


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number: 22-538	Meeting: November 21, 2022
	Agenda Item: 11	Roll Call: [_____]
	Submitted by: Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director, and Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer	

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving a Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with SmithGroup, Inc. for professional services for Birdland Park Phase 1 Improvements, not to exceed \$798,630.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of the PSA with SmithGroup, Inc. (Mike Medici, President, 500 Griswold Street, Suite 1700, Detroit, Michigan, 48226), for a total cost not to exceed \$798,630, based on hourly rates and reimbursable costs, to provide design phase, bidding phase, and construction administration services for Birdland Park Phase 1 Improvements.

FISCAL IMPACT:

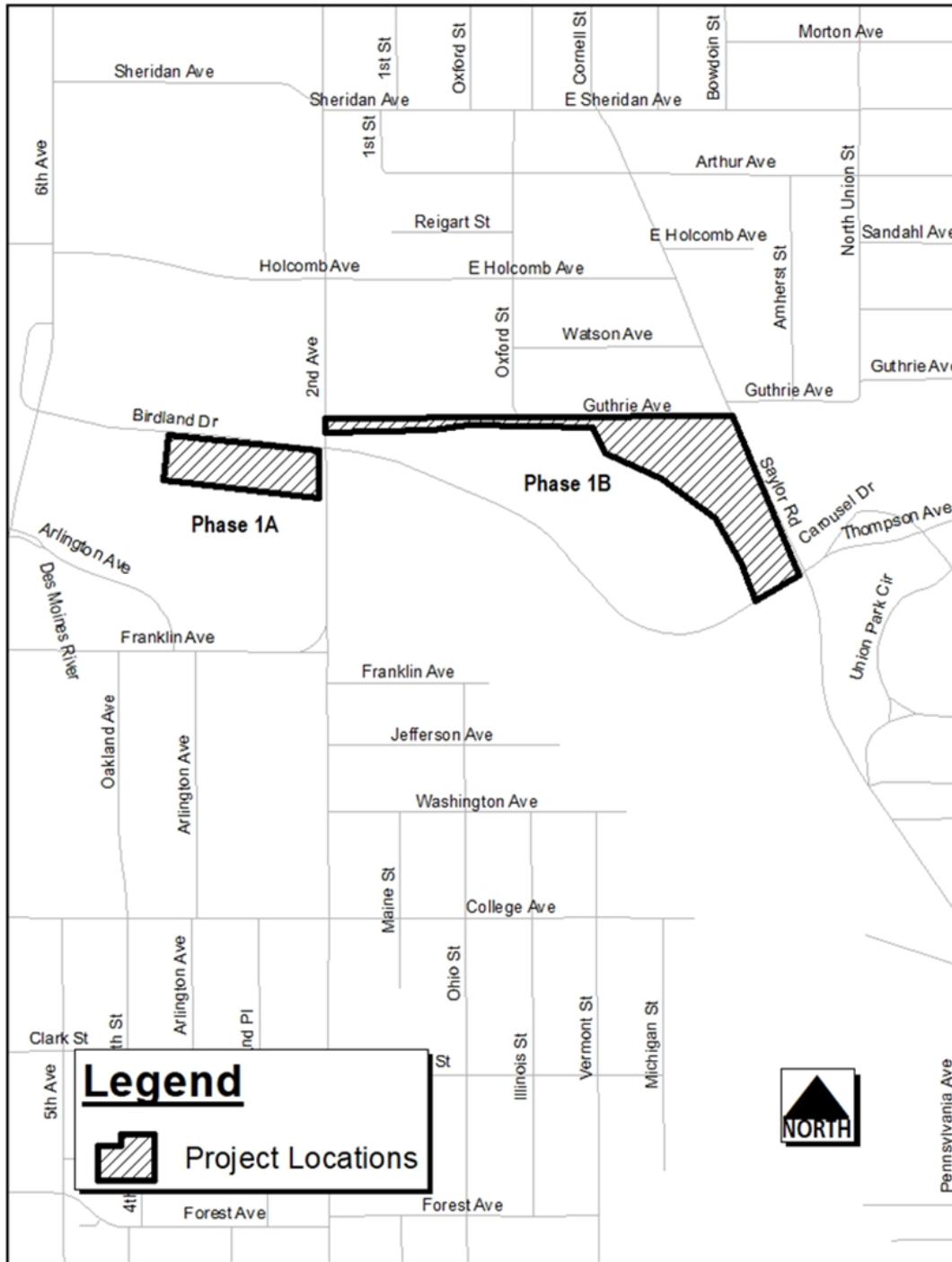
Amount: \$798,630

Funding Source: 2022-23 CIP, Page 88, Birdland Park and Marina, PK189, G.O. Bonds.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- A master plan for Birdland Park and Marina was developed in 2021 and adopted by both the Parks and Recreation Board and the City Council. The master plan outlines a logical, highest value approach to implementing multiple phases of proposed improvements. Implementation of the full Master Plan was estimated at \$54.4 million in 2021.
- The City is currently pursuing a grant to implement Phase 1A and Phase 1B of the Birdland Park and Marina Master Plan. A \$4.9 million funding request for the combined Phase 1 improvements was submitted to the Iowa Economic Development Authority's Destination Iowa Grant Program. Final determinations on Destination Iowa grants are anticipated by the end of December 2022.
- A Request for Proposals (RFP) for professional services for Birdland Park Phase 1 Improvements was issued and posted on the City's website. A selection committee including staff from both Engineering Department and Parks and Recreation Department reviewed the five (5) proposals received in response to the RFP. SmithGroup, Inc. was selected to provide services for this project based upon the selection criteria in the RFP and their thorough project approach, understanding, and related project experience.

- City staff has negotiated a PSA with SmithGroup, Inc. for a total cost not to exceed \$798,630, based on hourly rates and reimbursable costs, to provide project/contract management, project coordination, data collection, phase services, bidding phase services, and construction phase services for the Birdland Park Phase 1 Improvements.
