

## CONSERVATION COMMITTEE REPORT

February 2, 2011

10:15–11:00 am

140 West Pine Street

**Members Present:** Marilyn Marler (chair), Pam Walzer, Bob Jaffe, Jon Wilkins, Dave Strohmaier, Stacy Rye, Dick Haines, Cynthia Wolken, Ed Childers, and Lyn Hellegaard

**Members Absent:** Renee Mitchell

**Others Present:** Dave Shaw, Donna Gaukler, Ellen Buchanan

### I. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

#### A. Approve minutes.

No minutes to approve

### II. FINAL CONSIDERATION AGENDA ITEMS

### III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

1. **[Discussion Date: 02/02/11]** Approve award for the contract for the construction contract on Project #PR11-09MT, Milwaukee Railroad Path- Missoula Russell to Reserve CTEP #STPE 8199(66) and direct the City Clerk to return bid bonds to unsuccessful bidders. ([memo](#)) ([PowerPoint](#))—Regular Agenda (Dave Shaw) (Referred to committee: 01/24/11)(**REMOVE FROM AGENDA**)

**MOTION: The Committee Recommends Council approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with L.S. Jensen Construction Ready Mix in acceptance of the base bid of \$497,926.78 and bid Alternative 3 for \$39,806.46 for a total of \$527,733.24, for construction of Project #PR11-09MT, Milwaukee Railroad Path-Missoula Russell to Reserve CTEP STPE 8199(66) and direct the City Clerk to return the bid bonds to unsuccessful bidders.**

Presently, the Milwaukee trail ends at Russell Street and a short portion of the trail exists between Davis Street and Grove Street crossing under Reserve Street. The goal of this project is to close the gap between Russell Street and Reserve Street and open a public non-motorized corridor. Parks, with the aid of consultant team WGM Group and Kent Watson & Assoc., have completed the design and bidding process and are ready to move the project into construction. A competitive bidding process was followed to produce a recommendation of the apparent, qualified low bidder. There were five bids were submitted, opened and read at a public meeting held on January 26, 2011 in the Mayor's Conference Room. Upon review of the bids Sirius Construction's bid was disqualified due to math errors and incomplete documentation. The five bids came from the following:

- AAA Construction
- Knife River
- L.S. Jensen
- Western Excavating
- Sirius Construction (disqualified)

Staff and WGM Group recommend L.S. Jensen Construction & Ready Mix to be retained to provide construction services for this project.

The bid is comprised of the base bid - Schedule A – Davis to Garfield and Schedule B – Garfield to Russell. The project was separated out into the two sections for better accounting of the portion of the trial to be funded by MRA. That section qualifies for funding from URD 2.

The funding of the projects comes from many sources including MRA. There were two separate CTEP requests one made in FY 06 and then an updated request in FY09. The requested additional funds were to account for an increase in construction costs and acquisitions not anticipated in the earlier request. In addition there is funding from both Open Space bonds, Cash in lieu and a pending RTP grant. If the project receives the RTP grant the funds from Cash In lieu may be re-directed to another project.

Ed – in discussion with Jeremy Flesch from the Neighborhood Council this neighborhood would like to advocate a table top trail crossing at Davis Street in lieu of some of the landscaping in the alternatives.

Alternative 1 is for \$12,503.50 and Alternative 2 for \$9,682.74 and Bid Alternate 3 is for \$29,806.46. Alternative 1 is the landscaping at Curtis and Alternative 2 is landscaping at Grant Street.

Staff recommended approving bid alternative 3 (landscaping and irrigation from Catlin to Russell) as it is in one of the most visual locations along the trail. Staff and Council discussed leaving bid alternatives 1 and 2 out for now to open up the budget for the potential change order to include a table top crossing at Davis Street. Staff suggested that this was a good solution in the interest of keeping the project on schedule.

The decisions on the other two Alternatives which combined are only around \$17,000 and the table top crossing estimated cost of \$30,000 can wait pending decision on the amount of the RTP grant and a pending Rotary donation. Once a contract has been signed there is potential for value engineering in the project as well.

Dave Shaw – the landscaping is planned for safety as well as to enhance the trail in addition to the signs and lights.

Ed – I would recommend putting the table top crossing at Davis with a higher priority than Alt 1 or Alt 2, with the optimum goal to keep all three in the project.

Dave Strohmaier noted that Neighborhood Councils have made recommendations in the past which once built ended up not always being a positive recommendation.

#### **Public Comment**

Ellen – there is a table top crossing at Caitlin and so far we have not had any negative feedback.

It was moved to approve and accept the base bid for \$497,926.78 and bid alternative 3 for \$29,806.46 for a total of \$527,733.24 with the recommendation that a change order to include a table top crossing at Davis be top priority followed by bid alternatives 1 and 2.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Ed – I would like to thank all of those involved for their work on this project, including Dave Shaw, Parks, Streets, MRA, this is an exciting project for Ward 6, Run Wild Missoula contribution

#### **IV. REGULAR AGENDA**

##### **HELD/REFERRED OR ONGOING AGENDA ITEMS –**

1. Information on Trail Projects ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (Marilyn Marler) (Referred to committee: 08/23/2010)
2. Reorganization of conservation lands advisory committees. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Marilyn Marler) (Referred to committee: 11/08/10)
3. Consider a new ordinance that will create a process and criteria for the naming of public parks, trails, open space, and recreation facilities. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Jackie Corday) (Referred to committee: 10/25/10)
4. Approve an agreement between the City and Garden City Harvest (GCH) to allow for community gardens on City owned properties that will be identified in the future. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Jackie Corday) (Referred to committee: 10/25/10) (Item tabled in committee 12/08/2010)
5. **Budget update on aquatics. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Lyn Hellegaard) (Referred to committee: 11/08/10) REMOVE FROM AGENDA**
6. Appoint one member to the Conservation District for the term beginning January 1, 2011 and ending on December 31, 2013. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Kelly Elam) (Referred to committee: 12/13/10)

#### **V. NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

**ADJOURNMENT** - The meeting adjourned at 10:55 am