to follow in the late spring of 2020. Installation of pathways and planting in the southerly section of the park can be anticipated to occur in the summer of 2020.

FISCAL IMPACT

On October 8, 2019 a full project budget was presented to the City Council regarding this project. The report noted a total of revenue budget of \$3,726,388 available for the project.

On October 22, 2019 the City Council authorized an additional \$150,000 of Measure "O" funds to balance the budget for the project. Funding for this professional services agreement is available in the project budget.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends the City Council approve the Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute the Professional Services Agreement with Far Western, Anthropological Research Group, Inc. for the preparation of an archeological study of Dunphy Park.

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution
Proposal
Agreement

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