



Building A Better Long Beach

August 16, 2010

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD MEMBERS

City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve and authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with American Landscape, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$449,925 for completion of Phase II of the Wrigley Village Streetscape on Pacific Avenue between Pacific Coast Highway and Willow Street. (Central – District 6)

DISCUSSION

The Central Long Beach Strategic Guide for Development identifies streetscape improvements along Pacific Avenue between Pacific Coast Highway and Willow Street (Wrigley Village) as a priority. In an effort to support business attraction and the vibrant residential community within Wrigley Village, staff in collaboration with the Wrigley Village neighborhood associations created a Streetscape Enhancement Program (Program) that addresses streetscape improvements for the area.

The scope of the streetscape improvements was divided into three phases. Phase I of the program addressed median landscaping improvements along Pacific Avenue between 19th Street and Hill Street and was completed in 2009. Phase II of the Program will continue with the scope of work by addressing median landscaping improvements and filling empty tree wells along Pacific Avenue between Pacific Coast Highway and Willow Street (Exhibit A – Site Map). Phase II of the Program also included the introduction of pedestrian lights to complement the new landscaping improvements and enhance the village environment. As a result of cost savings achieved in Phase I, staff was able to advance this portion of Phase II and in July 2010, City Light and Power completed the lighting improvements. A future Phase III will explore the feasibility of a gateway element and bulb out at 19th Street and may also introduce street furniture.

The Plans and Specifications for the construction of Phase II were advertised for bid on June 25, 2010, and bids were opened on July 28, 2010. Of the seven firms submitting bids, American Landscape, Inc. was identified as the lowest responsible bidder. American Landscape, Inc. was also the selected contractor for Phase I of the project, thus ensuring consistency in quality of labor and materials.

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The proposed contract amount of \$449,925 includes a 25-percent contingency. The contingency amount will be used to cover any additional work that may become necessary during the course of construction due to unknown site conditions. In the event that additional work is necessary, the contract will provide the Executive Director the ability to approve change orders for additional work not to exceed the 25-percent contingency. Although not anticipated, any contract change orders that would exceed the 25-percent contingency will be brought before the Redevelopment Agency (Agency) Board for further consideration.

The Agency Board and City Council made the necessary findings of benefit, as required by California Redevelopment Law, on October 24, 2005 and November 1, 2005, respectively.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Attachment: Exhibit A – Site Map

SITE MAP

Wrigley Village Streetscape

