


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

 CITY OF DES MOINES OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER	Number:	23-500	Meeting:	November 6, 2023
	Agenda Item:	7C	Roll Call:	23-1519
	Submitted by:	Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director, and Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer		

AGENDA HEADING:

Ordering construction of the following: Birdland Sports Complex Improvements - Receiving bids, (11-28-23), and Setting date of hearing, (12-18-23). (Construction Estimate - \$1,730,000).

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend the City Council order construction of the improvement and set dates to receive bids and hold a public hearing, as required by Iowa Code, utilizing the method of financing referenced below.

The Birdland Sports Complex includes several amenities that serve neighborhood and citywide recreation needs, including the Birdland Pool, tennis courts, pickleball courts, a Mini Pitch futsal court, restrooms, picnic tables, benches, and multi-use natural turf open space. Des Moines is lower than the national average for basketball court level of service and adding new basketball courts will provide additional programming and facilities.

The Birdland Sports Complex Improvements include:

- Removal of five (5) existing tennis court courts, posts, lights, footings, fencing, drainage channels and surrounding concrete walkways.
- Seven (7) new tennis courts with high performance coating/surface, nets and stripping.
- Two (2) basketball courts with hoops, backboard and striping.
- New perimeter fencing
- Light-emitting diode (LED) sports lighting for all the tennis courts and basketball courts.
- Associated Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant sidewalks to access the facilities.
- Site grading and stormwater drainage system.
- Landscape restoration.

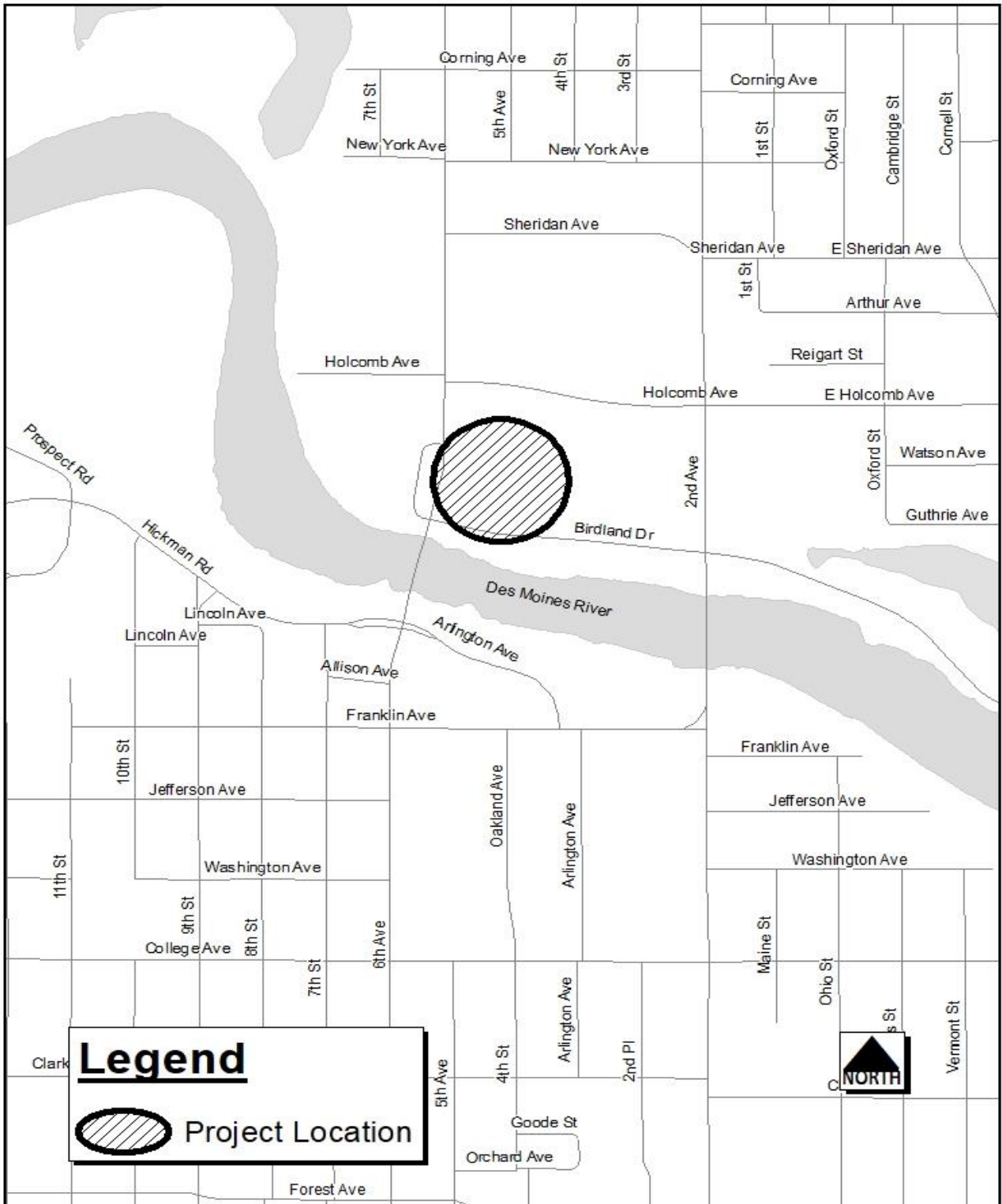
FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$1,730,000 City Engineer's Estimate

