

AGENDA



Thursday, January 15, 2009

**Contract and Land Management
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 18**

Subject: Authorize execution of a construction contract with ASD CONSULTANTS, INC., (MBE 54.05%) Austin, TX, for the Big Stacy Park Rain Garden Project in an amount not to exceed \$161,884.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$161,884 is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Capital Budget of the Watershed Protection and Development Review Department.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: Kevin Sweat 974-7017; Robin Field 974-7064; April Thedford 974-7141

Purchasing Language: Lower of two (2) bids received.

MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9A of the City Code (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) by meeting the goals with 54.05% MBE and 41.75% WBE subcontractor participation.

The purpose of the Big Stacy Park Rain Garden Project is to improve the quality of water entering Blunn Creek and Lady Bird Lake after rain events. The rain gardens act as filters and remove pollutants from storm water runoff.

This project is part of the urban retrofit program established under the Urban Watershed Ordinance of 1991. The purpose of the program is to build water quality treatment facilities in urban watersheds that were built out prior to regulations requiring on-site water quality ponds.

The impetus for this project comes from the priorities set out in the Drainage Utility Master Plan and from input from the neighborhood. The South River City Citizens (SRCC) Association has been actively encouraging the City to focus on Low Impact Development solutions to maintain and improve the quality of Blunn Creek. WPDRD has worked proactively with both SRCC and the Parks and Recreation Department to ensure that all affected stakeholders are in support. This project reflects the City's continued progress in implementing Green Infrastructure into our CIP Program.

This project will benefit the ecology of Blunn Creek by cleaning some runoff before entering the creek. This project will also create aesthetically pleasing native plant gardens and wildflower meadows that can be a model for residential xeriscape gardens.

The contract allows 90 calendar days for completion of this project.