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**MEETING DATE:** 6/17/2024

**PREPARED BY:** Megan Mainer, Director of Parks & Recreation

**AGENDA CONTENT:** Discussion and possible action to approve the proposal from Burditt Land | Place for professional services to provide a preliminary design, final design, bidding, and construction administration for Freedom Park Active Recreation Area redevelopment project.

**AGENDA ITEM SECTION:** Regular Agenda

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**BUDGETED AMOUNT:** \$900,000.00

**FUNDS REQUESTED:** \$99,000.00

**FUND:** 40-506-625.20

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

On April 3, 2024, funds were received for the recently approved ABLC bond in the amount of \$4M for the following projects:

- Abigail Arias Park development \$2M
- Freedom Park improvements \$900K
- Angleton Recreation Center (maintenance improvements and master plan) \$500K
- BG Peck Soccer Complex lights (1<sup>st</sup> priority) and field grading/park drainage improvements (2<sup>nd</sup> priority) \$250K
- Drainage improvements in flood-prone areas in the City limits, which are beyond the responsibility of the Angleton Drainage District (per ABLC bylaws – specific projects were not designated) \$350K

Burditt Land | Place was selected to develop the Freedom Park Master Plan and design services. Enclosed in the agenda packet is a scope of services for the design and development of a new 325' baseball field, concessions/restrooms renovation, and storage building which were priorities identified by the Angleton Little League President and association.

On Monday, April 15, 2024, Angleton Better Living Corporation met to review the professional services agreement from Burditt Land | Place to provide a preliminary design, final design, bidding, and construction administration for the development a 325' baseball field with dugouts, spectator seating and field lighting, renovations of concessions/restrooms, storage building, and ancillary hardscapes. Angleton Better Living Corporation requested the proposal to be reevaluated based on professional services for the preliminary design, final design, bidding, and construction administration of a 325' baseball field, dugouts, covered seating, landscaping and irrigation, and accessible route improvements.

Enclosed in your packet is an updated proposal from Burditt Land | Place for professional services to provide a preliminary design, final design, bidding, and construction administration for the \$900,000 budgeted project amount.

Additionally, staff has an opportunity to apply for a Texas Parks & Wildlife Department (TPWD) Small Community Recreation grant to assist with funding for Freedom Park Active Area improvements. The grant ceiling for the Local Parks Small Community Recreation grant is \$150,000 and requires a 50/50 match.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the Angleton Better Living Corporation discuss and approve the proposal from Burditt Land | Place for professional services to provide a preliminary design, final design, bidding, and construction administration for the Freedom Park Active Recreation Area redevelopment project and authorize staff to pursue the TPWD Local Parks Small Community Recreation grant.