Building A Better Long Beach

October 4, 2010

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD MEMBERS
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve and authorize the Executive Director to execute a first amendment to the contracts with David Volz Design; Hirsch & Associates, Inc.; Katherine Spitz Associates, Inc.; Melendrez.; and RJM Design Group, Inc., to extend the terms for three years. (All Project Areas – Citywide)

DISCUSSION

On September 17, 2007, the Redevelopment Agency (Agency) awarded contracts to David Volz Design; Hirsch & Associates, Inc. (Hirsch); Katherine Spitz Associates, Inc. (KSA); Melendrez; and RJM Design Group, Inc. (RJM) for as-needed landscape architecture services. Each contract is for $600,000 over a three-year period. Although all five contracts have sufficient remaining funds, a time extension is needed to continue their use. The contracts with Melendrez and RJM expire on October 31, 2010, and the contracts with David Volz Design, KSA, and Hirsch expire on November 1, 2010.

The contract extensions are necessary for the continued development of parks and open space within redevelopment project areas. On July 16, 2007, the Agency entered into a loan agreement for expenditure of the Open Space Bond proceeds on eligible open space projects. Since that time, numerous projects have been initiated and the five firms have worked on a total of sixteen projects, a number of which are ongoing.

Staff recommends an amendment to the original contracts to allow a three-year extension. The original contract amount will remain the same but the three-year extension will enable work at Orizaba Park, Admiral Kidd Park, Davenport Park, Rosa Parks Park, 998 Pacific Coast Highway, and Wrigley Village street enhancements to continue. The time extension in no way obligates the Agency to spend the remaining funds, and as future projects arise, a project-specific scope of work and budget will be issued.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

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