



# Building A Better Long Beach

February 7, 2011

## REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD MEMBERS

City of Long Beach

California

### RECOMMENDATION:

Approve and authorize the Executive Director to execute a first amendment to the contract with Fernald, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 for architectural design services related to the Orizaba Park Community Center Project. (Central – District 4)

### DISCUSSION

Redevelopment Agency (Agency) staff, in collaboration with the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine and the local community, developed a comprehensive master plan (Plan) for Orizaba Park (Park), a neighborhood park located at 14th Street and Orizaba Avenue. The Plan meets the open space needs of the community by dividing the Park improvements into two phases. Phase I addresses a 1.1-acre expansion of the Park, which is currently under construction and anticipated to be completed in the Summer of 2011. Phase II of the project addresses the construction of a new community center and garden. Upon completion, the Park will be a total of 3.7 acres and feature a new 5,000-square-foot community center.

In November 2010, the City of Long Beach was selected as a recipient of the Proposition 84, State of California's (State) Park Development and Community Revitalization Program of 2008 Grant. The \$2,200,000 grant award will fund the Phase II construction of the Orizaba Park Expansion Project and leverage the Agency's investment in the Park and surrounding neighborhood.

To move forward with Phase II, staff proposes to execute the first amendment to the existing contract with Fernald, Inc. (Fernald), the architectural firm retained by the Agency to assist with the original grant application. As part of the grant application process, Fernald successfully assisted with the development of an application packet that detailed a proposed site plan for the community center, LEED® scorecard, and conceptual rendering of the building (Exhibit A – Conceptual Rendering). The scope of work for the contract amendment will allow Fernald to move forward with design

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development, space planning, construction documents, plan check, construction administration, and LEED® Certification for the project.

Although the Agency already retains Fernald for on-call architectural services, the scope of this project requires a contract amendment to avoid depleting the contract funds and hindering other Agency projects already under design development. The proposed amendment would be for an amount not to exceed \$300,000, which includes a \$45,000 allowance for LEED® Certification. The term of the original contract would also be extended for an additional three years to carry the project through construction completion. The Agency will be administering the contract but the project's scope of work will be paid for through the grant funding.

The acceptance of the State's grant funding will be considered by the City Council at the February 15, 2011 meeting. The Agency Board and City Council made the necessary findings of benefit, as required by California Redevelopment Law, on September 12, 2005, and November 1, 2005, respectively.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment: Exhibit A – Conceptual Rendering

# Conceptual Rendering Orizaba Park Community Center

