

CIP EXPENSE DETAIL

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:
CONTACT DEPARTMENT(S):

5/26/11
Parks and Recreation

SUBJECT: Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to the professional services agreement with CASABELLA ARCHITECTS (MBE/MH - 69.16%), Austin, TX, for architectural services for sign design and a parking study for the Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center in the amount of \$69,959, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,594,022.

CURRENT YEAR IMPACT:

Department:	Parks and Recreation
Project Name:	MACC Sign Design & Parking Study
Fund/Department/Unit:	8604-7407-0459
Funding Source:	2006 GO Bond Prop 4
Current Appropriation:	730,000.00
Unencumbered Balance:	730,000.00
Amount of This Action:	(69,959.00)
Remaining Balance:	<u>660,041.00</u>

ANALYSIS / ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

In November of 2006, voters approved an addition to the Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center (MACC) located at 600 River Street. This addition was a significant step in achieving the vision outlined in the Master Plan that was completed in 2000. CasaBella Architects, the prime architectural firm for the original facility, worked on this addition, which was called Phase 1A. The design principles of MACC Phase 1 were carried out in order to maintain design harmony and aesthetics. Phase 1A was completed in the spring of 2010. The original building was completed in June of 2007. In August of 2010, Council approved ordinance 20100819-033 to rename the Mexican American Cultural Center after the late Emma Barrientos, a longtime community organizer who worked for decades to make the center a reality. Council voted unanimously to rename the center the "Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center". This additional authorization will allow for design services to change the facility signage while maintaining the harmony and aesthetics of the building.

This authorization will also provide a preliminary analysis of the facility's parking requirements in order to alleviate the current parking congestion. The project is located in zip code 78701.