

AGENDA



Thursday, October 15, 2009

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

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to the professional services agreement with CARTER & BURGESS, INC., Austin, TX for design services (including public outreach, construction documents, federal, state and local permitting and surveying) for the Boardwalk Trail at Lady Bird Lake in the amount of \$590,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,040,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$590,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Capital Budget of the Parks and Recreation Department.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: David Taylor 974-7132; Robert Brennes 974-6722; Robin Field 974-7064; April Thedford 974-7141

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 23.70% MBE and 23.00% WBE subconsultant participation to date.

Prior Council Action: March 27, 2008 – Council approved the negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with Carter & Burgess, Inc.; March 5, 2009 – Council approved the alignment of the Boardwalk Trail at Lady Bird Lake as a preliminary concept.

The Boardwalk Trail at Lady Bird Lake will close an existing 1.1 mile gap in the trail system that currently requires users to be redirected to the sidewalk of Riverside Drive and continue on the sidewalk over IH 35. The components of the design will consist primarily of a raised concrete trail over the lake and shore lands with trail head entrances located at key points to facilitate access to the Boardwalk Trail.

Several stakeholder input meetings and board hearings have been held since design began in the summer of 2008. Citizen input led to route changes that have required additional surveying, environmental investigation and more complex designs - especially in the wetland areas.

This request allows for the additional design services required to complete design of the approved routing with its increased overland sections. Construction drawings will be completed and submitted to obtain the required federal, state and local permits. Additional surveying services will be required to support pending easement agreements. Work will continue immediately upon authorization to complete plans and obtain permits during summer of 2010.