

AGENDA



Thursday, May 22, 2008

**Contract and Land Management
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 7**

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with STUDIO 8 ARCHITECTS, INC. (MBE/MH 43.0%), Austin, Texas for preliminary, design, construction phase and post-construction phase services of the North Austin Recreation Center building in an amount not to exceed \$680,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Capital Budget of the Parks and Recreation Department.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

For More Information: Kalpana Sutaria 974-7225, Rosie Truelove 974-3064, Robin Field 974-7064

Purchasing Language: Best qualification statement of 10 received.

MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9B of the City Code (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) by meeting the goals with 37% MBE and 15% WBE subconsultant participation.

Prior Council Action: July 26, 2007 Land acquisition approved.

The Parks and Recreation Department desires to begin the architectural design of a recreation center for north Austin residents. This project was funded as part of Proposition 3 of the 2006 Bond election. The site is vacant and undeveloped park land bounded by Rutland Drive (north), Rundberg Lane (south) and Mearns Meadow Boulevard (west). It is anticipated that the recreation center will be approximately 18,000 square feet.

Services to be included in this contract are architectural consultant services for all phases of the project including preliminary, design, construction and post-construction of a new recreation center building and related infrastructure. A feasibility study will be prepared first to determine the project scope, site analysis, budget and schedule.

The North Austin Recreation Center will meet the requirements of the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED™) Green Building Rating System. These requirements include implementing building practices to conserve energy, water and other natural resources; promoting human health and safety; creating high quality enduring structures; and constructing, operating and maintaining the building.

This request allows for the development of a professional services agreement with the recommended firm. Should the City be unsuccessful in negotiating a satisfactory agreement with the recommended firm, negotiations will cease with that firm. Staff will then return to Council and request authorization to begin negotiations with the alternate recommendation listed below.

Participation goals stated in the solicitation were 1.7% African American, 9.5% Hispanic, 5.3% Native/Asian American and 14.2% Women-Owned Business (WBE). The recommended and alternate

firms provided an MBE/WBE Compliance Plan that met the goals of the solicitation and were approved by the Department of Small and Minority Business Resources.