

## AGENDA



Thursday, June 21, 2007

## Public Works

Item No. 62

## RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

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**Subject:** Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to the professional services agreement with CASABELLA ARCHITECTS, (MBE 70.72%), Austin, TX, for architectural and engineering services for Phase 1A of the Mexican American Cultural Center in the amount of \$400,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,458,225.40.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding in the amount of \$400,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Capital Budget of the Parks and Recreation Department.

**Fiscal Note:** A fiscal note is attached.

**For More Information:** Kalpana Sutaria 974-7225, Laura Bohl 974-7064.

**MBE/WBE:** This contract was awarded in compliance with Section 2-9B of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) with 10.84% MBE and 5.02% WBE subconsultant participation to date.

**Prior Council Action:** March 22, 2007 Council approved appropriation.

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In November 2006, voters approved an addition to the Mexican American Cultural Center (MACC) located at 600 River Street. In March 2007 City Council approved funding in the FY 2007 Capital Budget amendment for the design of the MACC expansion. This addition will bring the project one step closer to the vision outlined in the Master Plan competed in 2000. CasaBella Architects will be the prime firm working on this addition called Phase 1A. The previous joint venture with Del Campo Maru was dissolved since Del Campo Maru's office in San Francisco has closed. Council approved the selection of the joint venture firm in January 2000. Phase 1A was included in the Site Development Permit and preliminary design. The design principles of MACC Phase 1 will be carried out in this phase to maintain design harmony and aesthetics. Phase 1A is expected to complete in the spring 2009. The current building will be substantially completed in June 2007.

This project addition will include a dance rehearsal studio, music rehearsal studio, classroom, office and conference space, storage spaces, and necessary utility spaces. This will help in providing more programs to the community and improvement of operations of the center. CasaBella Architects will be able to use their expertise and design knowledge of Phase 1 to maintain harmony and improve efficiency during design and construction phases.