Funding Source: 2023-2024 Capital Improvement Program (CIP), Page 95, Birdland Sports Complex Improvements, PK196, Being: \$500,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and \$1,230,000 G.O. Bonds

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The Engineering Department has prepared plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the Birdland Sport Complex Improvements, Activity ID 11-2023-001. The improvements include the reconstruction and expansion of the existing five (5) tennis courts to a total of seven (7), installation of two (2) new basketball courts, 15-inch storm sewer pipe, storm sewer manholes, storm sewer intakes, Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) sidewalks, PCC driveways, Post-Tensioned PCC tennis courts, Reinforced PCC Basketball Courts, earthwork, acrylic court surfacing, erosion control, and other incidental items, all in accordance with the contract documents, including Plan File No. 659-001/032, located at Birdland Sports Complex, 6th Avenue and Birdland Drive, Des Moines, Iowa.
- The estimated construction cost is \$1,730,000. The proposed plans, specifications, and form of contract documents are available for public inspection in the Des Moines City Engineer's Office.
- Construction of this project is anticipated to be completed by end of spring 2025.
- Birdland Sports Park currently includes several amenities that serve neighborhood and citywide recreation needs such as the Birdland Pool, a Mini Pitch futsal court, multi-use natural turf open space and five (5) tennis courts.
- The heavily used tennis courts are currently in disrepair. These courts are utilized by North High School tennis teams, local and regional tennis tournaments, is actively programmed for multi-generational tennis and related opportunities and hosts regular walk-up/first-come-first-served use. Increasing the total number of tennis courts to seven (7) will better serve these and other future uses.
- The two (2) new basketball courts will be a welcomed amenity. Per Des Moines's 2022 Trust for Public Land ParkScore Index report, our 3.32 basketball hoops per 10,000 residents provides a lower aggregate level of service than the national per capita average. In comparison, Omaha has 5.3, St. Paul has 7.9 and Plano has 5.2 basketball hoops per 10,000 residents. Birdland Sports Park has space for and is an ideal centralized, sports-oriented location for much needed basketball hoops on quality courts.
- Court lighting will provide additional security and extended programming hours. The added amenities are anticipated to generate revenue through special events and tournaments. Birdland Park is an ideal location that has supporting facilities, a central location, hosts existing programming and has capacity for much more.



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: March 27, 2023

Roll Call Number: [23-0374](#)

Action: [Approving](#) Professional Services Agreement with McClure Engineering Co. d/b/a McClure Engineering Company for professional services for the Birdland Sports Complex Improvements, not to exceed \$145,453. ([Council Communication No. 23-135](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Boesen. Motion Carried 6-1. Absent: Sheumaker.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Anticipated actions include public hearing, receive and file bids, designate lowest bidder, and approve contract and bond; also partial payments to the contractor and final acceptance of work.

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