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Thursday, June 22, 2006

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**Parks and Recreation
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of a Professional Services Agreement amendment with HERITAGE LANDSCAPES, Charlotte, Vermont, for historic landscape architectural services to produce the design phase of the Historic Landscape Plan for the future restoration of the Elisabet Ney Museum historic landscape in an amount not to exceed \$80,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$80,000 is available in the Operating Budget of the Parks and Recreation Department.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is not required.

Additional Backup Material

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- ☐ Below the line language
- ☐ Below the Line Language Revised

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Purchasing Language: Amendment to an existing contract.
MBE/WBE: No subcontracting opportunities

The Elisabet Ney Museum site, known as Formosa, is the former studio of sculptress Elisabet Ney established in Austin, Texas, in 1892. This 3500 sq. ft. museum, owned by the City of Austin since 1941 is situated on a 2.5 acre site located in northwest Austin. The Ney holds national, state and local historic landmark designations and is an Associate of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

In 1997 the Parks and Recreation Department contracted with HERITAGE LANDSCAPES (formerly known as Landscapes) after a Request for Qualifications evaluation to research the history of the grounds and produce the Elisabet Ney Museum Historic Landscape Report. This report fully documents the property's history and provides a detailed assessment of its existing conditions, as Phase I of the overall Historic Landscape Preservation Plan. The original contract allowed for three additional design phases.

HERITAGE LANDSCAPES is therefore uniquely equipped to complete the landscape design phase and other major components including identifying preservation priorities and recommending preservation options for department consideration. The firm's previous consultation and work with the department, and acquired in-depth knowledge of the historical significance of the Ney property will ensure optimum continuity throughout the completion of this master plan.

In a separate action Council will be asked to consider a professional services agreement to design the historic building restoration plan.

Although no goals were established for this project, the Consultant will work with the Department of Small & Minority Business Resources if areas of subcontracting are identified.