



PARKS DEPARTMENT AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING SHEET

Council Date: May 2, 2023	Department: Planning & Development Department/Parks	Presented By: Toni Fisher
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AGENDA ITEM:

Discussion & Action: Consideration for Contract by Pacheco Koch for concept landscape design, and completion and submittal of application for 2024 TXDOT Green Ribbon Grant Program.

BACKGROUND:

The Texas Department of Transportation offers the Green Ribbon Grant Program to cities annually for landscape beautification of the TXDOT rights-of-way. The grant award is a maximum of \$400,000 and is structured as a reimbursement to the city.

At the TXDOT mandatory informational training session in March, Staff connected with Dorothy Witmeyer, the Senior Project Manager for Pacheco Koch, the firm who designed and executed the Cross Timbers Park and its playground for our City. We agreed that trying to apply for the 2023 grant, which opened April 28, would require the haphazard creation of our design and if, by chance, we did win the award, it could potentially hinder our chances of winning the next year when we could have a more comprehensive plan in place.

Based on Ms. Witmeyer’s valuable experience with the TXDOT Green Ribbon Program and with the City, Staff requests consideration for the expense of a consultation for landscape design, application completion and submittal for the 2024 TXDOT Green Ribbon Program. This design would include all of the eastbound IH-20 rights-of-way, from the eastern to western span of our city limits, broken down into phases (potentially three).

Since TXDOT seems to prefer awarding those areas where improvements are already being made, the Kings Gate corridor would likely be the first for which we apply since the Kings Gate bridge is due to let in 2024. The City can apply each year until design completion.

Consulting fees by Pacheco Koch would be approximately \$6,800 which includes conceptual designs of all phases, and Green Ribbon Program Application completion and submittal for Phase I. If construction plans are desired, this would be a separate cost and can be decided at a later date.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends for the Parks Board to approve the consultation fee to Pacheco Koch for the Green Ribbon Project proposal.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Motion to approve consideration of a Contract by Pacheco Koch for concept landscape design, and completion and submittal of application for 2024 TXDOT Green Ribbon Program.