

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE: Contract for preparation of Park at Towncenter Master Plan DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services PRESENTED BY: Dick Deal and Tricia Juhnke

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:

Council is being asked to authorize the City Manager to award a contract to the Berger Partnership in the amount of \$79,920 to provide planning and design services for the development of a Master Plan for the park at Towncenter.

BACKGROUND:

The approved Capital Improvement Plan includes funding for preparation of Master Plan for a park in the Towncenter area. The general area for the Park is the Seattle City Light Property that runs between Aurora and Midvale Ave N and between N 175th and N185th.

This Master Plan or Vision for the park is being done now largely because of the completion of several other projects in the area. These projects include:.

1. The Interurban Trail along the full north/south length of Shoreline was completed in 2007. Between N 175th and N 185th the Trail is aligned between Aurora Avenue North and Midvale Avenue North.
2. The City completed construction of its new Civic Center in August of 2009 fronting on Midvale Avenue North at North 175th Street.
3. The City is currently in construction for major improvements to the Aurora Avenue corridor between N 165th and N 192nd Streets.
4. The City is in the process of completing a Towncenter Sub-Area Plan and updating the Transportation Master Plan, both of which will impact the future character of this area.

These improvements combine to create an opportunity for the creation of a signature park space adjacent the Interurban Trail for the City of Shoreline. Potentially spanning from the west sidewalk of Aurora to the east margin of Midvale Avenue North, the proposed **Park at Towncenter** would create a linear park development that would feature a major gathering space for civic events, extensive landscaping, pathway and specialty lighting, art installations and themed elements to enhance the new Shoreline Town Center.

To move the proposed Park at Towncenter forward, the City intends to work with Shoreline residents, the Planning Commission, and the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Board (PRCS) to create a long range master plan that will be used to guide the growth and development of the Park at Towncenter and to lay out a phased development plan. Currently there is no approved funding for construction of any improvements in the park area; however, completion of the master plan will enable the City to look for grants or other revenue opportunities to complete the project in phases.

CONSULTANT EVALUATION AND SELECTION

Staff prepared an RFQ (please see attached Exhibit A) soliciting statements of interest from Landscape Architectural and planning firms interested in the Park at Towncenter project. Eleven proposal packages were received for evaluation, representing some of the best design firms in the region.

A consultant selection panel was formed, composed of City Department heads or their representatives, the Economic Development Program Manager, and Parks planning staff. The eleven proposal packages were screened and evaluated by the selection panel down to three firms. Interviews with the three firms were held on Thursday, July 8, 2010. The Panel unanimously recommended to the City's Leadership Team that The Berger Partnership be selected to carry out the master planning effort for the Park at Towncenter.

SCOPE OF WORK

The Berger Partnership will work with the City to create a master plan "vision" for the proposed Park at Towncenter. The overall scope includes managing a public involvement process with the community, coordinating with key stakeholders, such as Seattle City Light, on design parameters or requirements, preparation of conceptual design documents and development of a Master Plan for eventual approval by the City Council.

The scope for this contract is for just the preparation of a Master Plan. Recognizing this project may take several years to secure funding and implement any improvements, the City is not proceeding with detail design. However, at the City's discretion the contract with Berger Partnership can be amended for design and construction services.

The detailed scope of work is attached as Exhibit B.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Funds for the Park at Towncenter master plan process are included in the City of Shoreline Capital Improvement Program as Interurban Park. A summary of the funding is as follows:

Project Costs:

Project Administration:

This Contract	\$ 79,920
Direct City Costs	\$ 20,855

Total Project Costs	\$ 100,775
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Project Revenue:


King County Trail Levy	\$ 100,855*
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Total Project Revenues:	\$100,855*

Project Balance (Project Revenue – Project Cost) **\$ 80**

* The use of King County Trail Levy funds is restricted to the planning, design or implementation of new trails or enhancements to existing regional trail corridors in King County. The Interurban Trail is designated as a regional trail corridor.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that Council authorize the City Manager to enter into agreement with The Berger Partnership in the amount of \$79,920 for design services in the preparation of the Park at Towncenter master plan.

Approved By: City Manager  City Attorney _____

