



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR

November 14, 2006

To: Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

From:  Philip Kamlarz, City Manager

Submitted by: Marc Seleznow, Director, Parks Recreation and Waterfront

Subject: Reject bids to construct the Dorothy Bolte Park Safety and Accessibility
Improvements (Spec No 05-10072-C)

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to reject all bids and direct staff to re-scope and re-bid Dorothy Bolte Park Safety and Accessibility Improvements Project.

FISCAL IMPACT OF RECOMMENDATION

The lowest responsive bid received was 51.7% over the construction budget of \$160,000. City staff will re-evaluate current construction costs and will re-scope the project to fit within the current budget.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

On August 15, 2006, three bids were opened, the lowest of which exceeded the construction budget of \$160,000 by \$ 82,690. It is in the City's best interest to reject these bids, and re-scope and re-bid the project. Parks staff will re-scope the project with the goal of obtaining new bids that are within the construction budget. If a reasonable cost cannot be achieved by this process, staff will recommend another approach, which could include building the project in phases to meet budget constraints.

BACKGROUND

Dorothy Bolte Park is a popular play area located on Spruce Street. This project is a continuation of the City's efforts to make playgrounds safe and accessible, and to eliminate Copper Chromated Arsenic (CCA) treated wood in play areas. The project consists of the following elements: installation of a new accessible pathway connecting sidewalk and tot play area, installation of a hillside retaining wall and wood fence, replacing the deteriorated CCA-treated wood retaining wall surrounding tot play area with a concrete retaining wall, a new drainage and irrigation system, new site furniture and rubberized surface, and regrading and restoring the disturbed landscaping area.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Section 67 of the City Charter allows City Council to reject any and all bids. If all bids are so rejected, the Council may re-advertise for new bids, or authorize the City Manager to negotiate in the open market for a contract at a reasonable price, or authorize the City Manager to purchase in the open market, or authorize the City Manager to have the work performed by City employees.

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. -N.S.

REJECTING ALL BIDS AND DIRECTING STAFF TO RE-SCOPE AND RE-BID THE DOROTHY BOLTE PARK SAFETY AND ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

WHEREAS, there is a need to complete the Dorothy Bolte Park Safety and Accessibility Improvements Project; and

WHEREAS, an invitation to bid (Specification No. 05-10072-C), was duly advertised and three bid were received on August 15, 2006; and

WHEREAS, all bids significantly exceeded the construction budget of \$160,000 (the lowest bid by 51.7%); and

WHEREAS, the project will be re-scope and re-advertised in an amount not to exceed the construction budget.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is authorized to reject all bids and direct staff to re-scope and re-bid the Dorothy Bolte Park Safety and Accessibility Improvements Project.