



Building A Better Long Beach

June 1, 2009

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 \$151,835 for completion of Phase I of the Wrigley Village Street Enhancement Program on Pacific Avenue between 19th Street and Willard 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 (Exhibit A – Site Map). To that end, staff developed and the Redevelopment Agency (Agency) Board approved the Streetscape Enhancement Program (Program) for physical improvements in Wrigley Village, as well as the East Village Arts District and the Magnolia Industrial District.

The Agency retained the landscape architecture firm of Katherine Spitz Associates to develop Program plans for Wrigley Village. The design consists of planting parkway and median trees; landscaping and irrigation; and pedestrian, street, building and median lighting. The plans feature phased implementation and incorporate extensive public comment including the desire for sustainable design elements.

The Phase I bid notification was prepared and released on April 22, 2009, and the bid opening was held on May 13, 2009. Of the four firms submitting bids, American Landscape, Inc. was identified as the lowest responsible bidder. The work to be done under the contract consists of removing existing median trees and landscaping; performing all necessary excavation and grading; and furnishing and installing median landscaping, irrigation, drainage and lighting.

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The proposed contract amount of \$151,835 includes a 25 percent contingency clause to cover any additional work that may become necessary during the course of construction. 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 Agency Board for further consideration. This project will be funded with Central Redevelopment Project Area funds.

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:

Adopt recommendation.

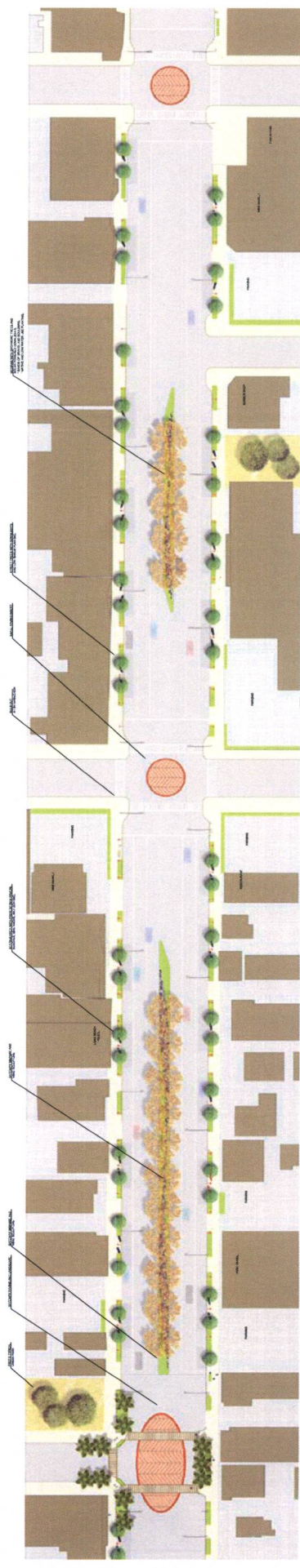
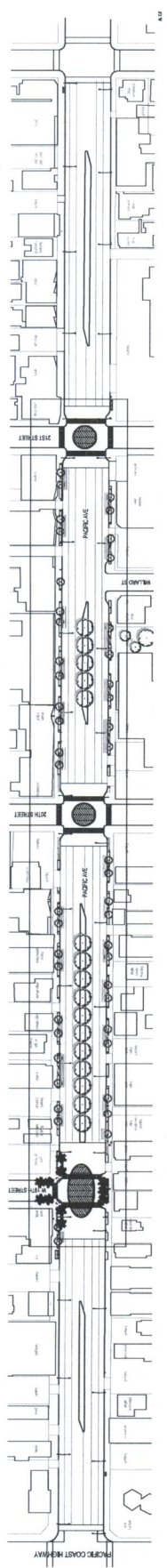
Respectfully submitted,



CRAIG BECK
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Attachment: Exhibit A – Site Map




 Katherine Spitz Associates, Inc. Landscape Architecture
 DATE: November 15th, 2007

WRIGLEY VILLAGE pacific avenue