



Legislation Text

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Title:

Architect Selection - American Legion Memorial Stadium

Summary

ACTION:

Authorize the County Manager to negotiate fees and execute a contract with Jenkins-Peer Architects for Architectural/Engineering Services for the American Legion Memorial Stadium and in the event negotiations with this firm are unsuccessful, approve negotiations with the alternate firm of Odell

Staff Contact: Bert Lynn, PLA, Project Manager, Asset and Facility Management

Presentation: No

BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:

The American Legion Memorial Stadium project includes the reconstruction of the American Legion Memorial Stadium. This historic property located at 310 N. Kings Drive in Charlotte, NC was originally constructed in 1936 behind the Armory Auditorium (Grady Cole Center) on land previous included in Independence Park. The stadium was named in honor of Mecklenburg County veterans who had fought in World War I.

American Legion Memorial Stadium hosted its first event on September 10, 1936 with a speech by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Other events hosted at the stadium over the past 82 years include high school, college, and professional football, professional soccer, professional lacrosse, equestrian events, professional wrestling, concerts, fireworks shows, marching band competitions, and other civic events.

The planned reconstruction of American Legion Memorial Stadium will allow the site to host future events for decades to come. The project will include:

- A playing field sized to host professional and amateur sporting events (e.g., soccer, lacrosse, football)
- Flexibility to host other civic events, including concerts, band competitions, civic gatherings, etc.
- Capacity for 12,000 spectators
- Competition support facilities (e.g., video board, training room, referee room, locker rooms, etc.)

- Venue support facilities (e.g., restrooms, ticket booths, press box, concessions, etc.)
- Preservation of and inspiration drawn from historically significant elements of the venue
- Dedicated public memorial to the United States Armed Forces
- Continued access and connection to Grady Cole Center
- Continued access to adjacent roads, driveways, and parking
- Public connection to Little Sugar Creek Greenway and Independence Park

PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND:

A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was advertised in The Charlotte Observer and Charlotte Post on April 5, 2018 to local firms and others who might be qualified for this project. A notice was posted on the State of North Carolina Interactive Purchasing System website on the same date. The selection of the consulting firms followed NC General Statute 143-64.31, which prescribes a qualifications-based selection process.

Per the Board's instructions, the Selection Committee submits the following report:

SELECTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Pat Cotham, County Commissioner, At Large
Trevor Fuller, County Commissioner, At Large
Leslie Johnson, Assistant County Manager
W. Lee Jones, Director, Park and Recreation Department
Mark Hahn, Director, Asset and Facility Management Department
Greg Godley, General Contractor Appointed by BOCC

Six (6) firms submitted a Statement of Qualifications expressing an interest in the project.

Convergence Design
Gensler
Jenkins-Peer Architects/HOK
LS3P
McMillan Pazdan Smith Architecture
Odell

On May 17, 2018, a shortlist selection committee composed of staff from the Park and Recreation Department and the Asset and Facility Management Department selected two (2) firms for interviews.

On June 18, 2018, the Selection Committee interviewed the following two (2) shortlisted firms:
Jenkins-Peer Architects/HOK
Odell

Based on the information presented in the written submittals and at the oral presentations, the majority of the Selection Committee selected Jenkins-Peer Architects/HOK

as the top ranked firm. The Selection Committee selected Odell as the alternate firm.

POLICY IMPACT:

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A