



MEMORANDUM

To: Coppell Recreation Development Corporation

From: Jessica Carpenter, Director of Community Experiences

Date: March 20, 2023

Reference: Consider approval of funding the reconstruction of Thweatt Park Pond, in the amount of \$214,041.62.

2040: Enhance the Unique 'Community Oasis' Experience

Introduction:

The memo is to consider approval of funding for a contract with McMahon Contracting, L.P.; for the reconstruction of Thweatt Park Pond; in the amount of \$214,041.62 as provided for in the CRDC fund. The total fiscal impact of this project is \$414,041.62. CRDC funds will cover \$214,041.62 of the project and the remaining \$200,000.00 will come out of DUD (Drainage Utility District) funds.

Background:

In August 2020, a scope of work was prepared by city staff to refurbish the Thweatt Park Pond because the clay liner in the pond was leaking. Shortly thereafter, the project was put out to bid and the City received one bid in the amount of \$167,500.00. However, when the City met with the contractor's representative it was discovered that more work was needed than was originally scoped, and determined that the contractor could not complete the project for the amount originally bid. The City then made the decision to hire a consultant to prepare a design.

In April 2021, the City entered a contract with Teague Nall and Perkins for design of the project. During the design process, it was determined that previously eroded areas in the park could be regained through the installation of an underground storm drain system that would discharge water from the pond to the creek. Installing the underground system will significantly reduce the potential for future erosion. This underground drainage system was added to the original scope of dredging the pond and replacing the pond liner.

In March of 2022, the City went out to bid for the project and received two bids. The original budget from CRDC was \$225,000.00. The two bids that came in were \$283,000.00 and \$424,000.00. After checking references of the low bidder, city staff did not feel comfortable

awarding the project to them. During this same time, the Park Projects Manager resigned, and city staff chose to delay re-bidding the project until the position was filled.

In September 2022, the City rebid the project and zero bids were received. After discussing the situation internally, it was determined that staff had performed the necessary due diligence and could proceed with gathering quotes from individual contractors. Shortly thereafter, three quotes were received from contractors who have successfully performed work within the City. McMahon Contracting provided the lowest quote in the amount of \$414,041.62, with the additional quotes ranging from \$627,000.00 - \$818,000.00. McMahon Contracting is the current contractor for the South Belt Line Reconstruction Project. The City has had a good experience working with them.

Benefit to the Community:

The main benefit to the community that this project will provide is park beautification. The placement of the clay pond liner will help the pond retain water as it should. The underground storm drain system, coupled with regrading the existing channel and removal of the riprap, will produce better drainage results from the pond to the creek while eliminating erosion. The fountain will be replaced with a separate contract.

Legal Review:

The City Attorney has reviewed the standard construction contract.

Fiscal Impact:

The fiscal impact of this project is \$414,041.62. CRDC funds will cover \$214,041.62 of the project and the remaining \$200,000.00 will come out of DUD funds.

Recommendation:

This item was approved by City Council on February 28, 2023. The Community Experiences Department recommends approval of this item.