

Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 03/19/24

M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 24-0228

LOG NAME: 80 ROCK CREEK RANCH PARK MASTER PLAN

SUBJECT

(CD 6) Authorize Execution of an Engineering Agreement with MESA Design Associates, Inc. in the Amount of \$191,562.50 for Preparation of a Master Plan for Rock Creek Ranch Park

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the execution of an Engineering Agreement with MESA Design Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$191,562.50 for preparation of a Master Plan for Rock Creek Ranch Park (City Project No. 105076)

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) is to authorize the execution of an Engineering Agreement with MESA Design Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$191,562.50 for preparation of a Master Plan for Rock Creek Ranch Park.

On September 14, 2021 (M&C 21-0672), the City Council authorized the acquisition of Rock Creek Ranch Park consisting of 270 acres. On June 28, 2022 (M&C 22-0515), the City Council approved purchasing an additional 21.45 acres of land that included a house adjacent to Rock Creek Ranch Park making the total park acreage approximately 291.45 acres.

MESA Design Associates, Inc. is being engaged to assist in the development of the Master Plan for the entire park. The 291.45 acre site presents a unique opportunity for both passive and active use and development. The proximity of the park to the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers Benbrook Lake Project provides potential for trail connections. The land has a ranching legacy since 1848 and thus potential for historical preservation and interpretation; unique ecological systems and varied terrain which can address watershed management and provide opportunities for environmental education, demonstration of sustainable vegetation management and ecological preservation. Other areas of the site provide potential for the development of active recreational amenities traditionally incorporated in a community park acquired with fees collected from residential development.

The project scope of work includes the following:

Site Analysis - Study of the existing site conditions, cultural resources, ecological systems, environmental impacts, and the potential for connections with the surrounding properties.

Master Plan - Prepare a master plan of the park based on an understanding of the site characteristics, community input and the Park & Recreation Department development standards, and create site layout that will optimize the functionality of the park.

Opinion of Probable Construction Cost - Based on the final master plan, develop an opinion of probable construction cost and prepare a phasing plan for future park development.

Funding is budgeted in the Park Dedication Fees Fund.

MESA Design Associates, Inc. is in compliance with the City's Business Equity Ordinance by committing to 14% MWBE participation on this project. The City's MWBE goal on this project is 13%.

The project is located in COUNCIL DISTRICT 6.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that funds are available in the current capital budget, as previously appropriated, in the PARD Dedication Fees Fund for the Rock Creek Ranch Master Plan project to support the approval of the above recommendation and execution of the agreement. Prior to any expenditure being incurred, the Park & Recreation Department has the responsibility of verifying the availability of funds.

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