

AGENDA



Thursday, December 18, 2008

**Contract and Land Management
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Item No. 15

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to the professional services agreement with CARTER DESIGN ASSOCIATES (MBE/FB - 48.42%), Austin, TX for construction documents, bid and award and construction phase architectural and engineering services for interior renovation of the George Washington Carver Historic Museum in the amount of \$47,500 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,211,194.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$47,500 is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Capital Budget of the Parks and Recreation Department.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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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) through the achievements of Good Faith Efforts with 0.00% MBE and 0.00% WBE sub-consultant participation to date.

Prior Council Action: February 17, 2000 – Council approved the Consultant Selection for Professional Services for Feasibility Study; November 9, 2000 – Council approved an amendment to consultant's contract for design and construction phase services; March 21, 2002 – Council approved an amendment to consultant's contract for design and construction phase services; February 27, 2003 – Council approved an amendment to the consultant's contract for construction phase services; August 10, 2006 – Council approved an amendment to the consultant's contract for construction phase services.

George Washington Carver Historic Museum building was the first library in Austin built in 1914. It was moved to the current location in 1932 and it became the first library in east Austin. It was turned into the first Museum and Cultural Center to celebrate works of the African American community when a new library building was built in 1978. The Museum had been an icon in east Austin for 25 years before it closed. A new Museum and Cultural Center was funded in the 1998 Bond Election. Renovation of the Museum was not a part of the 1998 Bond Election project.

It is a desire of the community to turn this historic building into a genealogy center. There are remaining Capital Improvement Project contingency funds from the 1998 voter-approved new Museum and Cultural Center expansion project that would provide an opportunity to renovate the Museum. The historic museum was vacated after the opening of the new museum. The Parks and Recreation Department made the decision to carry out this project in two phases. Exterior renovations were completed in 2007. A feasibility study of the interior renovations was completed in early 2008.

This amendment allows for construction documents, bid and award and construction phase services to turn the building into a genealogy center. The design work will include an accessible restroom, offices, computer stations for public use, conference room, storage room and equipment rooms. The interior will be renovated with new lighting and new finishes while maintaining the historical character of the building. The scope of work does not allow for a LEED building, but sustainability building practices would be included. Design work is expected to start in January 2009.

