

AGENDA



Thursday, November 19, 2009

Contract and Land Management
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 18

Subject: Authorize execution of change order #6 to the construction contract with SOLIS CONSTRUCTORS, INC. (MBE/MH – 39.98 %), Austin, TX, for the Mexican American Cultural Center, Phase 1A in the amount of \$56,600 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,764,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$56,600 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 of Chapter 2-9A of the City Code (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) with 51.07% MBE and 4.84% WBE participation to date including this change order.

Prior Council Action: December 18, 2008 - Council approved execution of original construction contract with Solis Constructors, Inc.

The Mexican American Cultural Center, Phase 1A (MACC) is an addition to the existing building and will complete Phase 1 of the three planned phases. The original MACC was conceived by artists, students and community activists in the 1970s. The MACC has provided a cultural center dedicated to the preservation, creation, presentation and promotion of Mexican American cultural arts and heritage. Construction on Phase 1A commenced on March 23, 2009 and will be completed by the end of January 2010.

The Mexican American Cultural Center Advisory Board is the citizen review board for the MACC and is updated monthly on the progress of the project. The MACC Phase 1A building addition includes the same type of white pre-cast concrete panels in order to maintain visual harmony. The existing building has remained in operation during construction.

This change order is needed to cover additional costs for unforeseen conditions associated with the drilled concrete piers. The base bid specified 44 piers at 60LF depths. Actual requirements exceed the base bid by 82.18LF. The difference in depth was primarily due to an additional pier required by the structural engineer to avoid an unforeseen concrete thrust block obstruction that could not be removed or drilled through. The remaining variance was due to differing soil conditions. Other cost items included in the change order address security, fire and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) code compliance issues. This change order will also cover costs for changes that will improve safety and reduce long-term maintenance costs.