



Legislation Text

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Title:

**Landscape Architect Selection - Mecklenburg County Parks FY 2019-2023
Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)**

Summary

ACTION:

Authorize the County Manager to negotiate fees and execute contracts with selected firms listed in this action item for landscape architecture and engineering services for the Mecklenburg County Parks as authorized in the FY 2019 - FY2023 Capital Improvement Plan, including Druid Hills Neighborhood Park, Ezell Farms Community Park, and Eastfield Regional Park, and in the event negotiations with any of the selected firms are unsuccessful, to approve negotiations with the alternate firms listed in this action item.

Staff Contact: David Booth, Project Manager, Asset and Facility Management Department

Presentation: No

BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:

The County is selecting landscape architects for complete professional services including master planning, design and construction documents, and construction administration for parks projects authorized in the FY2019 - FY 2023 CIP including Druid Hills Neighborhood Park, Ezell Farms Community Park, and Eastfield Regional Park.

PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND:

A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was advertised on May 30, 2019 in the Charlotte Observer, Charlotte Post and the State of North Carolina Interactive Purchasing System website. 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:

The following twenty (20) firms submitted a Statement of Qualifications expressing an interest in the project:

**Alfred Benesch & Company
Block Design**

Cardno
CMW Design Strategies
Cole Jenest Stone
Design Workshop
DRP Associates
ESP Associates, Inc.
Kimley-Horn
LandDesign, Inc
Landworks Design Group, PA
McAdams
Seamon Whiteside
Stimmel
Surface 678
Susan Hatchell Landscape Architecture, PLLC
The Tamara Peacock Company Architects
Timmons Group
Wirth & Associates, Inc.
Woolpert

On July 17, 2019, a shortlist selection committee composed of staff from Park and Recreation and Asset and Facility Management selected five (5) firms for interviews.

On August 26, 2019, the Selection Committee interviewed the following five (5) shortlisted firms:

Alfred Benesch & Company
Cole Jenest Stone
Design Workshop
Kimley-Horn
Stimmel Associates

Based on the information presented in the written submittals and at the oral presentations, the Selection Committee selected the following firms for professional design services:

Druid Hills Neighborhood Park:

Selected Firm: Alfred Benesch & Company
Alternate Firm: Kimley-Horn

Ezell Farm Community Park:

Selected Firm: Stimmel Associates
Alternate Firm: Design Workshop

Eastfield Regional Park:

Selected Firm: Design Workshop
Alternate Firm: Stimmel Associates

SELECTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

George Dunlap, County Commissioner (District 3) - Chairman

Elaine Powell, County Commissioner (District 1) - Vice Chair
Greg Godley, General Contractor Appointed by BOCC
Bert Lynn, Division Director of Capital Planning, Park and Recreation Department
Mark Hahn, Director, Asset and Facility Management Department
Jamila Davis, MWSBE Program Manager, County Manager designee

POLICY IMPACT:

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funds are provided through the FY2019-FY2023 CIP project ordinances.