

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE REPORT

July 14, 2010

10:30 - 11:00 am

140 West Pine Street

Members Present: Marilyn Marler (chair), Pam Walzer, Bob Jaffe, Dick Haines, Renee Mitchell, Jon Wilkins, Stacy Rye, Lyn Hellegaard, Dave Strohmaier and Roy Houseman

Members Absent: Ed Childers

Others Present: Jason Wiener, Alan White

I. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

A. Approve minutes.

Minutes of June 30, 2010 and July 7, 2010 were approved as submitted.

II. FINAL CONSIDERATION AGENDA ITEMS

III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS –

IV. Award contract for North Side Pedestrian Bridge Repair & Rehabilitation ([memo](#)).— Regular Agenda (Alan White) (Referred to committee: 07/12/10)

Motion: The Committee recommends Council award and authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with Sirius Construction, Inc for the Northside Pedestrian Bridge Repair and Rehabilitation project in the amount not to exceed \$109,096.00.

This project is funded with ARRA-CDBG. This bridge was constructed in 2000. Age and weathering have presented the need for this contract as well as certain required maintenance issues needed to prolong the structures' lifespan. The neighborhood has requested additional lighting and security to counteract the numerous reports of vandalism, vagrancy and hostility over the years. The Police Department, along with the neighborhood representatives and some council members, formed a task force to produce the project base bid items and add-alternates. The most critical of these requested items are included as can be afforded (the awarded ARRA-CDBG funds totaled \$129,850.00).

Discussion:

Pam – I am pleased to move to award the contract to Sirius for this project. The project makes use of stimulus money, the bid is low enough for many of the improvements requested by the neighborhood and this is a local contractor.

The status of the elevator was discussed and whether or not the project would include making the elevator usable in the future.

Alan reported that research showed it was cost prohibitive and there is no feasible plan at this point to make repairs to the elevator. The elevator would need electrical as well as mechanical work but that does not address how to protect the patrons once in the elevator.

Bob Jaffe suggested selling off the elevator parts on Ebay to fund graffiti removal.

All members voted in favor of the motion.

V. Award contract for Playfair Park Irrigation Modification and Expansion Design/Build ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Alan White) (Referred to committee: 07/12/10)

Motion: The Committee recommends Council award and authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with CRW Enterprises, Inc DBA Rainmaker/Sprinkler Supply Co. for Playfair Park irrigation Modification and Expansion in the amount not to exceed \$74,110.00.

This project is funded with Park M&I CIP and will improve efficiency as well as save money by converting hand watering to automated watering, expanding the capacity of the existing wells to cover the entire park thereby reducing the cost for irrigation. The project also finishes the required landscaping around the parking lots built over the last few years along Pattee Creek

Drive. The project has waited for completion of the CTEP sidewalk so that "most" construction work affecting irrigation in the park was completed beforehand.

The conversion of the three "senior fields" to a new fully automated irrigation system will free up many man-hours and vehicle time previously expended at least three times a week for several hours a day. The installation of the new "high tech" VFD pump start will save electricity and extend the life of the massive 40HP pump. This contract is within the budget for the project which was \$75,000.

Marilyn Marler – I will support the project as the design is to save on water usage, but would like to give some input on the plant selection for the landscaping component.

Jon – how will this help with the vandalism problem as recently there were three trees destroyed. The parking lots have stopped the dust clouds and I agree this is a better use of water. I move to award the contract to Rainmaker.

Alan – finishing the landscaping and beautification of the park will encourage appropriate use of the park and should help with vandalism.

Bob –I would like to thank the Parks Department for their vigilance in bringing forward projects to increase efficiency, and help with the budget issues. Do you know the pay back on the electrical savings?

Alan – not at this time but once we install the equipment we will be able to compare and this will help with future projects.

All members voted in favor of the motion.

VI. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS –

VII. NON-AGENDA ITEMS

VIII. HELD AND ONGOING AGENDA ITEMS - PER COMMITTEE CHAIR – Marilyn Marler

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.