

AGENDA



Thursday, November 19, 2009

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

Item No. 22

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to the professional services agreement with CASABELLA ARCHITECTS, (MBE/MH – 55.01%), Austin, TX, for architectural services for Phase 1A of the Mexican American Cultural Center in the amount of \$123,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,581,225.40.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$123,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 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) with 72.53% MBE and 7.21% WBE participation to date.

Prior Council Action: January 13, 2000 – Council approved consultant selection; May 11, 2000 – Council approved funding of Master Plan; April 26, 2001 – Council approved amendment of Phase 1 design services; May 23, 2002 – Council approved amendment for additional architectural and engineering services for construction administration and warranty services; October 20, 2005 – Council approved amendment for additional architectural and engineering services for revisions made to the project scope; June 21, 2007 – Council approved amendment for architectural and engineering services for design, construction and post-construction phase services for Phase 1A.

In November 2006, voters approved bond funds for an addition to the Mexican American Cultural Center (MACC) located at 600 River Street. The current building was completed in June of 2007.

This proposed amendment will provide Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) services to ensure compliance with Council resolution 20071129-045, fundamental commissioning services, coordination with a third party consultant to develop specifications for integrated glazing units (IGU) to replace the existing skylight system above the gallery space, drawings and specifications for a fire protection system for the existing building and Phase 1A, and site drawing corrections.

This addition, called Phase 1A, will bring the project one step closer to the vision outlined in the Master Plan completed in 2000. CasaBella Architects is the prime consultant on this addition. The design principles of MACC Phase 1 will be continued through this phase in order to maintain design harmony and aesthetics. Phase 1A is expected to complete in early 2010.

The MACC Phase 1A addition includes a dance rehearsal studio, classrooms, office space, storage spaces and necessary utility spaces. This addition will support more community programs and improved operations of the Center.