


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

 CITY OF DES MOINES OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER	Number:	24-146	Meeting:	April 1, 2024
	Agenda Item:	48	Roll Call:	24-0533
	Submitted by:	Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director, and Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer		

AGENDA HEADING:

Hearing on Gray's Lake Parking Lot, Trail, and Dock Improvements: Reject all bids and close the hearing on the plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and engineer's estimate.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend the City Council reject all bids because there were only two (2) bids received and the apparent low bid exceeded the estimate by 45%. This is a public hearing to allow for public input on the Gray's Lake Parking Lot, Trail, and Dock Improvements and take the necessary actions as required by Iowa Code to authorize a contract for construction of the proposed project. This project includes the removal of the existing damaged and degraded paddling facility and the construction of multiple new features including an upland bypass trail, elevation adjustments to the Kruidenier Trail, entry drive and parking pavement repairs, an upland viewing deck and floodable storage for additional paddlecraft, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant ingress and egress pathways, paddlecraft dockage and the associated gangway and mooring system, and shoreline improvements to include reshaping, field stone armoring, and native vegetation.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$0

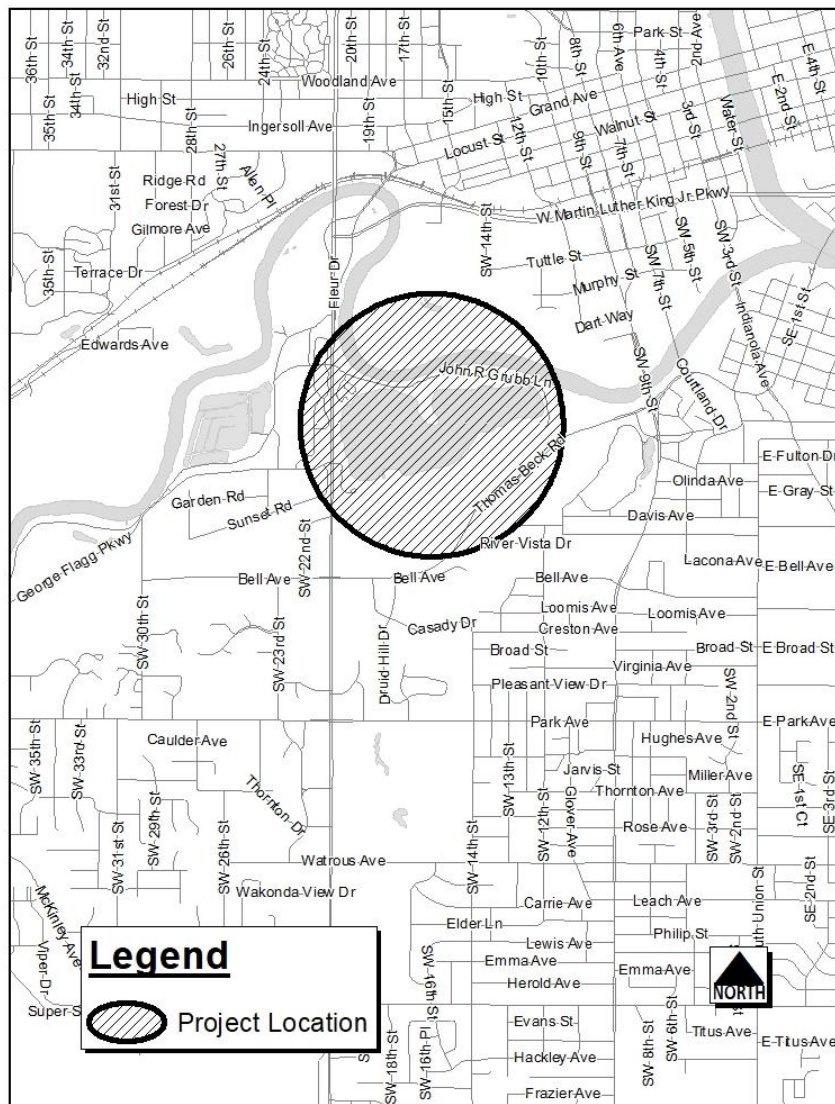
Funding Source: Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-2024 Capital Improvement Program (CIP), Page 76, Gray's Lake Park Improvements, PK140, Being: \$800,000 General Fund made possible by American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding, \$300,000 Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) Grant, Agreement 24-R4-LL, \$770,000 in G.O. Bonds, and the remaining \$30,000 from a Private Donation

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- On February 5, 2024, under Roll Call No. 24-0163, the City Council received and filed plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the Gray's Lake Parking Lot, Trail, and Dock Improvements. Before the City Council can enter into a contract, it must hold a public hearing and approve the proposed plans, specifications, and form of contract documents and engineer's estimate for the construction of the Gray's Lake Parking Lot, Trail, and Dock Improvements, Activity ID 11-2022-007. The improvement includes Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) Shared-Use Path, Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) Sidewalk, PCC Driveway, PCC curb and gutter, PCC sidewalks, reinforced concrete structure, reinforced concrete walls,

garage door, light pole relocation, building electrical, dock, earthwork, pavement markings, landscaping, erosion control, and other incidental items, all in accordance with the contract documents including Plan File No. 661-241/308, located at the southwest side of Gray's Lake Park, 2101 Fleur Drive.

- Sealed bids for said improvement were submitted by the following bidders:
 - WRH, Inc., South Amana, IA - Low Bid
 - Cushman Excavation, LLC, Knoxville, IA
- The bids were received and opened at a public meeting presided over by the City Engineer in the City Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 400 Robert D. Ray Drive, Des Moines, IA at 11:00 a.m. on March 5, 2024.
- Only two (2) bids were submitted, and the apparent low bid was submitted by WRH, Inc. (James G. Rich, President, PO Box 256, Amana, IA 52203) in the amount of \$2,763,495 which is 45% or \$863,495 over the Engineer's estimate of \$1,900,000. Engineering and Parks Department staff have reviewed the bids and recommend rebidding the project in the future after staff can review value engineering options for the project.



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: February 5, 2024

Roll Call Number: [24-0163](#)

Action: Ordering construction of the following:

- (B) [Gray's](#) Lake Parking Lot, Trail and Dock Improvements: Receiving of bids, (3-5-24) and Setting date of hearing, (4-1-24), Engineer's estimate, \$1,900,000. ([Council Communication No. 24-053](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Westergaard. Motion Carried 6-0.

Date: December 18, 2023

Roll Call Number: [23-1775](#)

Action: [Execution](#) of the IDNR REAP grant agreement for the Gray's Lake Parking Lot, Trail, and Dock Improvements project. ([Council Communication No. 23-560](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Boesen. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Board: Urban Design Review Board

Date: January 16, 2024

Action: Consensus of the Members Present of the Final Design, relative to the visibility and softening of the ramp and railings as has been discussed.

Board: Access Advisory Board

Date: November 15, 2023

Action: Motion to Approve, with Comments in Consideration, by Jones. Seconded by Gibson. Motion Carried 8-0. Noted comments included reviewing ramp slopes for constructability tolerances and affirming that handrail extensions do not extend into the navigable pedestrian space.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Ordering construction, setting date of hearing, and receiving bids in the future.

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