- Phase I will include two (2) sub-phases (1A and 1B). Components of Phase 1A and 1B are listed below:
 - Phase 1A:
 - Powerboat ramp
 - Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible boat launch pier
 - Realignment of the Neal Smith Trail for greater flood resiliency
 - Parking improvements with lighting (25 trailer and 25 standard spaces)
 - Two (2) open-air shelters with lighting and electrical service
 - Multiple fishing outcroppings, ADA-accessible and hike-in
 - Trail connection to the Neal Smith Trail between the 2nd Avenue bridges
 - Shoreline shaping and resiliency improvements
 - Stormwater management improvements
 - Native prairie plantings and native tree and shrub plantings
 - Phase 1B:
 - Redeveloped parking with lighting near the Ding Darling Shelter
 - ADA-accessible exterior deck around the Ding Darling Shelter
 - Destination playground
 - Play-pod playground, ages 2-5
 - Playground, ages 5-12
 - Sprayground and plaza
 - Pavilion with integrated restroom, storage, and concessions space
 - Skating experience
 - Great lawn for community events
 - Stormwater management improvements
 - Improved pathway circulation
 - Bike traffic safety garden
 - Native prairie plantings and native tree and shrub plantings
 - Park gateway feature and/or park monument sign
 - Pedestrian crossing improvements to better connect Birdland Park with Union Park
- Construction of the Birdland Park Phase 1A Improvements is anticipated to commence in fall 2024 pending City Council approval. Phase 1B improvements proceeding concurrently with Phase 1A is contingent upon securing Destination Iowa grant funding and City Council approval of an associated funding agreement.



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: March 22, 2021

Roll Call Number: [21-0465](#)

Action: [Birdland Park and Marina Master Plan](#). ([Council Communication No. 21-135](#)) Moved by Westergaard to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Board: Parks and Recreation Board

Date: February 23, 2021

Resolution Number: 21-011

Action: Motion by Facto to approve the [Birdland Park and Marina Master Plan](#). Second by Woodard. Motion carried.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

City staff does not anticipate any future City Council actions on this PSA at this time; however, unanticipated changes to this PSA will require a Supplemental Agreement, which may require City Council action.

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