

Building A Better Long Beach

September 20, 2010

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD MEMBERS City of Long Beach California

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve and authorize the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with City Light and Power, Inc. to install pedestrian lighting within the East Village in an amount not to exceed \$503,021. (Central – District 1)

DISCUSSION

The East Village Arts District Guide for Development recommends streetscape improvements that reinforce the pedestrian-friendly environment of this urban village. To that end, the Redevelopment Agency (Agency) Board and City Council made the necessary findings of benefit as required by California Redevelopment Law on October 25, 2005, and November 1, 2005, respectively, to provide streetscape improvements within the East Village.

Phase I of the streetscape improvements was completed in August 2009, with the introduction of pedestrian lights on First Street, Elm Avenue and Linden Avenue. The pedestrian lights were well received by the community and have positively enhanced the pedestrian experience within the East Village Arts District. To further this experience, Phase II of the project proposes to introduce pedestrian lights on 4th Street between Long Beach Boulevard and Alamitos Avenue (Exhibit A - Site Map). This will assist in creating linkages within the East Village while also leveraging the Agency's façade program investment on 4th Street.

Agency staff has coordinated with City Light and Power to provide the additional pedestrian-level lighting within the East Village. The work to be done includes furnishing and installing 12-foot-tall contemporary light poles and fixtures; providing foundations; installing necessary conduit, wire and pull boxes; and replacing demolished sidewalks as necessary. This work will be done through an existing contract between the City of Long Beach and City Light and Power.

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The proposed contract amount of \$503,021 includes a 5-percent contingency to cover any additional work that may become necessary during the course of construction. Although not anticipated, any contract change orders that would exceed the 5-percent contingency will be brought before the Agency Board for further consideration. The project received support from the Central Project Area Committee on September 2, 2010.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

AMY J. BODEK

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

AJB:LAF:EM

Attachment: Exhibit A - Site Plan

SITE MAP East Village 4th Street Lighting

