



Date: March 1, 2000

TO: Board Members - Parks and Recreation
FROM: General Manager - Parks and Recreation
SUBJECT: Hastings Park Phase 3A: Il Giardino Italiano

RECOMMENDATION

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| <p>A. That the Board approve the award of the contract for the construction of Hastings Park Phase 3A, the Italian Rain Gardens (Tender T2000-1) to Willow Spring Construction (B.C.) Ltd.</p> <p>B That no rights shall arise hereby, and none shall arise until the execution of the contemplated contract. The Board may rescind this resolution at any time up to the execution of the contemplated contract.</p> |
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POLICY

Contracts in excess of \$200,000 are awarded by the Board.

BACKGROUND

Phase 1, completed in the summer of 1998 involved the demolition of the Food, Showmart, Display Barns and B.C. Pavilion Buildings. Phase 2, called the Sanctuary, was completed in the summer of 1999. It is a green refuge planted in native species, and encompasses 4 hectares, with approximately 1.6 hectares consisting of a pond which is filled with storm runoff.

The development of Phase 3 falls within the 2000-2002 Capital Plan, and consists of three phases: Phase 3A, Italian Rain Gardens (completion, 2000); Phase 3B, Empire Playing Fields (completion, 2001); and Phase 3C, the Sanctuary Extension (completion, 2002).

DISCUSSION

The subject of this report is the development of Phase 3A, the Italian Rain Gardens, also known as Il Giardino Italiano. The concept of this development is to provide a diversity of activities for the community, including a formal Italian garden adapted to the Pacific Northwest, a children's play area, a skateboard park, basketball courts, a multi-use court, bocci courts, formal flower

beds and allees of trees. The landscape development plays upon the theme of water, with fountains, rain basins and channels, and whimsical water play elements.

The Hastings Park Working Committee has been involved in the overall concept and the Italian community has been instrumental in providing input and funding into the Italian Garden. The scheduled start date is March 10, 2000 with completion by July 31, 2000.

The following bids were received:

Company	Bid Price	Union/Open Shop
Willow Spring Construction	3,289,643.00	Open
Holland Landscape	3,578,888.00	Union
Matcon Excavating	3,845,900.00	Open
CAP Ventures	3,882,700.00	Open
Wilco Landscaping	3,998,000.00	Open
RMT Construction	4,544,202.30	Open

BUDGET

The total construction budget for this project is \$3.0 M. The tender document contained a number of separate prices and staff have made deletions and determined that some components should be contracted separately.

Willow Spring Construction (B.C.) Ltd. is the lowest qualified bidder. After negotiating various separate item prices, the final contract price is \$2,702,500.00 and funds are available for this amount. Late 1999 City Council approved \$3.5 M. for the year 2000 for this phase of the Hastings Park Restoration. The Italian community is engaged in a fundraising campaign which is anticipated to raise \$500,000. To date \$146,000 has been secured.

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