



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM

MEETING DATE: 3/21/2022

PREPARED BY: Megan Mainer, Director of Parks & Recreation

AGENDA CONTENT: Discussion and possible action on firm selection for Veterans Park Renovations.

AGENDA ITEM SECTION: Regular Agenda

BUDGETED AMOUNT: \$0

FUNDS REQUESTED: TBD

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Staff is moving forward with various action items within the Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Master and Strategic plan including addressing low scoring park components, increase programming and revenue, as well as renovating substandard facilities. One of the parks in need of attention is Veterans Park.

Veterans Park - Bushy Bayou Park, Reuben Welch Park, and Veterans Park are the least-used facilities. The Livable Centers Study identified several items to consider revolved around Veterans Park including expanding and enhancing Veterans Park (ACTION 4., page 21). Specific objectives include:

- 4.1. - Acquire additional land to expand the park into the existing parking lot west of Veterans Park using Angleton better Living Corporation (ABLC) and/or other funding.
- 4.2. - Retain a landscape architect to conduct a needs assessment and prepare a programming plan
- 4.3. - Conduct community engagement to determine programming needs for the park.

On June 14, 2021, the Parks and Recreation Board noted they would like Veterans Park to be inviting for food trucks as well as incorporate art into the gazebo or amphitheater structure.

City staff engaged MRB Group to develop a concept based on feedback from the Parks and Recreation Board and Senior Angleton Leadership Team (SALT) staff. The preliminary concept was presented to the Parks & Recreation Board on August 8, 2021. The Parks & Recreation Board authorized staff to engage adjacent landowners for potential land acquisition, engage the public for community input, finalize the concept plan, and seek professional services for design development.

Staff developed a Request for Qualifications for Veterans Park Renovations from December 2021 to February 1, 2022. The Parks & Recreation Board, ABLC, and City Council were asked to serve as the evaluating committee.

The top-ranking firms were Burditt and Kimley-Horn. Staff has asked the top two firms for an interview on March 21, 2022 at a Special Joint meeting with the Parks & Recreation Board, ABLC and staff. Firms will prepare a PowerPoint illustrating similar projects in the local area, Veterans Park project constraints and possible solutions, and the firm's/team's qualifications and experience that make you a great fit for this project. Presentations are to be no more than 15 minutes with about 10 minutes for questions. The schedule will be as follows:

Burditt 5:30pm – 5:55pm
Kimley – Horn 6:00pm – 6:25pm

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends ABLC and the Parks & Recreation Board discuss and approve the top firm for Veterans Park Renovations.