
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

TITLE: Construction Management Firm for the Westwood Hills Nature Center Project

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Motion to approve entering into an agreement with RJM Construction to provide construction management services for the Westwood Hills Nature Center's Interpretive Center Building project.

POLICY CONSIDERATION: Does the City Council wish to continue to take measures that will eventually allow for the construction of a new interpretive center and other improvements at the Westwood Hills Nature Center?

SUMMARY: On June 19, 2017 the City Council approved HGA as the architectural firm for the Nature Center project. As has been the practice for other large City building projects (e.g. Fire Stations 1 and 2 and the ROC) the use of a construction management firm is recommended to be employed. By using this approach the City serves as the general contractor and the construction management firm oversees and coordinates the construction of the project on behalf of the City.

Staff solicited proposals from construction management firms and, after a thorough vetting and interview process, recommends RJM Construction as the construction management firm. Commissioner Foulkes served on the interview panel. RJM Construction is a Minnesota-based company who has been providing general contracting services since 1981. RJM was selected because of their vast experience in construction management. RJM served as the City's construction management firm for the ROC and did a great job.

On August 23, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission (PRAC) took formal action to unanimously recommend that the City Council select RJM as the construction management firm for the project.

FINANCIAL OR BUDGET CONSIDERATION: The total not to exceed contract amount is \$522,000. This amount includes all services from pre-construction activities thru project completion and closeout. The cost for a construction management firm was assumed in the overall project budget.

NEXT STEPS: Staff will provide the City Council an update periodically in the process and at the completion of each step below to check in and affirm direction to move to the next step:

1. 2017 & 2018: Public input, schematic and design development
2. Early October 2018: Construction Documents
3. 2019 – 2020: Construction with completion in 2020

VISION CONSIDERATION: St. Louis Park is committed to being a connected and engaged community. St. Louis Park is committed to being a leader in environmental stewardship.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS: None.

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