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ITEM 79

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 97-452  
SEPTEMBER 8, 1997 AGENDA

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
SOUTHWESTERN HILLS PARK MASTER PLAN	◆ RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	DONALD TRIPP PARK AND RECREATION DIRECTOR

**SYNOPSIS —**

Award of contract to Dunbar/Jones Partnership in the amount of \$41,280 for consultant services to develop master plan for Southwestern Hills Neighborhood Association area.

**FISCAL IMPACT —**

Funds are available in the 1996-97 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for the requested landscape architectural services. Additional funds are recommended in future years of the CIP program to develop park projects in the planning area once the master plan has been completed and formally adopted by the Park and Recreation Board.

**RECOMMENDATION —**

Approval.

**BACKGROUND —**

On January 20, 1997, by Roll Call No. 97-187, City Council authorized staff to proceed to hire a consultant for a study to determine the condition, location, and suitability of existing and future park development within the Southwestern Hills Neighborhood Association area. The Southwestern Hills Neighborhood area is defined by Fleur Drive to the east, 63rd Street to the west, Water Works Park to the north, and Army Post Road to the south.

Request for Proposals were sent to all local landscape architectural firms and two consultants returned a response. Both firms were interviewed by representatives from the Southwestern Hills Neighborhood Association, a Park and Recreation Board representative, and Park and Recreation staff. Dunbar/Jones' proposal for this project is a collaboration with RDG Crose Gardner Shukert to utilize both firms' strengths and resources to accomplish project goals. This project will require special skills from the consultant that exceed the normal process for public input. Therefore, the team of Dunbar/Jones and RDG are the best consultants for this project.