



# Building A Better Long Beach

June 6, 2011

## REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD MEMBERS

City of Long Beach

California

### RECOMMENDATION:

Approve and authorize the Executive Director to execute a contract with Martinez Architects, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 for architectural design services related to the McBride Park Improvement Project. (Central – District 6)

### DISCUSSION

For several years, the Redevelopment Agency (Agency) and the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine have worked together to create and improve open space amenities and infrastructure throughout the Central Long Beach Redevelopment Project Area. McBride Park (Park) located at 16th Street and Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue is one of six open space projects targeted for improvement with proceeds from 2006 Open Space Bonds.

In 2006, the City of Long Beach (City) retained Martinez Architects, Inc., (MAI) to design the Park. Improvements were designed to be built in two phases. Phase 1 is currently under construction and includes development of a new 5,000-square-foot teen center, recreation area, hardscape and landscape improvements, a skate park, and parking lot to service the Park. Phase 2 of the project will renovate the existing community center building.

MAI successfully accomplished Phase 1 of the project and is currently assisting with construction administration. Phase 1 work was authorized through a City contract; however, additions to the original scope will exhaust the City contract before Phase 1 is completed. The additions to the scope include a larger renovation of the existing center to comply with current building code requirements, utility coordination between the two buildings, and the addition of perimeter block walls and landscaping to serve as buffers to the adjacent homes. In order to complete construction administration of Phase 1 and allow Phase 2 design to proceed, a new Agency contract is recommended.

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The scope of work for the new contract will allow MAI to complete construction documents, plan check, construction administration, and geotechnical and structural observations for Phase 2 improvements. The proposed contract will not exceed \$200,000 over a two-year term and would allow up to a one-year time extension at the discretion of the Executive Director.

The Agency and City Council made the necessary findings of benefit, as required by California Redevelopment Law, on September 12, 2005, and November 1, 2005, respectively, for this public improvement.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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